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Re: Composition of Judicial Districts

Dear Advisory Task Force Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write regarding the 30th judicial district. I am currently the Co-Chair for the Family Law Section of the Memphis Bar Association. On behalf of our Section, I urge you to leave the judiciary as it is here 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 community at large.

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 or another large civil action take several weeks in trial, which necessitates additional judges being available to assist the local bar; especially within the realm of our family law cases. When emergencies arise involving children, families and/or domestic violence, it is imperative to have a judge available for our attorneys, which thereby gives our clients full access to the Courts.

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. On behalf of the Board of the Family Law Section of the Memphis Bar Association, we respectfully urge you to leave the judicial district as it is.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



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