

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY
Criminal Court
6th Judicial District
Knox County

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Annotated § 17-4-308(d), notice is hereby given that the Trial Court Vacancy Commission will meet Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. local time in the 6th Judicial District to initiate the process of filling a vacancy in the 6th JD Criminal Court following the elevation of the Honorable Steven Sword to the appellate bench. The Commission will meet at the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

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 Wednesday, May 14, 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 21st day of April, 2025.