NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Tennessee Supreme Court

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee Executive Order No. 41, notice is hereby given that the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments will meet in Nashville on October 27, 2015 to initiate the process of filling the vacancy on the Supreme Court. The Honorable Gary R. Wade has retired effective September 8, 2015, thereby creating a vacancy.

Any member of the public, either lay or attorney, shall be entitled to attend the public hearing to express, orally or in writing, such citizen's objections to any suggested nominee for the judicial vacancy.

Any interested applicant must be an attorney licensed in Tennessee who is at least 35 years of age, a resident of the state for five years, and must reside in the Eastern or Western Tennessee Grand Divisions. All interested candidates should submit a completed Applicant Questionnaire, available on our website at <u>www.tncourts.gov</u>, to the Council for its consideration. Questionnaires should be submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by no later than Monday, October 12 at Noon CDT. The Commission encourages all candidates to submit applications as early as possible.

Each candidate must submit by the deadline the original signed (unbound) Applicant Questionnaire <u>as well as a digital copy</u> in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for the judicial vacancy for which he/she is applying. Complete application instructions are on our website at <u>www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources</u>.

The Council is committed to the goal of a diverse judiciary and encourages all qualified attorneys to apply for any judicial vacancy for consideration without regard to race, ethnicity, or gender.

If you require an accommodation and/or have special needs because of a qualified disability, have questions, or need additional information, please contact Debra Hayes at the Administrative Office of the Courts at 615-741-2687.

This the 9th day of September, 2015.