

**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 Major Crimes Unit at the Office of the District Attorney General Charme P. Allen for the Sixth Judicial District in Knox County, Tennessee.

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 in 2013. My Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number is 032286.

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 licensed to practice law in Tennessee. My BPR number is 032286. I became licensed to practice on October 28th, 2013. My license to practice law has remained active since my date of licensure.

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).

I have never been denied admission, suspended, or placed on inactive status.

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).

Practice of Law

While in law school, I worked at the Office of the District Attorney General for the Sixth Judicial District for D.A. Randall E. Nichols as a summer clerk after completion of my first year in law school in 2011 and again after my second year in law school in 2012. During my first summer, I worked with the DUI prosecution unit and in my second summer I worked with the Repeat Offender Unit with a provisional license to practice law. During my time clerking with the

Repeat Offender Unit, I had the unique opportunity to serve as co-counsel in a jury trial which further fueled my desire to eventually work as a trial prosecutor.

After graduation in May 2013, I sat for the Tennessee Bar Exam in the summer of 2013 and became licensed to practice in October 2013. At that time, I began my private practice handling criminal defense, juvenile law, family law, and administrative proceedings. During that year, I frequently handled appointed and retained matters in Knox County. That experience gave me the opportunity to defend citizens accused of crimes and to help them craft strategies to assist with the legal and non-legal problems many of my clients faced with poverty and mental health.

In October 2014, I was offered a position as an Assistant District Attorney General in Knox County for then recently elected District Attorney General Charme P. Allen. Accordingly, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, I closed my private practice and began my new position as general trial court prosecutor in Criminal Court – Division II from November 2014 until January 2017. During my time in that position, I prosecuted a wide variety of cases that did not fall within the purview of one of the special trial units within the structure of the D.A.'s office. This also gave me the opportunity to familiarize myself with all aspects of the court's procedures, its personnel, and to try a wide array of cases before the Honorable Judge Bob McGee.

In January 2017, I was asked to join the Child Abuse Unit. This special unit is designed to prosecute child homicides, physical and sexual crimes perpetrated against children, sexual offender violations, and the electronic sexual exploitation of minors. During my time in this unit, I served on the Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) which is tasked with reviewing all child abuse investigations to determine if evidence exists to substantiate a particular referral. I also served on the Child Fatality Review Board which reviews and gathers information about all deaths of minors within the jurisdiction to discuss potential preventative solutions with stakeholders in the community.

In December 2018, I was asked to serve as the Team Leader for the Child Abuse Unit and remained in that leadership role until I transferred units in March 2021. The Team Leader of a special prosecution unit is tasked with immediate supervisory responsibilities over the other attorneys and staff within that unit. In that role, I served as the primary contact with law enforcement and upper command staff within the D.A.'s office for any issues or questions pertaining to the Child Abuse Unit. I also managed investigative caseloads, provided supervisory advice to all team members, and assisted other attorneys within the unit with trial preparation and in trial as needed.

In March 2021, I was asked to join the Major Crimes Unit - tasked with prosecuting violent class A and B felonies including adult homicides and sexual crimes. Since accepting this role, I have continued to be routinely involved in guiding investigations, handling pre-trial litigation, and trying cases on behalf of the State of Tennessee.

Since 2019, I have also represented the D.A.'s office in the Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force in Knox County. That group is comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement and non-governmental stakeholders who have the common goal of fighting human trafficking in this area. The primary function of this task force is to share information

between agencies and to organize and execute anti-trafficking law enforcement operations. In this role, I have made numerous local presentations on behalf of the D.A.'s office in schools and non-profit organizations.

#### Experience Outside the Practice of Law

I grew up in Seymour, a small town on the edge of Knox, Sevier, and Blount counties and began working at Valley Grove Baptist Church when I was fifteen years old. I was employed as a day camp youth leader during the summer and my duties included basic supervision of younger children as well as cleaning up after activities. That job turned into a more regular position during the school year and expanded to maintaining the gymnasium facilities, setting up for events, and refereeing organized sports. I continued working there until I graduated from Seymour High School and started college at the University of Tennessee in the Fall of 2006.

During the summers of 2006 - 2008, I worked at the Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office as a summer intern while still an undergraduate student at UT. I filed documents, ran errands, viewed court proceedings, searched for witnesses, and handled a wide variety of other assorted tasks while gaining my first real exposure to the legal profession. This experience fostered my desire to eventually attend law school.

In the fall of 2006, while an undergraduate freshman, I worked at the Office of Information Technology at the University of Tennessee. My primary job was to manually copy and distribute software campus-wide before online software downloads and updates became prevalent. I also worked as a Student Resident Assistant in Hess Hall from 2007 to 2008. In the fall of 2008, I obtained employment at the Apple Store in Knoxville selling technology devices and performing minor repairs. I maintained that employment until I left Knoxville to attend the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, in August 2010.

In 2013, while in my final year of law school, I served as a teaching assistant in the appellate advocacy course.

After graduating from law school, I worked as an SAT/ACT tutor while awaiting my bar results. Since that time, my only work outside of the practice of law has been as a little league coach for my children, which has been an unpaid, volunteer position.

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% within the area of criminal law. I am a trial prosecutor assigned to the Major Crimes Unit to prosecute homicides, sexual offenses, and other violent class A & B felony-level offenses. As part of that assignment, I am frequently involved in the guidance of investigations, pre-trial motion litigation, and jury trials. I regularly appear in the General Sessions Courts and all three divisions of Criminal Court in Knox County. I also make appearances in Knox County Juvenile Court when handling juvenile transfer proceedings.

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.

During my time as a trial prosecutor, I have handled a wide range of cases from minor criminal offenses to first-degree murder. When I first began at the D.A.'s Office, I was assigned to prosecute all Knox County general criminal offenses not assigned to a special prosecution unit in my division of Criminal Court. I personally handled a wide variety of cases, many culminating with jury trials. I commonly tried cases involving aggravated assaults, aggravated burglaries, business burglaries, and thefts. I also frequently handled the prosecution of probation violations while in this role. Throughout my career, I have not only been responsible for fulfilling my courtroom responsibilities, but also conducting my legal research, writing and presenting legal arguments before the court, and maintaining my trial calendar.

Once I moved to the Child Abuse Unit, I focused on the prosecution of violent crimes perpetrated against minors, electronic sexual exploitation, and sexual offender violations. In this assignment, I litigated legally intricate subjects associated with technology in child sexual exploitation cases, expert witnesses, and other assorted complex evidentiary issues. During that time, I frequently tried violent crimes perpetrated against minors in our community.

During my current assignment with the Major Crimes Unit, my practice has focused on the prosecution of homicides, sexual crimes, and other violent class A & B felonies. Our unit also reviews and prosecutes officer-involved incidents. In this assignment with the Major Crimes Unit, I work closely with law enforcement to assist in critical investigations, review search warrants, engage in pre-trial motion litigation, trial preparation, and regularly try cases in all three divisions of Criminal Court in Knox County.

I have also enjoyed the unique opportunity to lecture on two separate occasions at the Tennessee Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) conference on issues related to complex search warrants and electronic discovery procedures. I have been active in teaching and working with the D.A. Office's annual Citizens Academy since General Allen first began that program. The Citizen's Academy provides an opportunity for our community to see how the DA's Office functions and to experience the role of a prosecutor. I have also led an office-wide training on evolving legal issues pertaining to bail and pre-trial release in Knox County.

Before I began at the D.A.'s Office, I operated a private legal practice focused on criminal defense, juvenile defense, family law, and administrative proceedings. I litigated several matters in multiple different counties across east Tennessee as well as administrative hearings. I learned during my year in private practice that almost every person touched by the criminal justice system has someone that cares about them, and the effect of every decision made reverberates across the lives of generations connected to the citizen accused. I firmly believe this experience gave me a perspective that has always immensely benefitted me as I have progressed in my career.

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

*State v. Casey Reed & Samantha Harris*, No. 105494 (Knox Crim. Ct. Div. II)

I served as lead trial prosecutor in this case where a couple engaged in a scheme to burglarize the Aveda salon and school on Gay Street in downtown Knoxville. Ms. Harris worked at the business as a nighttime janitor and intentionally left certain doors propped open and unlocked as she performed her cleaning duties to permit a masked individual who was later identified as her boyfriend, Casey Reed, to enter areas of the building and steal over \$7,000 dollars of equipment. Memorably, although this case involved lower-level felonies, the trial required significant and complex presentation of cellular phone records in conjunction with security camera footage to establish the identity of Mr. Reed and coordinated movements of the co-defendants during the crime. The trial resulted in convictions for both defendants and each received two- and three-year sentences.

*State v. Trendell Brady*, Nos. 108642 & 106353 (Knox Crim. Ct. Div. I)

I served as lead trial prosecutor in this matter involving the rape of a child that resulted in pregnancy. This defendant memorably claimed his identical twin brother was the true perpetrator, so the trial involved complexities with DNA evidence and other significant factual and legal issues. As a result of a successful prosecution, a fifty-year sentence was imposed by the trial court. *See id.*, No. E2019-00947-CCA-R3-CD, 2020 WL 1847480 (Tenn. Crim. App. April 13, 2020), *no perm. app. filed*.

*State v. Eric Foster*, No. 110008 (Knox Crim. Ct. Div. I)

I served as lead trial prosecutor in this case wherein the defendant was charged with the aggravated rape of a teenager. This trial required significant pre-trial litigation involving whether the defendant's statement was taken in violation of *Miranda*. There was expert medical testimony regarding bodily injury and complex electronic evidence. As a result of a successful prosecution, a fifteen-year sentence was imposed by the trial court. *See id.*, No. E2018-01205-CCA-R3-CD, 2019 WL 1546996 (Tenn. Crim. App. April 9, 2019), *no perm. app. filed*.

*State v. Jahangir Shaffighi*, No. 56097 (Knox Crim. Ct. Div. III)

I served as lead trial prosecutor in this case that was first presented to the Knox County Grand Jury in 1994. After his arrest in 1994, the defendant made bond and fled the country until he was taken into custody while on an international flight in 2016. This defendant was tried for the rape of a young female pupil at the taekwondo studio he operated in the early 1990s. Upon a successful trial prosecution, this defendant was finally brought to justice and convicted nearly 27 years after his initial indictment. As a result, a twenty-five-year sentence was imposed by the trial court.

*State v. Bobby Hansard, State v. Sean Longmire*, Nos. 115334, 115335 (Knox Crim. Ct. Div. I)

I served as co-counsel in this case wherein these co-defendants were charged and tried separately with the first-degree murder of one individual and the attempted first-degree murder of three others during a violent shooting. This case involved complex ballistic evidence and pre-trial litigation. As a result of the successful prosecutions, both defendants received life sentences after conviction in their respective trials.

*State v. Timothy Wells*, No. 116128 (Knox Crim. Ct. Div. II)

I served as lead trial prosecutor in this case wherein the defendant was tried for the murder of his girlfriend. The defendant initially claimed the cause of the victim's fatal gunshot wound was a suicide but later claimed he accidentally misfired the weapon resulting in her death. This case featured a unique and complex battle of the experts in forensic ballistics and trajectory analysis which became a highly contested focal point in pre-trial litigation and during the trial. The jury returned a verdict for the State finding the defendant guilty as charged of second-degree murder. The defendant is currently awaiting sentencing.

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

During my time at the D.A.'s office, I have presented on numerous occasions to law school groups, private organizations, teachers, and law enforcement agencies on issues of human trafficking, mandatory reporting of child abuse, and online safety.

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

I have never previously applied for any state or federal judicial position.

### **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.

#### **Appalachian School of Law – Juris Doctor 2010-2013.**

While a third-year law student, I won the award for the highest grade in my class in Trial Advocacy. That same year, I served as a teaching assistant in the Appellate Advocacy course. I also served as an Associate Justice on the Student Bar Association Judicial Board, as Executive Chair of the Moot Court Board 2012-2013, a member of the environmental/natural resources Moot Court Team from 2012-2013, and as student captain of the American Association of Justice Trial Advocacy Team from 2011-2013. I was a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. I was a Dean's Scholar. I also served as President of the Criminal Law Society from 2011-2013.

In 2013, I competed in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition at Pace University Law School where my team finished as an overall finalist, and I was named Best Oralist-Honorable Mention.

**University of Tennessee – Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy 2006-2010.**

I was a member of the undergraduate Mock Trial team from 2006-2010 where I won numerous individual and team awards at regional and national competitions. I served on the Student Judicial Board from 2009-2010. I was a Student Resident Assistant in Hess Hall from 2007-2008. I was also a student volunteer at WUTK 90.3, a university radio station, from 2007-2008.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

12. State your date of birth.

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

My father, who served in the Navy, was stationed in several locations around the country before our family came home to live permanently in Tennessee in 1994. Since that time, except for the three years at law school in Virginia, I have lived continuously in Tennessee.

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

I have resided in Knox County since 2013.

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

I am registered to vote in Knox County, Tennessee.

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 armed forces.

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.

I am not aware of any such investigation.

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 received a formal complaint.

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)?

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.

Yes. Together with the County of Knox and other named members of District Attorney General Charmé Allen's office, I was a named co-defendant in a federal lawsuit filed in the Eastern District for Tennessee. The case was *Darren Berg v. Knox County, Tennessee et al*, (Docket No.

3:20-cv-00019). Mr. Berg, a local criminal defense attorney, alleged that I informed Judge Steven Sword that Mr. Berg was intentionally avoiding service of process on an active warrant for his arrest when Mr. Berg was absent for a scheduled hearing for his client. Mr. Berg claimed this information caused Judge Steven Sword to issue a show cause order against him that same day. I was represented by the Tennessee Attorney General's Office in this matter. The complaint was filed on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr. Berg voluntarily dismissed his claim against me without prejudice on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. No settlement agreement was ever discussed, and the case has never been re-filed.

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.

United Way of Great Knoxville – Health Investment Committee (2022)

YWCA - Associate Council (2019-2021)

Introduction Knoxville Alumnus – Fall Class of 2021

I am an active member of the Farragut/Concord Republican Club.

My children play baseball in Farragut with Farragut Baseball, Inc. I have served as an assistant coach within this league.

My family and I attend St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Farragut, Tennessee.

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 have never been a member of any such organization.

### **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.

Knoxville Bar Association (2013 - present) – I have volunteered with the annual regional high school mock trial competition annually serving as a judge and juror since 2013. I greatly enjoy being involved in this program because I learned so much from these competitions when I was in high school and undergraduate. I believe they teach students valuable critical thinking and public speaking skills that translate beyond the legal career path. I have written and contributed to articles for DICTA, the Knoxville Bar Association’s monthly publication, on multiple occasions in the past. I currently serve on the Judicial Committee which coordinates and provides support to the members of the judiciary and the various courts with a goal to constantly enhance the interactions and relationships between local attorneys and judges.

Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court (2021 - present) – This organization is an association of lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals who meet monthly to discuss pressing legal issues, to engage in mentorship, to become more informed on different areas of the law, and to advance the highest levels of ethics and civility within the practice of law.

Federalist Society (2022 – present) – This organization is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. Organizational meetings promote an awareness of these principles and further their application through corporal activities.

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.

I was honored to be recognized as an Everyday Hero by the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking in 2020 for my work in combatting trafficking in Knox County.

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 never previously held public office.

**ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

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

I was raised in this community and have called it home for nearly my entire life. From a young age, my parents impressed upon me a deep respect for the rule of law and the effect the work of the courts has on every person that appears before a judge. I understand that for many citizens, their sole interaction with their local government is in the courts and it is imperative the proceedings project fairness, civility, and equal justice under the law. I want to ensure my wife, Katheryn, our two children, and the rest of my community can be confident in their government and live in a safe and thriving Knox County. I seek this position because I appreciate the court's role in administering those imperatives and instilling confidence in government. I have the knowledge and experience to be successful in this judgeship from day one.

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 seek appointment to the judgeship for Criminal Court – Division II in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District which is comprised entirely of Knox County. This court is tasked with hearing all types of criminal cases. Like the two other divisions of criminal court, this court has a very high case volume. At the end of 2021, there were approximately 1,028 open cases in different phases of litigation in Division II. To deal with that volume and to be effective, a trial judge must strive to maintain scheduling, work extra hours to thoroughly review pre-trial motions, carefully preside over hearings and trials, and operate punctually so cases can be promptly resolved. I possess the experience necessary to efficiently manage the extensive docket responsibilities and the strength of principle to uphold the rule of law and to ensure justice is fairly rendered to every litigant and victim that 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)*

I staunchly believe our system does not work properly without a healthy respect for the separation of powers possessed by each unique branch of government. With that essential principle in mind, it is the role of the trial court judge to strictly enforce and administer the text of statutes and other promulgated rules – regardless of whether the court substantively agrees with the statute. I will uphold the law, even if I possess some personal substantive disagreement, because my fundamental judicial outlook compels that result.

As a trial prosecutor, I have occasionally been concerned with the lack of discretion made available to the court in rendering a sentence where a defendant has made significant personal progress since the commission of the crime. For example, many of our citizens accused of committing a crime suffer from ongoing addiction to narcotics. On one occasion, I prosecuted

an individual who stole an ambulance at a local hospital while allegedly under the influence of narcotics. Because of the value of the ambulance and its equipment, the theft was classified as an A felony. While on pre-trial bail release, the defendant had undergone drug dependency treatment and had made significant improvement in his life. Because neither side could reach a pre-trial resolution, I performed my duty and tried the case to conviction. Under these facts, the rigid sentencing structure in place for this non-violent crime required a minimum of fifteen years of imprisonment despite the immense personal progress of the individual convicted.

**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. Charme P. Allen, District Attorney General – Sixth Judicial District [REDACTED] Knoxville, TN 37902 [REDACTED]
B. Steve Oberman, Managing Partner of Oberman & Rice [REDACTED] Knoxville, TN 37902 [REDACTED]
C. Tim Irwin, Knox County Juvenile Court Judge [REDACTED] Knoxville, TN 37919 [REDACTED]
D. Richard Montgomery, Chairman of the Tennessee Board of Parole [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Nashville, TN 37243 [REDACTED]
E. Tom Spangler, Sheriff of Knox County [REDACTED] Knoxville, TN 37902 [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 Criminal Court – Division II in Knox 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: July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

  
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Signature

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



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

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NASHVILLE, TN 37219

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
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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.

Nathaniel R. Ogle

Type or Print Name

N. R. Ogle

Signature

7-5-2022

Date

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BPR #

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