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Dear Task Force Members,

On behalf of the Memphis Bar Association, I write concerning the demand for judicial resources in the 30th Judicial District. Based on the 2017 weighted caseload study, the 30th Judicial District needs 21.49 or 21.59 judges; it currently has 22 judges. Eliminating or more judgeships would put the 30th Judicial District underresourced.

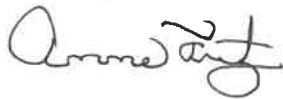
In addition, the projected population of Shelby County, which comprises all of the 30th Judicial District, is estimated to grow from 950,325 in 2020 to 986,447 in 2030, requiring nearly 26 judges to meet the projected demand. Therefore, it would seem short-sighted to eliminate a position in Shelby County when the estimated demand will require more judges in the future.

There are also cases unique to Shelby County that take great time and effort, such as health care liability and products liability cases, which can take several weeks to resolve.

Based on the caseload statistics and potential future population growth, The Memphis Bar Association encourages the Task Force to leave the 30th Judicial District as it currently stands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Anne Fritz,
Executive Director