

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCIES
30th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge, Division III
30th Judicial District Criminal Court Judge, Division I
Shelby County

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Annotated § 17-4-308(d), notice is hereby given that the Trial Court Vacancy Commission will meet Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. local time in the 30th Judicial District to initiate the process of filling two vacancies following the elevation of the Honorable Valerie L. Smith to the appellate bench and the retirement of the Honorable Paula L. Skahan on June 30, 2025. The Commission will meet in the Historic Courtroom, Room 325 at The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 1 North Front St., Memphis, TN 38103.

Applicants must be an attorney licensed in Tennessee who is at least 30 years of age, a resident of the state for five years, and must reside in the Judicial District. The Commission is committed to encouraging a diverse judiciary and welcomes all qualified attorneys to apply.

For an applicant to be considered for the judicial vacancy, the Administrative Office of the Courts must receive a completed application **by 12:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, June 13, 2025.** The application and instructions are available at <http://www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources>. A completed application includes: (1) the original signed (unbound) application; **and** (2) a digital copy of the application. The Commission 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.

Any member of the public may attend the public hearing to express, orally or in writing, 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 about the Commission, or need to schedule hand-delivery or provide delivery tracking information for an application, please contact John Jefferson at the Administrative Office of the Courts at John.Jefferson@tncourts.gov or 615-741-2687.

This, the 23rd day of May, 2025.