**Supreme Court of Tennessee**

***Application for  
Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter***

Contact Information

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Personal Information

1. Please provide the following:

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| Age: |  | Date of birth: | |  | | City and state (or country) of birth: | |  | | |
| Social Security No. | | |  | | | TN Driver’s License No. | | |  | |
| Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility No. | | | | |  | | Year licensed to practice: | | |  |

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

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

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

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1. 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.

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| **Spouse’s Name** | **Address** | | **Date of Marriage** | **Place of Marriage** |
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| **Occupation** | | **Place of Employment** | | |
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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.

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| **Former Spouse’s Name** | | | **Date of Marriage** | | **Place of  Marriage** | | **Date Marriage Terminated** |
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| **Divorced Spouse** | **Divorce Date** | **Place of Divorce** | | **Court Name & Location** | | **Spouse Address** | |
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c) If you have children, state the name, age, address, present occupation, and name and address of the employer of each, if applicable.

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1. 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.

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| **Branch** | **Service Number** | **Dates** | **Rank/Rate** |
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| Additional Information: | | | |

1. 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.

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1. 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.

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

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1. 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.

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

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

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Education

1. 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.

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| **School** | **Dates** | **Degree** | **Major** |
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| Explanation (if needed) | | | |

1. 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 any honors, awards, or other forms of recognition you received in law school.

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Legal Background and Experience

1. 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.

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| **State and Bar No.** | **Year** | **License Status** |
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| Court Admissions: | | |

1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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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| Committees: | | | |

1. 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.

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1. 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.

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

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| **Current Employment** | **Date Employed** |
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| Partners or other members: | |

1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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| **Agency** | **Total** | **Sole Counsel** | **Chief Counsel** | **Assoc. Counsel** |
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1. 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.

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| **Approx. Number** | **Sole Counsel** | **Chief Counsel** | **Assoc. Counsel** |
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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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

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

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

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1. 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.

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Non-Legal/Civic Information

1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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?

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1. 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.

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

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Management and Government Experience

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

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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1. 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.

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

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1. 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.

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Personal Perspective

1. What are your reasons for seeking this position?

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1. 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.

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1. 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?

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1. 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?

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1. If selected as Attorney General and Reporter, what will be your policy regarding personally practicing before the Tennessee Supreme Court?

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1. 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.

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Agreement

1. 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Signature

Return your completed application to:

Debra Hayes

Administrative Office of the Courts, Suite 600

511 Union Street

Nashville, Tennessee 37219