

IN THE TENNESSEE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN RE: THE HONORABLE JAMES TAYLOR
GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE
HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DOCKET NUMBER: M-2011-00706-CJ-CJ-CJ

FILE NUMBER: 11-04731

ORDER OF RECUSAL

Prior to becoming Presiding Judge of the Court of the Judiciary in August of 2011, I participated as a member of the Court in the above-styled matter as a member of the investigative panel. After becoming Presiding Judge, I continued in this role and was one of the members of the Court who authorized the filing of the formal charges by disciplinary counsel. As a member of the investigative panel, I must now recuse myself from this matter pursuant to T.C.A. 17-5-308, which states that the "hearing shall be conducted by the hearing panel, and no member of the investigative panel for the particular cause shall participate in the hearing or the deliberations of the cause." Any further proceedings on this matter should be handled by the Presiding Judge Pro-tem pursuant to Rule Two of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of the Judiciary which states that

If at any meeting the presiding judge is not present, the presiding judge pro tem shall preside. If the presiding judge is recused with respect to a matter, the presiding judge pro tem shall act as presiding judge with respect to such matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 24th day of January, 2012.

JUDGE CHRIS CRAFT
PRESIDING JUDGE