

JUDGE FRANK G. CLEMENT, JR.

Recommendation: RETAIN

Commission Vote: 9 FOR RETENTION • 0 FOR REPLACEMENT

Legal Education and Experience

Judge Frank G. Clement, Jr. received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Nashville School of Law in 1979. He engaged in the private practice of law in Tennessee from 1979 until 1995. He was then appointed to the position of Judge of Division VII of the Circuit Court of Davidson County. He served in that capacity until his appointment to the Court of Appeals in September, 2003, was elected in 2004, and was re-elected in 2006.

Service to the Profession

Judge Clement is a Fellow in the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Foundations. He is a Past President of the Nashville Bar Association and a member of the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations. Judge Clement was selected to participate in the Institute of Judicial Administration for Appellate Judges at New York University in July of 2004. He was recently recognized as the Appellate Court Judge of the Year in 2012 by the American Board of Trial Advocacy.

Survey Results and Interview

Judge Clement's survey ratings from appellate judges, trial judges, attorneys and court personnel reflect an excellent performance. His ratings in the general perfor-

mance category, including, among other things, ethical conduct, demonstration of courtesy and respect, and appropriate judicial temperament were particularly noteworthy, as was his rating in using structured, logical reasoning in written opinions. The interview supported the survey ratings. Judge Clement noted that as he gained experience on the bench, he has an increased comfort level in writing opinions.

Recommendation

The Commission unanimously recommends Judge Frank G. Clement, Jr. be retained on the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

Judge Clement's Response

Having served as a judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals for ten years, I am most fortunate and gratified that the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission has unanimously recommended that I be retained to continue to serve our state for another term. I have endeavored to perform ethically, competently, and without bias or prejudice in each of the thousands of cases of which I have been involved. Should the good people of Tennessee choose to retain me in this position, I promise to continue to serve to the best of my abilities.