**Notice of Judicial Vacancy**

**Court of Criminal Appeals**

**Eastern Section**

Pursuant to State of Tennessee Executive Order No. 87 issued on September 17, 2021, notice is hereby given that the Governor’s Council for Judicial Appointments will meet in the Eastern Grand Division to initiate the process of filling a vacancy on the Eastern Section of the Court of Criminal Appeals following the death of Judge James Curwood Witt, Jr., on August 17, 2024. The Council will meet Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. EST in the courtroom of the Tennessee Supreme Court Building, 505 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Qualified applicants must be licensed attorneys who are at least 30 years of age, have been residents of the state for five years, and must reside in the Eastern Grand Division of Tennessee. Interested applicants must complete the Governor’s Council for Judicial Appointments’ application, which is available at [www.TNCourts.gov](http://www.TNCourts.gov/), and submit it to the Administrative Office of the Courts **by 12:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, November 13th.**

Applicants must submit by the deadline: (1) the original signed and unbound application (updated version posted on 11/28/22) with writing samples; and (2) a digital copy of the application (updated version posted on 11/28/22) with writing samples in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for consideration for the judicial vacancy for which he/she is applying. Complete application instructions can be found at: [www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources](http://www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources) . The Council encourages applicants to submit applications as soon as possible and communicate with the Administrative Office of the Courts to schedule hand-delivery or provide delivery tracking information for the original application to help ensure timely receipt by the deadline.

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

Any member of the public may attend the public hearing to express, orally or in writing, their objections concerning applicant(s) for the judicial vacancy.

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

This, the 7th day of October, 2024.