

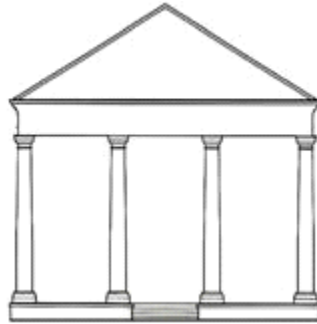
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Dear Task Force Members,

I write regarding the 30th judicial district. As an attorney for 31 years, I would respectfully request that you not change the number of Judges in Shelby County. As you may already know, Shelby County is unique as compared to other parts of Tennessee. As a single county district, we are fortunate to have many courts to serve the needs of the business community as well as our citizens/ employees.

Shelby County contributes through our own tax base not only buildings, employees, and other resources, but the funding for two state level judgeships. There are also cases unique to Shelby County which take great time and effort that may not be the same in other districts. It is not unusual to have a Health Care Liability action take several weeks in trial, which necessitates other judges being available. It is not unusual for complex divorce matters to take up several days of motion hearings, and the trial and subsequent post-judgment motions require even more days. Our judges are dedicated and spend time after business hours on cases, yet litigants wait for months for a hearing date.

I have found the current make-up of the Circuit, Chancery, Probate, and Criminal Courts to all work together for the good of the citizens of Shelby County and urge you to leave the district as it is.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
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