

# Supreme Court of Tennessee

## *Application for Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter*

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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1. Please provide the following:

Age:	65	Date of birth:	[REDACTED]/1956	City and state (or country) of birth:	Clarksville, TN
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]	TN Driver's License No.	[REDACTED]		
Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility No.	009711	Year licensed to practice:	1981		

2. How long have you lived continuously in the State of Tennessee?

All my life except from February 1984 to September 1984 when my wife and I worked in Washington, D.C. and resided in Virginia.

3. Are you registered to vote in Tennessee? If so, please give the county.

Yes, Davidson County.

4. In what states have you lived since age 21? Indicate length of stay and approximate dates.

State	Length	From	To
Tennessee	6 years, 5 months	8/31/1977	1/31/1984

Virginia	8 months	2/1/1984	1/31/1984
Tennessee	38 years, 4 months	2/1/1984	Present Date

5. Family Status:

a) If you are presently married, give the full name and present address of your spouse, the date and place of your marriage, and your spouse's occupation and place of employment.

Spouse's Name	Address	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Jane Wright Young	[REDACTED], Brentwood TN 37027	[REDACTED]/1983	Nashville, TN
Occupation		Place of Employment	
Attorney		Retired	

b) If you have been married previously, state the name of your former spouse, the date and place of the marriage, and the date the marriage terminated. If the marriage was terminated by divorce, give the date and place of the divorce, the name and location of the court, and the present or last known address of your former spouse.

Former Spouse's Name		Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Date Marriage Terminated
Divorced Spouse	Divorce Date	Place of Divorce	Court Name & Location	Spouse Address

c) If you have children, state the name, age, address, present occupation, and name and address of the employer of each, if applicable.

Name	Age	Address
[REDACTED]	31	[REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Occupation	Employer Name	Employer Address
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Name	Age	Address
Occupation	Employer Name	Employer Address

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Occupation	Employer Name	Employer Address

Name	Age	Address
Occupation	Employer Name	Employer Address

6. If you have served in the military, please state the branch of service, your service number, the dates of active duty, and your rank/rate at separation. If your discharge was other than honorable, please explain. Please list any decorations, honors, or achievements in connection with your military service.

Branch	Service Number	Dates	Rank/Rate
N/A			
Additional Information:			

7. If you are not physically and mentally able to perform the essential duties of Attorney General and Reporter without accommodations, please identify any accommodations you may need to perform the job.

N/A
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8. If you have ever pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a violation of any law (other than a minor traffic offense), regulation, or ordinance, give the date, court, charge, and disposition. This question includes any convictions that have been expunged and any convictions for which you are on diversion.

Date	Court	Charge	Disposition
N/A			

9. If, to your knowledge, you have ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute, give details.

N/A
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10. If a tax lien or other collection procedure has ever been instituted against you by any federal,

state, or local authority, or any private party, give details.

N/A

11. If you have not complied with all federal and state tax laws, including social security tax laws, please explain.

N/A

12. If you have ever been a party in any legal proceedings, give details, including the date, court, docket number, nature of proceedings, and resolution.

I filed a lawsuit on January 26, 2012, to resolve a dispute with a collection company, a provider of health care services, and two major credit agencies that had inappropriately diminished my credit rating because they had confused the debt of another individual named "William E. Young," with me. The suit was filed in Davidson County Chancery Court and was styled *William E. Young v. Revenue Recovery Corp.; Equifax Information Services LLC; Experian Information Solutions, Inc; Southern Tennessee Radiology; Paul Ellis*, Case No. 12-130-I. The suit was ultimately resolved by settlement. To the best of my knowledge, I have not been named in any other legal proceedings.

13. Do you have a social media presence? If so, list the names of all social media platforms, networking sites, websites, gaming websites or blogs (i.e. Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) you are currently a member of, administer, maintain, or post on regularly for personal or professional use. Additionally, next to the platform's name, enter the user/profile names or handles you use for each. Please **DO NOT** provide your passwords. If you do not have a social media presence, please enter N/A in the first space below.

Social Media Platform	User/profile name or handle
Bet MGM	[REDACTED]

Note: Username redacted because it is a personal email address.

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## EDUCATION

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14. List each college, law school, and other graduate school you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded, and major. If you left before obtaining a degree, please give your reason for leaving.

School	Dates	Degree	Major
University of the South	8/1974 to 5/1975	Transferred to another college	
Vanderbilt University	8/1975 to 12/1977	B.A.	Political Science and History
I attended Emory Law School from 8/78 to 5/79. I transferred to Vanderbilt Law School and attended Vanderbilt from 8/79 until 5/81. I obtained a J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School.			

15. For your law school education only, please give your academic standing (class rank), whether you served on the staff of a legal publication such as the law review, including your position and responsibilities, and whether you were a member of a moot court or mock trial team. List other significant law school activities and any honors, awards, or other forms of recognition you received in law school.

Vanderbilt Law School does not make public its law students class rank, that policy was in place when I attended, and I verified with Vanderbilt Law School that the policy continues in place today. I participated in the moot court competition at Vanderbilt.

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## LEGAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

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16. If you are licensed to practice law in any state other than Tennessee, please give the year and whether your license is currently active. Please also list all courts to which you have been admitted, including administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

State and Bar No.	Year	License Status
N/A		
Court Admissions:		

17. If you have ever been denied admission to, suspended by, or placed on inactive status by the Bar of any state, please give dates, even if the action was temporary, and explain.

N/A
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18. If you have been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group, give details.

N/A
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19. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you have been a member within the last ten years, including dates. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups and participation in any committees you consider significant.

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Group	Dates	Office	Dates
Tennessee Bar Association	Last 10 Years		
Nashville Bar Association	Last 10 Years	Board of Directors	2017 - 2021
American Health Lawyers Association	Last 10 Years		
American Bar Association	Last 10 Years		
Nashville Inns of Court	Last 10 years, currently emeritus member		

Committees: Tennessee Bar Association Health Lawyers Committee, Vice-Chair and Chair several years ago. Tennessee Bar Association Governmental Committee. Nashville Bar Association CLE Committee. Nashville Bar Association Memorial Committee.

Member of American Bar Association Foundation, Tennessee Bar Foundation and Nashville Bar Foundation.

21. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition that you have received since your graduation from law school that are directly related to legal accomplishments.

In 2009 I was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to serve on the Access to Justice Commission. The Commission was tasked with exploring ways to improve the delivery of pro bono services by Tennessee lawyers. I left the Commission when I assumed the position of Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In 2009 I was appointed by the Speaker of the Tennessee Senate to serve on the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission. I was elected Vice-Chair of the Commission in 2009 and became Chair of the Commission approximately six months after my selection as Vice-Chair. I served as Chair of the Commission until I resigned from the Commission when I agreed to become the Solicitor General of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office effective September 1, 2011.

In early 2015, Governor Haslam appointed me to serve on the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments. I left this position when I was appointed to the position of Davidson County Chancellor by Governor Haslam in September 2016.

22. If you have served as a judicial law clerk for a judge or as a staff attorney to a court, give the name of the judge or court and dates of service, and describe your experience.

I served as a law clerk for now retired Judge Russell H. Hippe, Jr. and Chief Judge George C. Paine II of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. My tenure in this position was from October 1981 to January 1984. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and learned much about the federal bankruptcy and insolvency process. For years afterwards, I practiced in the bankruptcy area and my experience as a clerk was invaluable in helping me to work in this area of the law. Just as important, I developed friendships during this time with the bankruptcy judges, the judges' staff, members of the court's clerk's office and attorneys who appeared before the Middle District bankruptcy courts.

23. Indicate your present employment, and list any professional partners or other members if applicable.

Current Employment	Date Employed
<b>Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance</b> Appointed by the 12 member Bureau as Executive Director; responsible for oversight of all matters regulated by the Bureau	October 15, 2019

<p>through its two 6 member boards, the Tennessee Ethics Commission and the Registry Board; these boards are responsible for the regulation of Tennessee’s campaign finance, lobbying, disclosure statements of conflicts of interests and various state ethics laws; responsible for supervision of 10 Bureau staff personnel, scheduling and developing the agenda for the meetings of the Bureau’s two boards, and responding to inquiries from the public and State officials regarding the Bureau’s work.</p>	
<p>Partners or other members: N/A</p>	

24. Other than service as a judicial law clerk for a judge or as a staff attorney to a court, list and briefly describe your prior employment in the legal field since the completion of your legal education, and give the dates of such employment. If you have had any periods of unemployment in excess of six months since completion of your legal education, please describe what you did during those periods.

I have been fortunate over my almost 40 years of legal practice to hold a variety of different positions that provided me unique insight into several different legal fields and allowed me to gain and exercise management experience that would be invaluable to me if I were fortunate enough to be appointed Tennessee’s Attorney General. These positions include:

**Harris Shelton, Memphis and Nashville Tennessee**  
Of Counsel for law firm Harris Shelton; responsible for opening and supervising the firm’s Nashville office; handled a number of litigation and bankruptcy related matters; appeared in Davidson County Chancery and Circuit Courts as well as federal bankruptcy court; also was appointed by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee to mediate a class action case against the State of Tennessee alleging the State was not providing appropriate healthcare services to state correctional inmates; held this position from September 1, 2018 to October 14, 2019

**Chancellor, Davidson County Chancery Court Part II, Twentieth Judicial District**  
Appointed to this position by Governor Bill Haslam; one of four chancellors serving the Twentieth Judicial District covering Davidson County, Tennessee; responsible for presiding over all civil cases assigned to Part II, Chancery Court, including both cases resolved by the Chancellor and several jury trials; also agreed to handle several cases from other judicial districts by interchange, including cases from the judicial districts covering Rutherford and Hickman Counties; held this position from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2018.

**Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee**  
Associate Attorney General; part of Attorney General's senior management team; responsible for handling relationship and requests from Tennessee General Assembly, executive branch officials and other state offices; responsible for special litigation and



other projects as assigned by Attorney General; employed from December 15, 2014, to August 31, 2016.

**Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC"), Nashville, Tennessee**

Director; responsible for oversight of over 70 employees at AOC and working with the General Assembly, Governor's Office and other state officials to address issues confronting Tennessee's court system; the director serves on several boards, including the Tennessee Consolidated State Retirement System Board of Trustees; the AOC reports to the Tennessee Supreme Court and provides information technology, logistical and educational support for the Tennessee court system; the AOC also administers the State's \$39 million indigent defense fund; employed from December 9, 2013 to December 15, 2014.

**Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee**

Served as Solicitor General; responsible for oversight of all appellate litigation involving the Attorney General's Office, all written legal opinions requested by state officials, and the review of requests by other states or parties for the Office to join amicus briefs; served as part of the Attorney General's senior management team; employed from September 1, 2011, to December 8, 2013.

**BlueCross and BlueShield of Tennessee ("BCBST"), Chattanooga, Tennessee**

Served as Senior Vice President of Risk Management, Chief Compliance Officer (title transferred to another individual reporting to me in approximately 2008) and General Counsel; duties included oversight of legal, compliance, internal audit, information security, provider audit, corporate governance and overall security (this duty added in approximately 2009); responsible for managing over 250 persons in these various areas; part of senior management team and reported directly to BCBST Chief Executive Officer; employed from December 18, 2002 until August 31, 2011.

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee**

University Counsel; responsible for legal matters involving TennCare (Tennessee's Medicaid waiver program), managed care contracting, government relations, workers' compensation, general health-related issues; employed from August 15, 2001, to December 15, 2002.

**Tennessee Hospital Association ("THA"), Nashville, Tennessee**

General Counsel, Senior Vice President for Policy; responsible for providing legal guidance to THA, assisting THA in formulating policy and supervising THA's outside counsel; employed from September 1, 2000, to August 1, 2001.

**Hospital Alliance of Tennessee ("HAT"), Nashville, Tennessee**

President; responsible for representing the interests of Tennessee not-for-profit hospitals and providing members with education, government, and public relations tools to use locally to support their hospitals; employed from January 1, 1999, to August 31, 2000.

**Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Nashville, Tennessee**

Deputy Commissioner, TennCare Division; in charge of division of approximately 15 persons (primarily auditors) responsible for oversight of entities participating by contract in Tennessee's TennCare program; employed from February 1995 to December 31, 1998.

**Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee**

Assistant Attorney General and Senior Counsel (effective 1991) for the Tax Division; represented clients primarily in tax and bankruptcy areas before federal and state courts; employed from April 1990 to February 1995.

**First American National Bank, Nashville Tennessee**

Staff attorney; responsible for representing bank in various bankruptcy matters; left after a short tenure due to dissatisfaction with job responsibilities and returned to Tennessee Attorney General's Office; employed from approximately February 1, 1990 to April 1990.

**Tennessee Attorney General's Office, Nashville, Tennessee**

Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division; represented clients primarily in tax and bankruptcy areas before federal and State courts; employed from August 1986 to approximately February 1, 1990

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), Nashville, Tennessee**

Staff Attorney in Nashville regional office; responsible for all bankruptcy cases and proceedings located in Nashville office; left employment when FDIC regional office was closed; employed from October 1985 to August 1986

**Speight & Parker, Nashville, Tennessee**

Associate attorney from October 1984 to October 1985; represented clients primarily in commercial/bankruptcy and insurance areas.

**Laughlin, Halle, Clark, Gibson & McBride, Washington, D.C.**

Associate attorney in Washington, D.C. office of Memphis, Tennessee law firm; primary duties were research on specific legal issues for firm partners; February 1984 to September 1984.

I also was previously employed as an Adjunct Law Professor by Belmont University. I taught Conflicts of Law at Belmont School of Law starting in the spring of 2016 and ending in 2019. I have also been paid as a poll worker in Davidson County for elections occurring since 2019. I have engaged in no other occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law since 1981.

25. Describe the nature of your present law practice; list the major areas of law in which you practice and the approximate percentage each constitutes of your total practice.

My current position as Executive Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, while not a legal position per se, does require me to be familiar with Tennessee's campaign finance, lobbying, statement of interests and ethics laws. I work closely with the Bureau's General Counsel as well as counsel for the Tennessee Attorney General's Office regarding legal matters impacting the Bureau, including administrative appeals of the Bureau's decisions in contested case matters. I also frequently speak to various groups regarding the Bureau and the laws regulated by the Bureau, including presentations sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association, and the Memphis Bar Association. My work with the Bureau is full time, and I therefore spend 100 % of my work time on matters impacting the Bureau.

26. List other areas of law in which you have practiced, and describe any other legal experience that you would like to bring to the attention of the Court.

My legal practice has shifted over the years. Until 1995 my legal practice focused heavily on bankruptcy, state tax and administrative matters. This practice involved frequent appearances in federal and state courts. When I was with the Attorney General's Office, I handled and tried numerous tax and bankruptcy cases in Tennessee trial courts (primarily the Chancery Courts) and in Tennessee federal courts. I also represented the State of Tennessee in several bankruptcy matters outside of Tennessee, including the federal bankruptcy courts in Cincinnati, Ohio and Wilmington, Delaware. This practice included numerous appellate arguments before the Tennessee Court of Appeals, the Tennessee Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on complex State tax and bankruptcy issues.

In 1995, I was appointed Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Commerce of Insurance, TennCare Division. This appointment shifted my legal responsibilities to health and insurance matters. My duties included management of employees and interaction with the Tennessee General Assembly and other state agencies. After I left the Deputy Commissioner position, I became a full-time lobbyist and counsel for the two largest state hospital associations. When I left those associations for Vanderbilt, I continued to handle health/insurance issues but also appeared in various trial courts representing Vanderbilt, especially on workers compensation matters.

At BCBST, I focused on managing several areas and working with the BCBST senior management team to develop and implement the company's business plan. My duties included handling significant legal issues and cases involving BCBST and I represented the company in several difficult mediations. In this role, I was responsible for managing several different areas of BCBST including compliance, legal, information and physical security, corporate governance, provider audit and internal audit. Over 250 BCBST employees worked in these various areas. I also worked closely with the BCBST Board of Directors and would report to the Board on a quarterly basis. I also worked closely with the general counsels of other Blue plans, especially those plans in the Southeast, on common issues.

One of the reasons I left BCBST in 2011 to accept the position of Solicitor General was to return to a public position that allowed me to represent the State of Tennessee on interesting and complex issues and to again appear in court to represent clients. For the last ten years I have primarily devoted my career to working in various capacities for the State of Tennessee, with a one-year hiatus to assist the law firm Harris Shelton in establishing its Nashville office. During my tenure as Solicitor General, I argued two cases in the Tennessee appellate courts. I also worked with legislators and other state officials on complicated and challenging legal opinion requests. When I was appointed director of the AOC, I returned to a management role, but I also was challenged with addressing and resolving several difficult issues confronting the State court system. My return to the Attorney General's Office allowed me to again work on challenging legal and legislative matters confronting the State of Tennessee. I left the Attorney General's Office to apply for and fortunately obtain the appointment as Chancellor for the Twentieth Judicial District. My two years as Chancellor allowed me to experience an array of civil cases and to develop the unique perspective of the practice of law from the judicial bench. I also was able to work with and observe some very talented judges serving the citizens of Davidson County, and I learned much from my interaction with these judges. I have continued my state service in my current position as Executive Director of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance and have learned a different area of the law.

27. If you have practiced in proceedings before administrative boards or commissions, state the agencies and the approximate number of proceedings in which you appeared before each agency. Of that total, indicate in how many you appeared as sole counsel, how many as chief counsel, and how many as associate counsel.

Agency	Total	Sole Counsel	Chief Counsel	Assoc. Counsel
Tennessee Department of Labor--Benefit Review Commission	One	Yes	N/A	N/A

28. If you have handled matters that have been arbitrated or mediated, state the approximate number. Of that total, indicate in how many you were involved as sole counsel, how many as chief counsel, and how many as associate counsel.

Approx. Number	Sole Counsel	Chief Counsel	Assoc. Counsel
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8	All of these were mediations in which I appeared as General Counsel for BCBST. Often outside counsel or other BCBST counsel were involved in the mediations	See response in Block 2	See response in Block 2.
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29. Please describe your trial court experience during the past ten years. Approximate the number of trial court matters in which you appeared. Of this total, state the number that was before a federal court, the number that was before a Tennessee court of record, and the number that was before a Tennessee court that was not of record (general sessions, municipal). State the approximate percentage of these matters that were criminal and the approximate percentage that were civil. Indicate in how many matters you were sole counsel, how many you were chief counsel, and how many you were associate counsel. Please indicate the approximate percentage of your cases that were tried to resolution, how many were dismissed upon pre-trial motion, and how many were settled prior to trial.

In the last 10 years my legal responsibilities were related primarily to my duties as Solicitor General, AOC Director, Associate Attorney General, Davidson County Chancellor and Executive Director of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance. These positions did not involve handling trial court litigation, the Director positions involved substantial management responsibilities and as Solicitor General and Associate Attorney General I managed and sometimes participated in appellate litigation. I did appear in several trial court matters while working with the Harris Shelton law firm, in Davidson Circuit and Chancery Court as well as the federal bankruptcy court. In most of these cases I was sole counsel, though John Ryder or other Harris Shelton counsel would sign off on the pleadings. All these matters were ultimately settled.

30. Please describe your appellate court experience. Approximate the number of matters in which you appeared as counsel of record in Tennessee appellate courts, the number in federal courts, and the number in other states. Give the approximate percentage that were criminal and the approximate percentage that were civil.

I would estimate I have appeared approximately 50 to 75 times as counsel of record in cases before Tennessee appellate courts, not including cases where I was simply included on the pleadings as the Solicitor General and was not arguing the case. I have appeared approximately 6 or more times handling cases in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. I appeared as the primary counsel in all these cases during my employment with the Tennessee Attorney General's Office. These cases involved civil matters, primarily state tax or federal bankruptcy matters. As Solicitor General I did work closely with the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office on important criminal cases.

31. Please describe any other relevant legal experience, including transactional and other non-litigation matters.

At both BCBST and the Tennessee hospital associations I was involved in drafting and negotiating numerous contractual matters between health care providers and insurers. My duties with the AOC and Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance required me to be very familiar with the statutes and rules governing those organizations. Finally, my work with the Attorney General's Office often involved my drafting and/or reviewing opinions issued by the Attorney General's Office.

32. Please describe your negotiation experience.

I have had extensive experience over 39 years of legal practice in negotiating settlements of tax/bankruptcy matters with the Attorney General's Office, resolving contract and employment disputes while employed as General Counsel with both BCBST and the Tennessee hospital associations and seeking to resolve disputes arising from audits of TennCare managed care organizations while TDCI Deputy Commissioner. This experience also includes working with various groups regarding the wording of potential State legislation while I was a lobbyist for the Tennessee hospital associations, Vanderbilt University and BCBST.

33. List any noteworthy cases you handled as an attorney before mediators, arbitrators, administrative agencies, trial courts, or appellate courts. As to each case, please : (1) give the date or period of the proceedings; (2) identify the court or agency; (3) summarize the substance of the case; and (4) explain why the case is significant.

(1) Scholastic Book Clubs, Inc. v. Farr, 373 S.W.2d 558 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2011) --2011 case that I argued before the Tennessee Court of Appeals. The trial court ruled that the taxpayer was not doing business in Tennessee for purposes of paying Tennessee's sales tax. The Court of Appeals reversed, finding the out of state taxpayer had sufficient "nexus" with Tennessee to allow Tennessee to require the taxpayer to collect sales tax on its sales of books and other merchandise in Tennessee. The decision resulted in the payment of several million dollars to the State and ensured the payment of sales tax on a going forward basis. The case also provided guidance on when an out of state taxpayer would have sufficient "nexus" with Tennessee to require the collection of state sales tax.

(2) Federated Stores Realty, Inc. v. Huddleston, 852 S.W.2d 206 (Tenn. 1992); Union Carbide Corp. v. Huddleston, 854 S.W.2d 87 (Tenn. 1993); Associated Partnership I, Inc. v. Huddleston, 889 S.W.2d 190 (Tenn. 1994) --I represented the Tennessee Department of Revenue in each of these cases, all of which involved the interpretation of "business" versus "non-business" income for purposes of calculating the taxpayer's liability for Tennessee's franchise and excise tax. The cases each involved several million dollars, with the Associated Partnership case alone having in dispute over \$30 million. Each case involved trials before the Davidson County Chancery Court, with extensive discovery and depositions. The Federated case also presented the issue of whether the state tax issue should be litigated in federal bankruptcy court (Federated had filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy

proceeding in Cincinnati, Ohio) or Tennessee courts, and I successfully argued in the federal bankruptcy court that the bankruptcy court should abstain from hearing this state tax matter and allow this issue to be resolved by Tennessee courts. This was an important decision because it preserved a state's right to interpret its tax laws in its own state courts, rather than have those laws interpreted by a federal bankruptcy court. Ultimately the Department of Revenue failed to prevail in each case before the Tennessee Supreme Court, but the cases represented significant findings in the franchise/excise tax field.

(3) In the Matter of GEC Industries, Inc. f/k/a Gates Engineering Co. Inc.--This case was filed in the federal bankruptcy court in Delaware in approximately 1988. The State of Tennessee had several million dollars in unsecured claims resulting from the debtor's defective installation of roofs on several state buildings. I represented the State and was successful in obtaining the appointment of the State of Tennessee to the unsecured creditors committee. After several years of litigation, the State obtained a partial payment of its claim. This case, among others, established the importance of the State being an active participant in federal bankruptcy proceedings in which Tennessee had a financial or other interest. As a result of this and other similar cases, the Attorney General's Office established a bankruptcy unit, which ultimately became a bankruptcy division, to represent the Tennessee's interests in federal bankruptcy proceedings.

(4) Norton v. Tennessee Department of Safety, 76 B.R. 624 (Bankr. M.D. Tenn. 1987), rev'd, 867 F.2d 313 (1989) --I argued this case before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, which reversed the bankruptcy court's finding that the State's revocation of a debtor's driver's license and requiring the payment of a \$65 fee to restore the license constituted discrimination under the federal Bankruptcy Code. The decision was important in affirming the State's police power to appropriately issue, revoke and reinstate a citizen's driver's license.

(5) Cheesman v. Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, 25 F.3d 356 (6th Cir. 1994) - -I argued this case before both the bankruptcy court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The case involved the circumstances under which a debtor could obtain an "undue hardship" discharge of a student loan debt under the bankruptcy code. Although the Court of Appeals resolved this case in favor of the debtor, the case clarified the standards under which a "hardship discharge" should be granted.

34. If you have served as a mediator, an arbitrator, or a judicial officer, please describe and include the dates, the courts or agencies involved, whether you were elected or appointed, and a description of your duties.

As previously mentioned, I served as Davidson County Chancellor from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2018. While with the Harris Shelton law firm, I was appointed a mediator by United States District Judge Waverly Crenshaw in approximately May of 2019 to attempt to resolve pending litigation between a class action of Tennessee inmates and the State of Tennessee regarding health care treatment for hepatitis C.

35. If you have served as a mediator, an arbitrator, or a judicial officer, please list any noteworthy cases you handled in these capacities. As to each case: (1) give the date or period of the proceedings; (2) identify the court or agency; (3) summarize the substance of the case; and (4) explain why the case is significant.

I handled a variety of interesting cases during my two years as a Davidson County Chancellor, including presiding over several jury trials. The most interesting facet of being a Davidson County Chancellor is that, because the state capitol is in Nashville, most cases involving the State of Tennessee as a litigant are filed in the Davidson County Chancery Court. These two cases are representative of the cases I would hear.

- (1) *State ex rel. Candice McQueen v. Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education et al.*, Davidson County Chancery Court 17-1131-II, No. M2018-00506-COA-R3-CV (Tn. Ct. App. Feb. 5, 2019) – In this case, the State of Tennessee by its applicable agencies in their role as the administrator of an achievement school district sought certain student data pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-132 from the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education (“MNBE”) and the Director of Schools for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (“MNPS”) MNBE is a local education agency (“LEA”) responsible for operating the MNPS under the law of Tennessee. MNBE and MNPS (collectively “the Respondents”) asserted the State sought this information to present or “market” the parents of public school students with charter school options and refused the State’s request for this data. The State filed a petition for writ of mandamus and declaratory judgment against Respondents in Davidson County Chancery Court to obtain this data. The Respondents opposed the writ, arguing that (1) federal law, specifically the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), preempted the State statute and allowed the Respondents the discretion whether to release the requested information, (2) if the State statute removed that discretion, the State statute was ambiguous and required the court to consider legislative history to aid in its interpretation, (3) the State statute required releasing information to schools operating within the MNPA district, not to a separate school district, and (4) the State statute did not envision the release of student information for marketing and recruiting. As Chancellor, I granted the State’s request, and this decision was affirmed by the Tennessee Court of Appeals. The decision clarified the State’s authority to obtain this type of data from a local public school system.

- (2) *Mitchell v. Electric Employees’ Civil Service and Pension Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee*, Davidson County Chancery Court 16-649-II, No. M2018-00186-COA-R3-CV (Tn. Ct. App. Jan. 16, 2019) – In this case, an employee of the Nashville Electric Service (“NES”) was terminated in 2015 due to false and misleading information he provided on his initial application for employment nine years earlier, in 2006. NES did not discover the information was false until the employee applied for promotion in 2015. After



lengthy hearings before the applicable administrative board and an administrative law judge, the board voted to terminate the employee. The employee appealed this decision to the Davidson County Chancery Court under Tennessee's Uniform Administrative Procedures Act ("UAPA"). As Chancellor, I affirmed the Board's decision, and this decision was subsequently affirmed by the Tennessee Court of Appeals. These decisions collectively confirmed the narrow grounds upon which a reviewing court may overturn an administrative board's decision under the UAPA.

I previously mentioned the only mediation I handled in private practice while with Harris Shelton. However, pursuant to local rule of the Davidson County Chancery Court, a Chancellor may act as a mediator in a case pending before another Chancellor at the request of that Chancellor and with the agreement of the parties. I handled two such requests from Chancellor Russell Perkins while I served on the bench. In one of these cases, after a lengthy mediation, the parties reached a settlement the day before the trial was to commence before Chancellor Perkins.

36. Describe the *pro bono* service you have given throughout your legal career and describe activities in which you have been involved that demonstrate commitment to equal justice and equal access to justice.

As previously mentioned, I was appointed and served on the Tennessee Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission for several years. I was actively involved in the Commission's work to improve the provision of *pro bono* services in this State.

While at BCBST I worked with several other attorneys across the State to create an annual event to raise funds from corporations, corporate attorneys and law firms working with those corporations which funds would be used to support *pro bono* activities. That event has over the past several years raised over \$500,000 which, with the assistance of the Tennessee Bar Association, has been used to support worthwhile *pro bono* activities.

I served in 2011/2012 as the government representative for Legal Aid of Middle Tennessee to encourage government attorneys to support that organization's annual fund-raising activities. While in Chattanooga I also financially supported the *pro bono* efforts of the Legal Aid Society for East Tennessee.

Since approximately 1997 I have served on the Board and provided legal and other services free of charge to Park Center. Park Center, a not-for-profit corporation located in Nashville, furnishes assistance in the form of housing, treatment and job training and placement to those in need who suffer from mental illness. I served as Vice-Chair of the Park Center Board from approximately 2011 to 2013 and as the Chair of Park Center's Board from 2014 to 2015. I also have chaired, since its inception, Park Center's Risk and Compliance Committee. I am very proud of my work with Park Center because of the vital mission it serves for Middle Tennessee citizens suffering from mental illness.

I have coached and acted as a judge/scorer for other thirty years in the local and state bar association's mock trial programs, because I believe it is important to promote an understanding of our legal system for our youth.

Finally, I have worked with other community organizations, including the churches Jane and I have attended. I served as an elder in our church in Chattanooga and am currently an elder in our Nashville church. For years I delivered meals on wheels for the Martha O'Bryan Center in Nashville.

37. List any legal articles or books you have published.

**Co-authored with Bankruptcy Judge George C. Paine, II, *Criminal Prosecution of the Bad Check Debtor; Overdrawn and Quartered, Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor*, Vol. 2 (November 1983).**

**Co-authored with Steven Kratsch (B.A. Vanderbilt 1979; J.D. Vanderbilt 1982), *Criminal Prosecutions and Manipulative Restitution; The Utilization of State Criminal Courts for Contravention of Debtor Relief, Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law* (1984).**

**Authored *The Nebulous Good Faith Standard of 1 U.S.C. Section 1325 (a)(3) -- Does it Prohibit Confirmation of Chapter 13 Plans Providing Reduced Payments on Debts Which Would be Non-Dischargeable under Chapter 7? Chapter Thirteen Bulletin*, Vol. V, No. 1 (Oct. 1984).**

38. List any law school courses, CLE seminars, or other law-related courses that you have taught within the last five years.

I taught a course on Conflicts of Law at Belmont School of Law from the spring of 2016 to the fall of 2019. I also recently was a guest speaker at Belmont School of Law for a class on elections and campaign finance. During the last five years I have provided several presentations for the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association, the Chattanooga Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association related to my responsibilities as Executive Director of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance. I also provided similar presentations for the Nashville Bar Association while I was Chancellor related to issues involving the Davidson County Chancery Court.

39. List any presentations you have made to civic groups on legal topics within the past five years.

I have been requested to address several groups over the last three years regarding the statutes and rules governing the work of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, including local leadership groups, the annual press association meeting and several meetings of the Tennessee Lobbyist Association.

40. State any other information about your legal experience that may reflect positively or adversely on you or that you believe should be disclosed in connection with your application for Attorney General and Reporter.

In recent years, I have participated in the Nashville Bar Association's mentor/mentee program. I have now worked with four mentees, and I feel the experience was just as rewarding for me as I hope it was for them. I strongly believe in this project, since as a young lawyer I received invaluable advice from mentors that I met during my early legal career. In my opinion, these collegial relationships over the years between attorneys at different stages of their careers are an important part of the "legal experience."

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## NON-LEGAL/CIVIC INFORMATION

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41. Describe any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law in which you have ever been engaged. Please give details, including approximate dates.

N/A

42. If your current income is derived from sources other than the practice of law, specify the other income sources and the approximate percentage of your total income each source represents.

The bulk of my and my spouse's joint income is derived from my current employment and my wife's State of Tennessee pension. We do receive investment income, primarily from selected stocks and mutual funds. This investment income represents approximately fifteen percent or less of our current income. This estimate does not include earnings on our retirement (401/457/other) accounts.

43. If you are now an officer, director, or major stockholder (5% or more) of any for-profit organization or you are otherwise engaged in the management of any for-profit enterprise, please give details, including the name and nature of the organization, your position, the nature of your duties, and your term of service. If you are selected as Attorney General and Reporter and you would consider continuation of your involvement, please address whether such continuation would be a conflict of interest.

N/A.

44. List all non-profit organizations other than legal professional associations to which you have belonged within the last ten years, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations. If you have held an office in any of these non-profit organizations, please give titles and approximate dates. If you have received any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition in connection with your participation in such non-profit organizations, please list.

- (1) Park Center, a not-for-profit corporation located in Nashville, Tennessee. I have been on Park Center's Board for the last 10 years, was Vice-Chair of the Board from 2011 to 2013, and Chair of the Board for 2014. I was honored for my service at Park Center at its annual fundraiser event in February of 2017.
- (2) Hillsboro Presbyterian Church located in Nashville, Tennessee. I currently serve as an Elder at Hillsboro Presbyterian.
- (3) Prior to joining Hillsboro Presbyterian, my wife and I were members of Westminster Presbyterian Church located in Nashville Tennessee.
- (4) In 2021 I was selected to serve on the Advisory Board for Belmont Law School and currently serve on that Board..

45. If you are selected for this position, how much of your current level of civic and community involvement do you feel that you could continue?

I feel I could continue my current level of civic and community involvement. I believe it is important to be involved in such activities.

46. If you have ever belonged to an organization, association, club, or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion, national origin, or gender, please list the organization and describe the basis of the membership limitation. Do not include organizations formed for a religious purpose, such as a church or synagogue. Please address whether you would withdraw from any such organization if you are selected as Attorney General and Reporter.

N/A.

47. If you have served in a fiduciary capacity other than as a lawyer representing clients, please describe.

I have a power of attorney for both my mother and my wife.

48. Please list any non-legal articles or books you have published.

**Authored** *Dissecting TennCare -- A Presentation on Its Status* **Tennessee's Business**, Vol. 10 No. 2 (2001)

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## MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

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49. Describe your management philosophy and your views on delegation to subordinates.

My answer to this question remains the same as when I applied for this position in 2014. I strongly believe in delegating authority to those who work as part of any team for which I have management responsibility. My management philosophy is to hire or retain persons who are well qualified to do the work and let them proceed to perform that work. I expect these individuals to keep me well informed of their activities and of any problems or concerns that arise, and to be completely honest and frank with me in their opinions. I make it clear that, as a manager, I do not want to be surprised by any issues that arise. I consider all persons reporting to me as part of our team. We should work together as a team to meet our various responsibilities. I believe that these individuals are members of our team; we are collectively responsible to meet our work tasks even though the "buck" ultimately stops with the team leader, and I will take responsibility for all work decisions. In the past, I have had some difficulty in removing persons from their role who fail to meet their work responsibilities but have learned through my management roles that it is always better to deal with such problems swiftly. It is important to make such personnel changes quickly, if the issue cannot be resolved.

50. Describe any management experience you have had in the legal profession, such as managing attorneys, paralegals, and legal support staff. Approximate the number of persons over whom you had management responsibilities and indicate whether your experience included preparing and managing a budget.

As described above in response to Questions 23 and 24, I have had four jobs where I have been responsible for managing a significant number of individuals, including attorneys. As Deputy Commissioner at the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, I was responsible for managing approximately 15 individuals, most of whom were auditors. When I became Deputy Commissioner, the TennCare Division did not exist, so I had to hire all the individuals that ultimately reported to me and did the division's work. I was responsible for developing our annual budget as Deputy Commissioner and reporting that budget to the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance and accompanying him when that budget was submitted to the appropriate committees with the General Assembly. At BCBST I managed over 250 persons and was responsible for preparing and presenting our area's annual budget to our Chief Executive Officer. I was also, as part of the senior management team of approximately seven persons, actively involved in meetings to prepare and present BCBST's annual budget to BCBST's Board of Directors and to set the policy and business direction for BCBST. At the AOC, I was responsible for managing over 70 individuals, some of whom are attorneys. As the Director of the AOC, I worked with the Tennessee Supreme Court to develop the Tennessee court system's annual budget and I presented that budget to both the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration and the Tennessee General Assembly. Finally, in my current position as Executive Director of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, I supervise

and work collaboratively with nine employees including the Bureau's Assistant Director and General Counsel. Each year we work with the Office of the Secretary of State, to whom the Bureau is administratively attached, to prepare our budget and I present that budget to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly.

51. Describe any management experience you have had in federal, state, or local government. Approximate the number of persons over whom you had management responsibilities, and indicate whether your experience included preparing and managing a budget.

See the response to Question 50 detailing my management experience as Deputy Commissioner of the TennCare Division within the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, as Director of the AOC and as Executive Director of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance.

52. Describe any other management experience you have had. Approximate the number of persons over whom you had management responsibilities, and indicate whether your experience included preparing and managing a budget.

See the response to Question 50 detailing my management experience as Senior Vice President at BCBST.

53. List any judicial or non-judicial government offices you have held, and describe your experience. Include the date, the position, whether the position was elected or appointed, and whether your responsibilities included legal matters or policy matters. If you have been a candidate for government office but were not selected, please list this as well, including date, position, and whether the position was elected or appointed.

See response to Questions 23 and 24 for the list of State government offices I have held. See response to Question 21 detailing my appointments to the Access to Justice Commission and the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission ("JNC"). The JNC is the Tennessee agency directed to assist the Governor in filling judicial vacancies by interviewing and presenting generally three finalists to the Governor to consider for appointment. I found my experiences rewarding on both the JNC and the Access to Justice Commission and particularly enjoyed meeting and working with the other individuals serving on these bodies. During my tenure with the JNC I was very impressed with the high caliber and integrity of the candidates seeking judicial appointment.

I was appointed Executive Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts by the Tennessee Supreme Court on December 9, 2013, and served until December 15, 2015. I was appointed by Governor Haslam as Davidson County Chancellor, Part II from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2018. I was appointed Executive Director of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance on October 15, 2019, and hold that position at the present time.

Finally, I applied for the position of Tennessee Attorney General in 2014 but was not

selected for this position. I applied for the position of Claims Commissioner for the Middle District of Tennessee in September 2019 and was not selected for that position.

54. Other than as an elected or appointed official, please describe any experience you have had with the legislative or executive branches of government, federal, state, or local. Indicate whether your experience related to legal matters or policy matters.

As detailed in response to Question 23 and 24, several of my prior positions as well as my current position have been directly related to addressing both legal and policy matters impacting the State of Tennessee. In my career I have been fortunate to serve in all three branches of Tennessee government (judicial, legislative and executive). When I served in the Tax Division of the Attorney General's Office I worked on significant State cases, particularly in the tax and bankruptcy areas. As Solicitor General and Associate Attorney General, I was involved in many cases and written opinions that significantly affected State policy matters. Often this work involved working and collaborating with other departments/agencies in State government as well as members of the General Assembly and their staff. During my tenure as Deputy Commissioner, I worked closely with the Governor's senior TennCare staff, including former Finance Commissioners Bob Corker and John Ferguson and Insurance Commissioner Doug Sizemore, to address and resolve issues confronting the TennCare program. I would be called upon to address these issues with members of the General Assembly and representatives of other State departments/agencies. In my time working for the Tennessee hospital associations, Vanderbilt and BCBST, I often met with State officials to discuss insurance and health related legislation, and at times I would assist in drafting legislation that was introduced for consideration by the General Assembly and the Governor. During part of this time, I was a registered lobbyist.

55. Describe any other government experience you have had. Please indicate whether any such experience involved legal matters or policy matters.

This experience is detailed in response to Questions 23, 24, and 50-54 above.

56. State any other information about your management or government experience that may reflect positively or adversely on you or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with your application for Attorney General and Reporter.

My responses to the questions listed above fully address my management and government experience. I believe that my varied experience over the past 40 years reflects positively on me and will assist me should I be selected to serve the people of this State as Attorney General. I have had substantial experience managing persons in four different job settings. My employment experience has allowed me to work extensively and closely with officials in all three branches of State government, which has enhanced my relationships with various State officials as well as enabling me to better understand how our State functions. Most importantly, I have been employed for about 15 years in various positions within the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, working with five different Attorneys General. This



experience is invaluable in helping me to understand the work and purpose of the Attorney General's Office. In fact, I clerked at the Attorney General's Office while attending law school, assisting attorneys in the Criminal Division in preparing appellate briefs. Finally, I believe it would be very positive for the members of the Attorney General's Office to see that a person is appointed Attorney General who rose through the ranks of the office. I do not believe anything in my prior employment history would adversely affect my application for this position.

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## PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

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57. What are your reasons for seeking this position?

My reasons for seeking the position of Attorney General have not changed since I unsuccessfully applied for this position in 2014. As I stated in my 2014 application when I left my employment with BCBST I deliberately sought to return to a position within State government because in a State position, one can truly impact and make a positive difference for our State and its citizens. In my opinion, there are few better positions to make such a difference than serving as the State's chief legal officer. The Attorney General's Office has evolved over the years into one of the state's largest law firms handling complex and important issues affecting Tennessee. The practice has a broad and diverse range. The Attorney General represents the State on all criminal and civil appeals, and defends or commences litigation concerning tax, consumer interests, bankruptcy, public interest, health and other civil areas. The Attorney General issues relevant and important written opinions to State officials and members of the General Assembly. Attorneys in the office work closely with State agencies and their counsel to resolve regulatory and other important matters. This work not only intrigues me, but also represents a challenge I would like to face. Most importantly, the work of the office is important to Tennessee citizens; it is essential that the attorneys for the State provide quality representation and adequately represent the interests of Tennessee. I am impressed with the work ethic and integrity of many of the attorneys and staff who work in the Attorney General's office, several of whom have devoted their entire careers to serving the people of Tennessee. I would enjoy the opportunity to again work with these individuals. I would hope to continue to build upon the work of those who have overseen the office, if I were fortunate enough to be chosen as Attorney General. Nonetheless, I have no illusions about the difficulty of this position particularly in the current environment of extreme partisan politics. This may be the most difficult time in my memory to serve as Attorney General, but I believe I am up for that challenge.

58. Describe your perception of the primary duties, responsibilities, characteristics, and qualifications for the position of Attorney General and Reporter. Describe which of these may be delegated in whole or in part to subordinates and which may not.

The Attorney General is the State's chief legal officer and is ultimately responsible for all actions taken by the office. He or she must have solid legal and negotiation abilities and possess superior management skills, particularly since the staff of the office has grown over the years. The Attorney General must be able to work with and gain the respect of the State officials that the Attorney General represents. As I stated in response to Question 49, I would seek to retain and hire highly qualified personnel who would be able to handle any matters delegated to them. Nevertheless, I will require that I be kept informed of all assigned work and I would want to be directly involved in making important decisions. In order to achieve this goal, I would seek to assemble a senior executive team whom I could

trust to handle delegated matters and who would provide their honest assessment of matters confronting the office.

59. What is your view of the role of Attorney General and Reporter with respect to the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch of state government?

The Attorney General is the chief legal officer for the State and represents all members of each branch of government, so long as those officials are acting within their official duties. The Attorney General and his or her legal staff must seek to obtain and retain the trust and confidence of the key members of each branch of government as well as local appointed and elected officials, such as the State's district attorney generals. Likewise, the Attorney General should respect and listen to the opinion of the individuals that have been entrusted to handle these important State and local positions. In most cases, the Attorney General and other State officials should be able to work together to reconcile any differences of opinion and develop a consensus approach upon how to handle difficult and contested matters. However, there may be rare occasions when the Attorney General may be called upon to choose a course dictated by the Attorney General's accountability to the citizens of this State and the duty to uphold the Tennessee and United States Constitutions. These duties trump all other considerations. The best example of this rare occasion that I can recall was when the Attorney General assisted in the effort to swear in Governor Lamar Alexander early to prevent Governor Ray Blanton from any further abuse of his office.

60. If selected as Attorney General and Reporter, what is your estimate of the amount of time you will actually appear in court or oral arguments in appellate matters?

It is difficult to provide of estimate. However, on issues of high importance to the State, it is necessary that the importance of those issues be highlighted to the public and to the court by the Attorney General or the Solicitor General actually arguing the case. Furthermore, the opportunity to be engaged in such litigation is one of the reasons why I am submitting this application. I would hope to have the opportunity to work on such cases despite the other demands of the office. I would also enjoy the opportunity to argue cases of importance before this State's courts.

61. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance to the Tennessee Supreme Court in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this position.

I believe my wide and varied experience in State government, as well as my experience in the private sector working with the senior management team of this State's largest insurer as well as Tennessee's hospital associations, gives me unique abilities and insight that will serve me well if I am fortunate enough to be selected to serve as Tennessee Attorney General. I find it difficult to identify the distinctive attributes I possess for this office, although my responses to the various questions posed in the application provide in sum a solid response to this question. I would with respect suggest that my or any other application ultimately should be judged by speaking to those who know and have worked

<p>with the applicant. I have had the opportunity to work and know each member of this Court, but I would encourage the Court to discuss my qualifications and abilities with those individuals I have met and worked with throughout my career who can give an honest assessment of my qualifications for this position. Those persons have traveled the road with me, and they perhaps can better express the answer to this question than I can.</p>	
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## AGREEMENT

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62. Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for appointment for the office of Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter, and, if appointed, I agree to serve in that office. If, between the time this application is filed and the time the Court makes its final selection, there are any changes that occur in the accuracy of the information provided here, I agree to file a written notification advising the Court of the specific changes and the reasons therefore.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the Administrative Office of the Courts and that the Administrative Office of the Courts may publicize the names of persons who apply for the position of Attorney General and Reporter.

I knowingly, willingly, and without reservation waive any right or privilege of confidentiality relative to any background checks that may be performed, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation criminal and civil background investigation, including any check of financial or credit information, conducted for the purpose of review by the Tennessee Supreme Court. I also specifically waive any rights or privileges of confidentiality otherwise conferred in relation to checks of the Board of Professional Responsibility, Board of Judicial Conduct, Board of Law Examiners, or similar entity.

Dated: 7/17/2022, 2022.

  
Signature

Return your completed application to:  
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