

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCIES

Court of Criminal Appeals Eastern Section

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee Executive Orders No. 87 (September 17, 2021) and No. 95 (January 24, 2022), notice is hereby given that the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments will meet on March 3 and March 4, 2022, to initiate the process of filling imminent vacancies in the Eastern Section of the Court of Criminal Appeals after Judge Norma McGee Ogle and Judge D. Kelly Thomas, Jr. elected not to file declarations of candidacy for retention.

Qualified applicants must be licensed attorneys who are at least 30 years of age, residents of the state for five years, and are residents of the Eastern Section. Interested applicants must complete the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments' application available at www.tncourts.gov and submit it to the Administrative Office of the Courts **by 12:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, February 8, 2022**. Applicants must submit by the deadline: (1) the original signed (unbound) application; and (2) a digital copy of the application, in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for consideration for these judicial vacancies for which he/she is applying. Complete application instructions can be found at: <http://www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources>.

In accordance with State of Tennessee Executive Order No. 95 (January 24, 2022), the Council will hold this hearing virtually via video conference using Zoom on March 3 and March 4, 2022. The hearing will be livestreamed for public viewing to: www.youtube.com/user/TNCourts.

Interested individuals may also attend the livestream in the Eastern Section at the Tennessee Supreme Court Building in Knoxville located at 500 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902 to watch and/or speak in opposition to any applicant. Visitors who want to attend the live stream hearing at the Knoxville Supreme Court Building must check-in with security for admission to the building.

Interested individuals who want to attend the hearing remotely via video conferencing to verbally address the Commission to express their opposition concerning an applicant must contact Ceesha Lofton at the Administrative Office of the Courts either by email at ceesha.lofton@tncourts.gov or by calling 615-741-2687 **by 4:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, February 22, 2022** so that the necessary electronic accommodations can be made for participation in the livestream.

If you require an accommodation or have special needs because of a disability, or if you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ceesha Lofton or Rachel Harmon at 615-741-2687.

This the 25th day of January, 2022.