

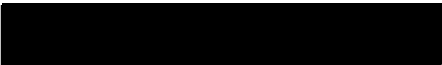
**Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission**  
***Application for Nomination to Judicial Office***


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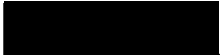

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**INTRODUCTION**

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.

Probate & Juvenile Court Judge, Lauderdale County, TN - June 1996-present Private practice of law, Lauderdale County, Tennessee - February 1990-present City (municipal) Attorney, City of Ripley, Tennessee - 2016-present
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2. State the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and give your Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number.

1990, BPR No. 014074
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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.

Tennessee, BRP No. 014074, licensed in 1990, active.
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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
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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).

February 1990-August 1990: associate attorney, Walker & Walker Attorneys, Ripley, TN. This position included primarily: criminal defense; civil litigation, jury and non-jury, in workers compensation, personal injury, real estate, taxation, domestic relations, municipal law, and
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juvenile law; and real estate abstracts and closings.

August 1990 to present: sole practitioner. This position includes primarily criminal defense; civil litigation in workers compensation, personal injury, real estate, taxation, domestic relations, municipal law, and juvenile law; real estate abstracts and closings, and mediation.

May 1992-June 1996: City (municipal) Attorney, City of Ripley, Tennessee. This position included representation of the City on matters of municipal law, including police and fire department issues, public works (roadways, easements, and the like), property, taxation, zoning, municipal courts, and others, and in civil litigation regarding these matters. The position includes engaging with, on behalf of the City, other municipalities, attorneys, law enforcement, the District Attorney General, contractors, the public, and other entities.

August 1992-June 1996: Juvenile Court Referee (now 'Magistrate'), Probate & Juvenile Court, Lauderdale County, Tennessee

February 1996-June 1996: Assistant District Attorney General, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

June 1996-present: Probate & Juvenile Court Judge, Lauderdale County. Jurisdiction includes child neglect and abuse and related permanency hearings; delinquent (offenses that, had the offender been an adult, would have been criminal, and therefore involving the same statutory analysis as for criminal offenses) and unruly children; proceedings to transfer minors for trial as adults; child custody, support, and shared parenting; adult criminal proceedings; trusts; guardianships; conservatorships; and estates. This position includes appointment by the Tennessee Supreme Court to preside in other counties where conflicts of interest exist or experience is necessary based on the subject matter.

May 2016-present: City (municipal) Attorney, City of Ripley, Tennessee. Same duties/experience as 1992-1996 appointment.

Mediator, 2001-present

- Civil dispute resolution

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.

When not on the bench, I am a sole practitioner. My practice includes criminal defense (10%); civil litigation in workers compensation, personal injury, real estate, taxation, domestic relations/family law (50%), municipal law (30%), and juvenile law (neglect and abuse proceedings outside my own jurisdiction; 10%).

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.

Walker & Walker Attorney; Associate, February 1990-September 1990

- Employed by Walker & Walker Attorneys (now Judge Joe H. Walker, III) in Ripley, Tennessee, assisting in all areas of trial court criminal and civil practice and litigation in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and surrounding counties, in both jury and non-jury trials and appellate cases, taking depositions and preparing trial memorandums and briefs.
- In September 1990, at which time Judge Walker was elected as Circuit Court Judge, I became a sole practitioner, practicing in the same courts and areas of law from 1990-present. As indicated above, this includes non-jury and jury civil and criminal litigation, and appellate work.

Private practice, September 1990 to present

- Non-jury and jury civil and criminal litigation and appellate work in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and surrounding counties, in both jury and non-jury trials and appellate cases. My practice includes criminal defense; civil litigation in workers compensation, personal injury, real estate, taxation, domestic relations, municipal law, and juvenile law; real estate abstracts and closings, and mediation

Judge, Probate & Juvenile Court, Lauderdale County, June 1996-present

- In June 1996, I was appointed by the Lauderdale County Commission to fill the term of my predecessor in the Probate & Juvenile Court of Lauderdale County until the next general election, in August 1996, at which time I was elected through the remainder of the term, which expired in August 1998. I was re-elected in the general elections of 1998, 2006, and 2014. This position includes constant interaction with the office of the District Attorney General, Tennessee Department of Children's Services, Tennessee Department of Human Services, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Child Support Division, and probation services, and the drafting of orders subject to appeal before both the Tennessee Court of Appeals and Circuit Courts, depending upon the jurisdictional issue. This role requires a 24-hour on-call dedication, to address exigent circumstances as they arise, whether for warrants or for emergency removals of custody. I draft, or modify, all of the orders resulting from the factual issues and varied jurisdictional and other legal issues which arise from those cases which, according to the Administrative Office of the Courts, were all affirmed on appeal (the most recent was April 7, 2021, in *Wherry v. Norwood*, W2020-000910COA-R3-JV, a Tipton County proceeding heard by interchange)
- I preside over the following jurisdictional issues: quasi-criminal juvenile proceedings, adult criminal proceedings, domestic relations, child abuse/neglect, estates, trusts, guardianships, conservatorships, and birth and death records.
- Among the first in the judicial district to obtain and utilize certified foreign-language interpreters for courtroom proceedings

Tennessee Supreme Court Work Group, 1999-present

- Chair, 1999-approximately 2004. I was appointed as the first Chair of the Court Improvement Program Work Group, and held that position, by Supreme Court annual appointment, for an additional 5+ years.
- Member, 1999-present. I remain a member of the Work Group by continuous Supreme Court appointment, and also served on its Law Committee and Code of Judicial Conduct Committee. This group includes multiple Tennessee state agencies, including the Department of Children's Services, Department of Health, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Education, Board of Education, Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Tennessee District Attorney Generals Conference, Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, Tennessee Bar Association, Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth, Tennessee Supreme Court Justices (advisory), and private bar. I continue to serve, as representative of the judiciary.
- Responsibilities include the drafting of Work Group-initiated legislation and court rules, working with legislative sponsors and the Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, review of other proposed legislation by request of the drafters, and interaction with other legislative sponsors and stakeholders (Tennessee Trial Judges Association, Tennessee Bar Association sections) in crafting the legislation and amendments to promote the interests of children, families, courts, and the judiciary.

City Attorney, City of Ripley, Tennessee, 1992-1996; 2016-present

- Representation of the municipality in matters involving municipal law, law enforcement issues and training, drafting of municipal legislation, and litigation in the trial courts of the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District
- In 2021, as City Attorney for the City of Ripley, I drafted a bill as part of the Tennessee Municipal League legislative initiative, and endorsed by the Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association, for which I obtained legislative sponsors and which was passed by the Tennessee General Assembly and signed into law. This legislation addressed needed changes in the laws applicable to municipalities, as employers, as a means of ensuring the conservation of State and local public funds, and was based upon my experience in representing a municipality and a law enforcement agency, and in serving as an officer of the Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association.

Executive and Legislative Committees, Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, 1997-2010

President, Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, 2006-2008

Legislative Chair, Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, 2019-present

- These roles involve efforts and coordination with legislators and other stakeholders, including the Tennessee Trial Judges Association, on legislation to modify and improve the law as it applies to the Courts on a variety of jurisdictional, procedural, and administrative issues
- These roles also involve engagement with various state agencies, and their Commissioner and General Counsel, to coordinate efforts, address procedural obstacles, or to address needed service providers
- These roles involve engagement with the Administrative Office of the Courts and its

General Counsel, for technical advice or to address administrative issues

Mediator, 2001-present

- Civil dispute resolution

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

My judicial experience includes additional appointments by the Tennessee Supreme Court to preside in other jurisdictions on matters requiring specialized experience.

*Bradley James Cox v. Laura Nicole Lucas*, E2017-02264-COA-R3-CV - I was a judicial representative to the drafting team which included the Tennessee Trial Judges Association, Tennessee Attorney General's staff, and Supreme Court Work Group, proposing statutory language address the jurisdictional issues raised by the opinion in this case and its companion case, and coordinating with the legislature in 2019 to amend TCA 37-1-103 by the addition of subsection (g).

As a member of the drafting committee for the recent Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Practice and Procedure, my assertions of application of statute to due process requirements were confirmed within an assessment made by the U.S. Department of Justice in Shelby County. This resulted in my drafting of comments to the Rules, detailing that application.

Per Patrick Morey, of the Administrative Office of the Courts, all cases appealed from my rulings were affirmed. These cases, as indicated in the jurisdictional information above, involve quasi-criminal proceedings, criminal proceedings for adults, and civil proceedings. [Respectfully and candidly, I believe that one opinion may have been vacated or remanded in my 14<sup>th</sup> year on the bench, because I remember that being the first occurrence, but the AOC search did not yield that information.]

As a member of the Statewide Advisory Board for the Child Protective Investigation Team established by T.C.A. 37-1-607 and coordinated by the Department of Children's Services, I work with other state agencies to assist the state in developing policies and practices for the statutorily-created CPIT teams within each judicial district, including evidence preservation and custodial issues.

As a judicial representative on the Joint Task Force with the Department of Human Services, I assist the state in assessing and modifying the Tennessee Child Support guidelines, to ensure equitable application, meaningful enforcement, and the ability to meet federal guidelines.

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

Law Clerk, Walker & Walker Attorneys, 1986-1990

- assisting in all areas of criminal and civil practice and litigation, in both jury and non-jury trials and appellate cases, researching and preparing trial memorandums and briefs

As a member of the Tennessee Supreme Court Work Group, I served on the committee which drafted an entirely new set of Rules of Juvenile Practice and Procedure by direction of the Tennessee Supreme Court, as presented to the Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice & Procedure and eventually enacted. I additionally drafted comments to the Rules.

As a member of the Tennessee Supreme Court Work Group, I served on the committee which reviewed and made comments to the most recent Rules of Judicial Conduct during the drafting process.

I was selected by the Administrative Office of the Courts as trainer for Tennessee Court Improvement Program, training on courtroom best practices.

I was selected as trainer for National Institute for Trial Advocacy, training on presentation of evidence.

I was selected as the judiciary representative on Tennessee's panel to four national conferences to address, and to implement for Tennessee, court improvement, best practices, and statewide procedural changes; in two of these, the panel included a Tennessee Supreme Court Justice (Justices Anderson, Clark).

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

Not applicable.

### 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.

Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, 1982-1986

- Presidential Scholar
- Bachelor of Science in both Math and Physics
- Graduated cum laude

University of Tennessee College of Law, 1986-1987

- transferred to University of Memphis (then Memphis State University).

University of Memphis (then Memphis State University), Memphis, Tennessee, 1987-December 1988

- *Juris Doctor*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

12. State your date of birth.

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

56 years

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

56 years, with the exception of the years as a student

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

Lauderdale

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.

Not applicable.

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.



No.

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.

No.

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 responded to none. Per the Board of Judicial Conduct, eleven complaints were filed, with the earliest on December 13, 2012, and the last on January 3, 2020. All were summarily dismissed without the requirement of a response.

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.

No.

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

No.

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.

Jester, et al. v. Rachel J. Anthony (now Jackson), R.D. # 11,224, Chancery Court of Lauderdale County, Tennessee; dismissed (judicial immunity).

Joint Petitioner in divorce action, Sidney N. Anthony and Rachel J. Anthony, joint petitioners, R.D.#09D-1087, Circuit Court of Davidson County, December 2009; Consent Decree for Absolute Divorce.

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.

Ripley First United Methodist Church:

- Chair, Board of Trustees, 2017-2018
- Finance Committee, 2015-2018
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- United Methodist Women, 1988-present
- Chancel Choir
- Bags of Hope (Memphis Area Regional Food Bank distribution to Lauderdale County)
- Teacher, John Hedgepeth and Shovelers Sunday School classes

University of Tennessee-Martin

- Higher Education Board, 2019-2021

Lambuth University

- Alumni Association

Lauderdale County Chamber of Commerce

- Member, 2016-present

Project AWARE, Lauderdale County School System

- Mentor
- School-Justice Alliance

Lauderdale County Master Gardeners

International Fellows, National Defense University

- Host

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.

I belonged to a college sorority, which limited its membership to women, as fraternities limited membership to men.

**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.

Tennessee Bar Association: 1990 to present

- Local Government Division

American Bar Association: 1990 to present.

Lauderdale County Bar Association: 1990 to present. (as a small local bar association, we do not elect officers)

Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges

- President, 2006-2008
- Vice-President, 2004-2006
- Secretary/Treasurer, 2002-2004
- Legislative Chair, 2019-present
- Executive Committee, 1997-2010
- Legislative Committee, 2002-2010
- Member, 1996 to present
- Judicial representative to Tennessee Supreme Court Work Group

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges

- Member, 1996 to present.

Tennessee Supreme Court Work Group

- Chair, by appointment of Tennessee Supreme Court, from work group's inception in 1999 and for more than five years thereafter
- Member, by annual appointment from its inception to present.

Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association

- President, 2021
- Vice President, 2020
- Secretary/Treasurer, 2019-2020

Tennessee Child Protective Investigation Team

- Statewide Advisory Board, 2019-present

Joint Task Force, Tennessee Department of Human Services

- Annual modifications to statutory child support guideline, 2020-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.

McCain-Abernathy Award, 2008

- Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, for outstanding service to improve Tennessee's juvenile courts

President's Award

- Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, for service to the Council

Attorney for Justice, 2019 and 2020

- Tennessee Supreme Court, for providing at least 50 hours of service annually, in pro bono representation or volunteer hours in improvements to the law.

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.

Assistant District Attorney General, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, by appointment

- February 1996-June 1996

Probate & Juvenile Court Judge, Lauderdale County

- June 1996-August 1996, by appointment of the Lauderdale County Commission
- August 1996, by election
- August 1998, by election
- August 2006, by election
- August 2014, by election

### ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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

This position is an additional opportunity to serve my judicial district and this State and their interests and to continue a history of honorable service to the judiciary by myself and my predecessors, and I am requesting that opportunity. I enjoy the trial process, legal research, and drafting, and am invested not only in the application and interpretation of the law, but also in improvement of the law for the betterment of my community and the State of Tennessee.

Before applying for this position, I met with community stakeholders, including the local bar (including those from outside the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District who regularly practice within it), local government, law enforcement, our legislative leadership, and the leaders of administrative agencies with which I have worked, to ascertain whether I had their support in doing so. In my view, my own interest in the position was not enough, without the support of the community I would serve and the leadership with which I would work, if appointed. I was offered their support for appointment to this position.

As a 25-year member of the judiciary, with appellate and professional ethical records which speak to my dedication to both the law and my ethical obligations, and with a significant record of having executed and prevailed in multiple judicial campaigns for election to office, I have significant experience which distinguishes me from my fellow applicants. My combined judicial and trial experience would allow me to transition easily to the Circuit Court bench, and I have a positive working relationship with Judge McCraw, which will be essential to the management of a five-county district.

I am diligent in executing my judicial responsibilities, but also have a career of public service which includes not only the judicial position, but continuous volunteer public service, which I wish to expand.

I have established ethical appellate records: minimal complaints were filed with the Board of Judicial Conduct, and all were summarily dismissed without the requirement of a response; per the Administrative Office of the Courts, all of my judgments were affirmed on appeal.

I welcome the opportunity to be of additional service to my district and to my State and pledge

to uphold the laws of the State of Tennessee and United States.

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)*)

I am applying for the position of Circuit Court Judge, vacated by Judge Joe Walker, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, presiding over both civil and criminal cases in the five-county judicial district of Lauderdale, Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman and McNairy Counties. The Circuit Court has two divisions/judges. I reside in the same county as the retiring judge. I would bring to the court 31 years of trial court experience, 25 years of judicial experience, and a career which includes additional, significant public service, an appellate record, an ethics record, and an election record.

My experience includes the same areas of law over which I would preside. Accordingly, I would assume a fair share of the judicial workload immediately, including an experienced support staff, and will apply the same work ethic, dedication to the position, and dedication to the law that I have exhibited throughout my judicial career. My residence in Lauderdale County will maintain diversity of residence and provide gender diversity between the two judges, and provide for the same division of the existing workload as between the two judges traveling to the five counties.

The support received from the local bar, law enforcement, legislators, and agency leaders supports my preparedness for this role, my established relationship with the district, and my ability to serve the district well in this position.

And although I think that gender should be the least consideration, this would provide for the first appointment of a woman to a Circuit Court bench in the judicial district. Historically, the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District has had only one other female state court judge, that in the Chancery 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)*

I will uphold the law and will promote confidence in the judiciary, as required by Rules 1.1 and 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The trial courts are intended for interpretation and application of the law and not the making of new law. I recognize and respect that laws are established by the legislature or the appellate courts in creating a body of case law, and that the judge's role is to act as an unbiased arbiter.

As a licensed attorney-judge, my appellate record currently supports my adherence to the law.

Some of the most difficult issues I routinely encounter as a judge are cases of severe abuse (TCA 37-1-102(b)(27) , 37-1-129(b)(2) and 37-1-130(c)), because of not only their impact on the family, but also their derivative effects on future matters involving the parental relationship or

potential termination of the parental relationship, not only with the subject child, but also of the child's siblings and extended family. Regardless, whether the criteria for severe abuse are or are not met, I rule accordingly.

Likewise, I routinely consider whether the removal of delinquent children from the home for detention and treatment in secure facilities, or their transfer to criminal court for trial as adults, is warranted. These decisions result from commission of offenses which, had the offenders been adults, would be considered crimes. I am called upon to consider the effect on the children and the families, and I rule in a manner consistent with applicable law.

As an attorney in private practice, my criminal practice involves consideration of the impact and calculation of sentencing terms, which are often variable. I feel that the substance of the law should provide for improved truth in sentencing. Regardless, I adhere to existing sentencing ranges for so long as the law remains unchanged.

**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. Brent Hill

- Assistant Special Agent in Charge, West Tennessee Drug Task Force Criminal Interdiction Team, Fayette County/Tipton County, TN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B. Judge Tim Irwin

- Knox County Juvenile Court Judge

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. Douglas Dimond

- General Counsel, State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- Formerly State of Tennessee Attorney General's Office

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- [REDACTED]</li> <li>- [REDACTED]</li> </ul>
<p>D. Judge Rob Philyaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge</li> <li>- [REDACTED]</li> <li>- [REDACTED]</li> </ul>
<p>E. Kim Coffey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Court Administrator, Lauderdale County Government</li> <li>- [REDACTED]</li> <li>- [REDACTED]</li> </ul>


**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, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of 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: June 10, 2021.

  
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 Signature

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





**TENNESSEE TRIAL COURT VACANCY COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

511 UNION STREET, SUITE 600  
NASHVILLE CITY CENTER  
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.

RACHEL J. JACKSON

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Type or Print Name

*R Jackson*  
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Signature

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June 10, 2021  
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.

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