

**Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission**  
***Application for Nomination to Judicial Office***

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**INTRODUCTION**

Tennessee Code Annotated section 17-4-301 et seq. charges the Trial Court Vacancy Commission with assisting the Governor and the People of Tennessee in finding and appointing the best qualified candidates for judicial offices in this State. Please consider the Commission's responsibility in answering the questions in this application questionnaire. For example, when a question asks you to "describe" certain things, please provide a description that contains relevant information about the subject of the question and, especially, that contains detailed information that demonstrates that you are qualified for the judicial office you seek. In order to properly evaluate your application, the Commission needs information about the range of your experience, the depth and breadth of your legal knowledge, and your personal traits such as integrity, fairness, and work habits.

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THIS APPLICATION IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AFTER YOU SUBMIT IT.

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. State your present employment.

I currently serve as an Assistant District Attorney in the 18th Judicial District, Sumner County, TN.

2. State the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and give your Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number.

I was licensed to practice law in Tennessee in 2007. My Board of Professional Responsibility number is 0026678.

3. List all states in which you have been licensed to practice law and include your bar number or identifying number for each state of admission. Indicate the date of licensure and whether the license is currently active. If not active, explain.

I am a licensed Attorney in the State of Tennessee, Fall 2007. I have no other licenses in any other states.

4. Have you ever been denied admission to, suspended or placed on inactive status by the Bar of any State? If so, explain. (This applies even if the denial was temporary).

No. I have never applied for licensure to practice law in any other state.

5. List your professional or business employment/experience since the completion of your legal education. Also include here a description of any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law in which you have ever been engaged (excluding military service, which is covered by a separate question).

Assistant District Attorney, 18th Judicial District, Sumner County, TN  
December 1, 2007-Present

6. Describe the nature of your present law practice, listing the major areas of law in which you practice and the percentage each constitutes of your total practice.

My current practice is 100% criminal litigation. I have handled almost every type of criminal charge during the last 17 years from driving offenses to first degree murder. I have handled criminal cases in every stage of juvenile court, general sessions court, and criminal court.

7. Describe generally your experience (over your entire time as a licensed attorney) in trial courts, appellate courts, administrative bodies, legislative or regulatory bodies, other forums, and/or transactional matters.

I started my career as an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) in 2007, at the age of 24, in my hometown of Gallatin, Tennessee. I was designated as the domestic violence prosecutor. My case load encompassed the following criminal offenses in both general sessions and criminal court: domestic assault, violations of orders of protections, aggravated assault, stalking, and harassment. During my first five years, I handled hundreds of bench trials in general sessions court, and numerous cases including multiple trials, in criminal court.

From 2012 until 2014, I handled miscellaneous felonies in general sessions and criminal court and I was the juvenile court prosecutor. As the juvenile court prosecutor, I handled juvenile detention hearings, bench trials and juvenile transfer hearings. During this time, I was also covering general sessions court on a weekly basis and handling a full criminal court caseload.

From 2014 until 2019, I handled the child fatalities, child physical abuse and adult and child sexual assault cases, violations of the sex offender registry, and violations of community supervision for life. During this time, I was the district attorney's office representative for the state mandated Child Protection Investigation Team and the Child Fatality Review Team. During this time, I handled many jury trials, motions, and post-trial issues such as motions for new trial and hearings on post-conviction relief.

Transitioning once more in 2019, my caseload diversified to encompass violent crimes, human trafficking, child fatalities, miscellaneous offenses, UVISA requests, Restoration of Citizenship rights requests, and expungements. Additionally, in 2022, I assumed the role of General Sessions Court Supervisor and spearheaded training new assistant district attorneys assigned to General Sessions court.

During my 17 years with the Sumner County District Attorney's office, I have represented the State of Tennessee and victims in Sumner County in thousands of cases, including more than 500 bench trials, and approximately 46 jury trials.

8. Describe any matters of special note involving your practice in trial courts, appellate courts, and administrative bodies.

Throughout my tenure as an Assistant District Attorney, my focus has primarily been on criminal cases within Sumner County courts. Here are some brief highlights of significant cases I have handled. It's important to note that each case involved collaboration with other dedicated Assistant District Attorneys, and I owe much of my success to their support and the guidance of my esteemed boss, Lawrence Ray Whitley. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving my community at the District Attorney's office.

*State v. Christopher Chapman (2011)* during a two-day jury trial involving the charge of Attempted First Degree Murder. The defense requested a lesser included offense charge of Aggravated Assault, which I vehemently objected to, citing that it was not a lesser included offense. Despite my objection, the request was granted. The Defendant later appealed his conviction for Aggravated Assault, and the Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that by requesting the instruction, the Defendant essentially consented to an amendment of the indictment. This experience underscored the importance of vigilance in upholding legal principles and the need for clear and strategic argumentation in the courtroom to preserve issues for appeal.

*State v. Joan Richardson (2012)* was a multi-day jury trial where defendant was charged with First Degree Murder. The case featured numerous expert witnesses for both the State and the Defense concerning a diminished capacity defense. The Defendant was convicted of Reckless Homicide and sentenced to 4 years in custody. This experience highlighted the complexity of legal proceedings and the significance of meticulous preparation and presentation in court. It underscored the importance of adaptability and strategic decision-making, particularly in navigating intricate legal arguments and expert testimonies.

*State v. Joseph Cundiff (2014)* was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with First Degree Murder. Another homicide case where there were multiple mental health experts for both the State and the Defense regarding a diminished capacity defense. Throughout the trial, I gained a deeper understanding of the legal parameters outlined in *State v. Hall*, which governs the admissibility of a diminished capacity defense at criminal trials. Moreover, I honed my skills in questioning mental health experts and guiding the State's experts to address this defense effectively. Ultimately, the Defendant was convicted of Second Degree Murder and received a sentence of 25 years in custody. This experience shed light on the complexities of criminal law and the importance of having a strategic legal navigation to ensure a just outcome.

*State v. Emonnie Branch, Dewayne Fleming (2014)*, Defendant Branch was a sentencing hearing while Defendant Fleming went to trial. The Defendants were charged with multiple counts of Aggravated Rape, Aggravated Robbery, etc. Defendant Branch entered a guilty plea in criminal court to every single count and had a sentencing hearing and received a sentence of 131 years to serve. During this trial on Defendant Fleming one of the key issues was corroboration of a codefendant's testimony. This legal issue taught me that despite the seriousness of the offense, justice demands that evidence encompass more than just a codefendant's statement. Defendant Fleming was convicted and received a sentence of 62 years to serve.

*State v. Zachary Davis (2015)* was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with First Degree Murder, Attempted First Degree Murder and Aggravated Arson. The 15-year-old Defendant killed his mother with a sledgehammer while she was sleeping. He then set the house on fire in an attempt to kill his brother. There was a lengthy competency hearing in Juvenile court prior to the transfer hearing with mental health testimony. The Defendant's jury trial included multiple mental health experts that testified about a diminished capacity defense. Much to everyone's surprise, the Defendant took the stand during the trial and testified that he "took the fall for his brother". This put the defense attorney in an interesting ethical predicament. During this experience, I learned how fluid trials can be and what interesting ethical issues can arise despite a great deal of preparation by all parties involved. The Defendant received a life sentence with a consecutive 20 years. This trial underscored the weight of our responsibilities as attorneys and judges, and the need for impartiality, compassion, and adherence to legal principles in administering justice.

*State v. Clinton Bryant (2016)* was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with multiple counts of Rape of a Child. The Defendant received a sentence of 50 years to serve. During the trial a court reporter did not record portions of the victim's mother's testimony and bench conferences. Accordingly, these portions of the trial were not able to be transcribed. Upon learning that there was an issue with the trial transcript, I filed a motion to designate the record. This issue went up to the Court of Criminal Appeals. This trial, along with the subsequent motion for a new trial, served as a significant learning experience for me. It allowed me to gain a deeper appreciation for the integral roles played by every individual in the courtroom, such as the court reporters. This case was instrumental in my growth, reinforcing my commitment to upholding the principles of justice and fairness.

*State v. James Wallace Norton (2016)*, was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with 34 counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. The trial involved multiple federal agents from the Department of Homeland Security who testified about the material located on the Defendant's electronic devices. This case involved images of child sexual abuse material. A pivotal aspect of this trial involved the consolidation of counts and a 404(b) hearing. Ultimately, the Defendant was sentenced to 20 years in custody. This case holds particular significance in my professional development, as it shed light on the far-reaching impact of trial exposure. Beyond its effects on victims, attorneys, law enforcement, and judges the trial also highlighted the enduring impact on jurors when confronted with the evidence in such heinous offenses. This realization underscores the profound responsibility of legal professionals to navigate these sensitive matters with utmost professionalism and sensitivity to all parties involved.

*State v. Randy Roe (2016)*, was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with multiple counts of Rape of a Child, Solicitation of a Minor, and Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. The Defendant was a foster parent that sexually abused a foster child in his custody. A significant discovery issue arose regarding emails exchanged between the victim and the defendant. Unfortunately, certain emails that should have been disclosed were not, leading to their exclusion from the trial. Despite this setback, the Defendant was ultimately sentenced to 35 years in custody. This case served as a profound lesson in the paramount importance of transparency and accessibility in the legal process. It underscored the need to ensure that all pertinent information is promptly turned over and made accessible to the defendant. This experience deepened my understanding of the crucial role that fairness and equity play in the pursuit of justice, reinforcing my commitment to upholding these principles in all aspects of my legal practice.

*State v. Zachary Thacker (2019)*, this case involved a multi-day Daubert hearing to determine the admissibility of medical testimony from both the state and the Defendant's doctors in a case of abusive head trauma. Four doctors provided extensive testimony regarding their examinations of the deceased or their analysis of medical records, offering their respective opinions. Notably, a prominent defense expert was excluded from testifying during the Daubert hearing. Ultimately, this case was resolved through a plea agreement prior to trial. Engaging in a case with a multi-day Daubert hearing provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities involved in assessing the admissibility of expert testimony. Through this experience, I gained insight into the critical role of evidentiary hearings in ensuring the reliability and relevance of scientific evidence presented in court. Analyzing the testimony of medical experts from both sides allowed me to appreciate the nuances of medical analysis and interpretation, thereby enhancing my ability to evaluate the credibility and reliability of expert witnesses as a judge. Furthermore, witnessing the exclusion of a well-known defense expert underscored the importance of adhering to strict evidentiary standards to uphold the integrity of the legal process. This experience has equipped me with valuable insights and skills that will enable me to impartially adjudicate cases involving complex scientific evidence in the future.

*State v. Jamie Tice (2019)*, was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with multiple counts of Statutory Rape by an Authority Figure. The Defendant engaged in a sexual relationship with her daughter's boyfriend who was 14. The Defendant was sentenced to 24 years to serve. On appeal the Defendant argued that the state violated Brady obligations for failing to disclose that out of state witnesses would be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to a statute. The case was affirmed on appeal. This case underscores the significance of procedural fairness and transparency within the judicial system. And highlights the imperative for prosecutors to adhere rigorously to their obligations, ensuring all relevant information is disclosed to the defense. Furthermore, the outcome of the trial underscores the profound responsibility of judges to meticulously evaluate legal arguments and evidence, safeguarding the integrity of the legal process.

*State v. Kayla Pauze (2022)*, was a multi-day jury trial where the Defendant was charged with First Degree Murder and Aggravated Child Abuse. There was approximately six different expert medical witnesses that testified at this trial about the nature of the injuries that lead to the death of the child in this matter. The Defendant was convicted of a lesser included offense and received a sentence of 10 years to serve. Throughout this trial, I enhanced my skills in directing and cross-examining expert medical witnesses. This experience has equipped me with valuable insights and expertise that will undoubtedly contribute to my effectiveness as a judge. By mastering the art of managing expert testimonies, I can ensure fair and thorough legal proceedings.

Each of these experiences and the hundreds of others that I have had over the last 17 years of my career have helped shape me into the legal professional that I am today. I've garnered valuable lessons from each experience, and I am still learning every single day. It is this pursuit of knowledge, coupled with my integrity and track record of doing the right thing that I believe will aid me in evolving into a great member of the judiciary if given this opportunity.

9. Describe any other legal experience, not stated above, that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission.

I wanted to bring another legal experience to the attention of the Commission. This was a different scenario because it involved correcting an error made by a coworker who had subsequently left the office.

I was approached by Attorney David Raybin concerning Defendant *Jeremy Culbertson (2017)*, who had been misinformed during a plea agreement regarding a crucial requirement of his sentence by both the state's attorney and the Judge. Recognizing the importance of upholding the integrity of the legal process, I took decisive action to ensure justice prevailed. By facilitating the withdrawal of the plea agreement and negotiating a new agreement that rectified the misrepresentation made by the State, I demonstrated a commitment to fairness and accountability. This experience underscores my belief in the fundamental principles of due process and equity in the judicial system. As a judicial candidate, it reaffirms my dedication to upholding the rights of defendants and ensuring that every individual receives a fair and just legal outcome.

10. List and describe all prior occasions on which you have submitted an application for any state or federal judicial position.



I have never applied for any state or federal judicial positions before.

**EDUCATION**

11. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded, major, any form of recognition or other aspects of your education you believe are relevant, and your reason for leaving each school if no degree was awarded.

**Masters in Criminal Justice Administration, 2010**

**Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University,  
Murfreesboro/Nashville, TN**

THESIS: Strangulation: Perceptions of Domestic Violence and Strangulation (March 2010)

**Juris Doctorate, 2007**

**University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN**

Dean's List; Received Recognition for Pro Bono Service; Certificate of Academic Achievement in Corporate Taxation, International Business Transactions, and National Security Law; Member of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and International Law Society.

**Cumberland University, 2003**

**Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice, Lebanon, TN**

*Summa Cum Laude*

Awarded Highest Baccalaureate Degree Program from Cumberland University, Nominated and Elected "Miss Cumberland" during senior year, President of the Student Government Association, Captain of Women's Varsity Volleyball and Tennis Team, Academic All-American 2000-2003

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

12. State your date of birth.

[REDACTED] 1983.

13. How long have you lived continuously in the State of Tennessee?

I have been a resident of the State of Tennessee since I was born in 1983.

14. How long have you lived continuously in the county where you are now living?

I have deep roots in Sumner County, where I have been a lifelong resident. Throughout my undergraduate years at Cumberland University from 2000 to 2003 and during my time at the University of Tennessee College of Law from 2004 to 2007, I continued to maintain my permanent residence at my family home in Sumner County. Following my graduation from law school in 2007, I have remained a resident of Sumner County ever since. My family's ties to Sumner County run deep, with connections on both my mother's and father's sides dating back to the early 1800s. In fact, I have tracked both my mother's maternal lines back to the 1840s and my father's paternal line to 1825. This enduring connection to Sumner County underscores my strong sense of community and commitment to serving its residents.

15. State the county in which you are registered to vote.

I am a registered voter in Sumner County.

16. Describe your military service, if applicable, including branch of service, dates of active duty, rank at separation, and decorations, honors, or achievements. Please also state whether you received an honorable discharge and, if not, describe why not.

I have never served in the United States military.

17. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance other than minor traffic offenses? If so, state the approximate date, charge and disposition of the case.

I have never had any conviction, diversion or guilty plea to any criminal charge.

18. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

I am not under any current federal, state or local investigations.

19. Please identify the number of formal complaints you have responded to that were filed against you with any supervisory authority, including but not limited to a court, a board of professional responsibility, or a board of judicial conduct, alleging any breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by you. Please provide any relevant details on any such complaint if the complaint was not dismissed by the court or board receiving the complaint. You may wish to request a report from the appropriate supervisory authority (or authorities) for a complete history.

I have never had any formal complaints filed against me.

20. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities or creditors within the last five (5) years? If so, give details.

I have never been subject to a tax lien or any other collection procedure.

21. Have you ever filed bankruptcy (including personally or as part of any partnership, LLC, corporation, or other business organization)?

I have never filed bankruptcy.

22. Have you ever been a party in any legal proceedings (including divorces, domestic proceedings, and other types of proceedings)? If so, give details including the date, court and docket number and disposition. Provide a brief description of the case. This question does not seek, and you may exclude from your response, any matter where you were involved only as a nominal party, such as if you were the trustee under a deed of trust in a foreclosure proceeding.

*Chris Chapman v. Sonya Troutt, et al.*, 3:2010-cv-01009: A defendant, Christopher Chapman, filed a lawsuit against various parties after the State filed a motion, pretrial, for safekeeping of the defendant to the Tennessee Department of Corrections. My portion of the lawsuit was dismissed based on prosecutorial immunity.

*Reece v. Whitley, et al.*, 3:15-cv-000361: A defendant, James Reece, filed a lawsuit against numerous parties after he was charged with an Aggravated Assault. My portion of the lawsuit was dismissed based on absolute immunity.

23. List all organizations other than professional associations to which you have belonged within the last five (5) years, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

Sumner County Museum, Board Member, April 2024-Present

Gallatin Noon Rotary Club, Member, July 2022-Present

Connecting for Children Justice Conference, Member, Steering Committee, April 2024-Present

Sumner County Republican Party, Member 2024-Present

Sumner County Republican Women, Member 2024-Present

24. Have you ever belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion, or gender? Do not include in your answer those organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues.
- a. If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.
  - b. If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be nominated and selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

Women's Tennis Team, Cumberland University, 2000-2002, Captain

Women's Volleyball Team, Cumberland University, 2000-2003, Captain

In both Women's sports team positions, only women were allowed to play on the team. I am no longer associated with these groups since I graduated from college.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

25. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you have been a member within the last ten years, including dates. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List memberships and responsibilities on any committee of professional associations which you consider significant.

Sumner County Bar Association, 2007-Present

Tennessee Bar Association, 2020-Present

National District Attorney's Association, 2022-Present

26. List honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation from law school which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

Outstanding Child Protection Investigation Team Member Award 2018

27. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive.

I have not held or sought any public office.

**ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

28. What are your reasons for seeking this position? *(150 words or less)*

My father's legacy as a dedicated public servant with the Tennessee Highway Patrol instilled in me a deep sense of duty and compassion and led me to pursue my career as a prosecutor. As a Sumner County native, this community is not just where I reside; it's where my roots run deep, where I've grown, and where I'll remain. I'm deeply passionate about its people, its spirit, and the opportunity to make a tangible difference through judicial service. My unwavering connection to Sumner County, paired with my extensive experience in trial and courtroom proceedings, uniquely qualifies me for this role. I am dedicated to preserving the values of integrity, fairness, and accountability that have been the cornerstone of my career as an Assistant District Attorney. As a candidate, I am wholeheartedly committed to serving the community with the same dedication and respect that have guided me throughout my professional journey.

29. Describe the judgeship you seek (i.e. geographic area, types of cases, number of judges, etc. and explain how your selection would impact the court. *(150 words or less)*

There are currently three trial court judges: one circuit civil, one circuit criminal and one chancellor in Sumner County. This new position created by the Tennessee Legislature is a new circuit court position handling both circuit and criminal cases.

My commitment to upholding justice, coupled with my extensive trial experience in Sumner County Courts, uniquely positions me as the best candidate to serve in this pivotal role. Over the years, I have amassed a wealth of courtroom experience, including approximately forty-six jury trials, hundreds of bench trials, motion hearings and probable cause hearings. While my expertise predominantly lies in criminal law as a prosecutor, I am confident in my ability to seamlessly transition and apply my litigation skills to civil proceedings. I am ready and eager to bring my dedication, integrity, and expertise to the bench, ensuring fair and equitable outcomes for every individual who comes before the court.

30. Will you uphold the law even if you disagree with the substance of the law (e.g., statute or rule) at issue? Give an example from your experience as a licensed attorney that supports your response to this question. (250 words or less)

Yes. Without question I will follow the law. While known for my vigorous prosecution as a hardline prosecutor, I have always prioritized honesty and adherence to legal principles. Throughout my career, it has been my goal to follow the law. I have a specific example that is indicative of this commitment:

In *State of Tennessee v. Christopher Bailey*, the defendant initially entered a guilty plea to a C felony charge of Attempted Patronizing Prostitution of a Minor. Approximately 6 months later, a decision by the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals in *State v. Ivan Ashley*, impacted the Defendant's agreement, potentially reducing his charge, from a C felony to an A misdemeanor. Despite the absence of his previous defense attorney, who had left private practice, I took the initiative to ensure the Defendant's case was revisited expeditiously. I facilitated his return to court and advocated for the correction of his plea agreement and subsequent release from custody to accurately reflect the Court of Criminal Appeals ruling. This proactive measure upheld principles of fairness and adherence to the law, ensuring justice was served.

This instance underscores my commitment to justice and my willingness to uphold the law. As a judge, I pledge to continue this dedication to fairness, impartiality, and fidelity to the law, ensuring that every individual who comes before the court receives a fair and just resolution.

**REFERENCES**

31. List five (5) persons, and their current positions and contact information, who would recommend you for the judicial position for which you are applying. Please list at least two persons who are not lawyers. Please note that the Commission or someone on its behalf may contact these persons regarding your application.

A. Representative William G. Lamberth, Esq., Member and Majority Leader of the Tennessee House of Representatives, 425 Rep. John Lewis Was N., Suite 602 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, TN 37243, 615-741-1980 (office); [REDACTED]

B. Robert Franklin, principal Southside Christian School (retired); [REDACTED] Gallatin, TN 37066; [REDACTED]

C. The Honorable Charles R. Blanton, Judge of General Sessions Court, Division 1, [REDACTED] Gallatin, TN 37066, 615-451-2288 (office); [REDACTED]

D. The Honorable Kee Bryant-McKormick, Judge of General Sessions Court, Division III, [REDACTED] Gallatin, TN 37066, (615) 442-1283; [REDACTED]

E. Chief Jason Williams, Portland Police Department; [REDACTED] Portland, TN 37148, 615-325-3434 (office); [REDACTED]



**AFFIRMATION CONCERNING APPLICATION**

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for nomination to the Governor for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court of Sumner County, Tennessee, and if appointed by the Governor, agree to serve that office. In the event any changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended questionnaire with the Administrative Office of the Courts for distribution to the Commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this questionnaire shall be open to public inspection upon filing with the Administrative Office of the Courts and that the Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for nomination and the names of those persons the Commission nominates to the Governor for the judicial vacancy in question.

Dated: April 16, 2024.

  
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Signature

When completed, return this questionnaire to John Jefferson at the Administrative Office of the Courts, 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219.



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NASHVILLE, TN 37219

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
AND OTHER LICENSING BOARDS**

**WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

I hereby waive the privilege of confidentiality with respect to any information that concerns me, including public discipline, private discipline, deferred discipline agreements, diversions, dismissed complaints and any complaints erased by law, and is known to, recorded with, on file with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct (previously known as the Court of the Judiciary) and any other licensing board, whether within or outside the State of Tennessee, from which I have been issued a license that is currently active, inactive or other status. I hereby authorize a representative of the Trial Court Vacancy Commission to request and receive any such information and distribute it to the membership of the Commission and to the Office of the Governor.

Tara A. Wyllie  
Type or Print Name

*Tara A. Wyllie*  
Signature

April 16, 2024  
Date

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Please identify other licensing boards that have issued you a license, including the state issuing the license and the license number.
