

Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission

Application for Nomination to Judicial Office

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INTRODUCTION

Tennessee Code Annotated section 17-4-301 et seq. charges the Trial Court Vacancy Commission with assisting the Governor and the People of Tennessee in finding and appointing the best qualified candidates for judicial offices in this State. Please consider the Commission's responsibility in answering the questions in this application questionnaire. For example, when a question asks you to "describe" certain things, please provide a description that contains relevant information about the subject of the question and, especially, that contains detailed information that demonstrates that you are qualified for the judicial office you seek. In order to properly evaluate your application, the Commission needs information about the range of your experience, the depth and breadth of your legal knowledge, and your personal traits such as integrity, fairness, and work habits.

This document is available in word processing format from the Administrative Office of the Courts (telephone 800.448.7970 or 615.741.2687; website www.tncourts.gov). The Commission requests that applicants obtain the word processing form and respond directly on the form. Respond in the box provided below each question. (The box will expand as you type in the document.) Review the separate instruction sheet prior to completing this document. Submit original (unbound) completed application (with ink signature) to the Administrative Office of the Courts. In addition, submit a digital copy with electronic or scanned signature via email to debra.hayes@tncourts.gov, or via another digital storage device such as flash drive or CD.

THIS APPLICATION IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AFTER YOU SUBMIT IT.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE

1. State your present employment.

I am a self-employed attorney associated with Glassman, Wyatt, Tuttle & Cox, P.C.

2. State the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and give your Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number.

I was licensed in Tennessee in 2005. My Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number is 024577.

3. List all states in which you have been licensed to practice law and include your bar number or identifying number for each state of admission. Indicate the date of licensure and whether the license is currently active. If not active, explain.

Tennessee-024577. I was licensed on November 3, 2005 and my license is active.

4. Have you ever been denied admission to, suspended or placed on inactive status by the Bar of any State? If so, explain. (This applies even if the denial was temporary).

No

5. List your professional or business employment/experience since the completion of your legal education. Also include here a description of any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law in which you have ever been engaged (excluding military service, which is covered by a separate question).

Glassman, Wyatt, Tuttle & Cox, P.C.

2005 to Present

- Attorney

I served as the law clerk for Circuit Court Judge James F. Russell from 2004-2005. I clerked for

McWhirter, Wyatt and Elder during law school.

In college, I worked in the restaurant industry at various restaurants in Memphis. While working at the Peabody Hotel, I was promoted to Supervisor at Café Espresso. My duties included supervising a staff of approximately six as well as handling, counting and depositing cash receipts on a nightly basis.

In addition to restaurant jobs, I also engaged in work-study at Rhodes College, which included work in the Office of Development at Rhodes as well as working as a Crisis Hotline Counselor at the Memphis Crisis Center. After intensive training, I typically worked shifts taking calls beginning at 11:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. I also served as an after-school tutor at Snowden Elementary School.

While in high school in Louisiana, I worked summers building in-ground swimming pools and working with youth literacy camps.

6. Describe the nature of your present law practice, listing the major areas of law in which you practice and the percentage each constitutes of your total practice.

My practice is dedicated almost exclusively to civil litigation. I litigate personal injury, professional liability, and commercial disputes in State and Federal Courts. Fifty percent of my practice involves personal injury cases arising from commercial trucking/motor vehicle accidents and premises liability claims. I primarily represent defendants via self-insurance retentions or their insurance carriers, though I also represent plaintiffs.

The other half of my practice consists of wide-ranging areas under the general litigation umbrella, including: contract and commercial disputes, products liability, guardian ad litem appointments, construction litigation (commercial and personal injury), class actions, intellectual property, and professional liability--including legal malpractice defense and healthcare liability (plaintiff and defense).

The vast majority of my caseload consists of cases pending in Circuit Court. Therefore, I have significant experience in all aspects of Circuit Court litigation including: drafting Complaints and Answers, discovery requests, Petitions for equitable relief and settlement approval, discovery motions, motions in limine, *Daubert*-type motions, dispositive motions, proposed orders, proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and proposed jury instructions.

I represent individuals and businesses; plaintiffs and defendants.

7. Describe generally your experience (over your entire time as a licensed attorney) in trial courts, appellate courts, administrative bodies, legislative or regulatory bodies, other forums, and/or transactional matters.

I have appeared in all Tennessee General Sessions, Circuit, and Chancery Courts in Shelby County, and many other judicial districts across Tennessee; the Tennessee Court of Appeals; the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee; United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

I have tried jury and non-jury cases as both first and second chair in General Sessions, Circuit, Chancery and Federal Court, including both personal injury and commercial cases.

I have argued before the Tennessee Court of Appeals and authored numerous appellate briefs in Tennessee and Mississippi appellate courts. I have authored briefs filed in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and assisted at oral argument before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

My practice includes extensive motion practice experience in all of the aforementioned trial courts, including procedural, evidentiary, and dispositive motions. I have represented countless clients at mediation.

I have appeared in Memphis City Court and tried cases arising from automobile accidents and handled appeals from City Court to Circuit Court.

I have appeared in Division 14 of Shelby County General Sessions Court in a zoning ordinance case as well as to represent clients charged with traffic violations.

I have defended a client against an administrative claim brought by the Tennessee Department of Health.

I have assisted a client in securing multiple licensures from the Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners and the Massage Licensure Board.

One of the chief benefits of a wide litigation practice is diversity and breadth of exposure to various substantive areas of the law. There are few subject areas within the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Circuit Courts on which my practice has not touched. I have had the privilege of defending lawyers in a variety of fields, including family law matters, further expanding the scope of my experience by understanding the applicable standard of care in the underlying matter.

Not only has my practice been diverse, it has been consistently diverse. In other words, I frequently handle cases of the types mentioned above, not simply on a one-off basis. I am therefore accustomed to jumping from a wrongful-death tractor trailer accident, to a healthcare liability case to a business dispute in a single day. This has been my norm from the inception of my legal career.

Because roughly half of my practice is insurance defense, I am also accustomed to handling a high volume of cases at one time. The ability to diligently, skillfully and efficiently juggle a diverse and high volume case-load, while also being active in the community, is an important skillset and one that will serve me well if appointed to this position.

Early in my career I began handling cases as the single attorney on the file, from pre-litigation through final disposition. Identifying legal issues, investigating facts, evaluating exposure, developing strategy and establishing proof are all skills with which I am well equipped. I am also experienced in handling emotionally charged matters involving catastrophic injuries and death, loss of consortium claims, parental rights issues and injuries to children.

Most of my cases involve expert testimony, often on issues of both liability and damages. This illustrates the complexity of facts presented in cases I handle and my familiarity with technical matters such as medical causation, accident reconstruction, economic projections, product manufacturing and professional standards of care, all issues with which Circuit Court judges must grapple on a regular basis.

8. Describe any matters of special note involving your practice in trial courts, appellate courts, and administrative bodies.

My first experience in which I was entrusted as sole lead counsel on a case with significant exposure came almost exactly two years after law school graduation. It involved a Chancery Court lawsuit arising under the indemnity and insurance provisions of a motor carrier agreement between two national companies. My opposing counsel had been a lawyer longer than I had been alive. I secured summary judgment in favor of my client and successfully defended the appeal. *Georgia-Pacific, LLC v. Swift Transp. Corp.*, 2008 WL 4380885 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2008).

I served as second chair in a patent infringement case in the Middle District of Florida. I was the attorney primarily responsible for the motion practice and brief writing and engineered an argument regarding personal jurisdiction based on internet activity within the forum state. At the time this was an emerging area of law. We secured dismissal of the complaint based on lack of personal jurisdiction in a reported case that has since been cited by nearly thirty other federal cases and has been mentioned in numerous law review articles and legal treatises. *Instabook Corp. v. Instantpublisher.com*, 469 F. Supp. 2d 1120. (M.D. Fla. 2006).

I served as co-counsel for the Plaintiff real estate development company in a nearly three week Circuit Court jury trial regarding a negligent title search and negligent survey that resulted in construction delays and other damages. I examined and cross-examined witnesses, including experts, and presented closing argument. We secured a significant jury verdict against the two defendants. *Island Prop. Associates v. The Reaves Firm, et al* CT-005755-03. A portion of the verdict was overturned by the Court of Appeals, finding error in the instructions given by the Court to the jury. While we ultimately resolved the case on favorable terms, this experience reinforced in me the importance of attention to detail and the critical role of the trial judge in all matters before the Court.

These three examples are personally noteworthy because they constitute significant points in my career upon which I reflect with both pride and humility. They are noteworthy for present purposes because they exemplify the diversity of subjects my law practice entails, the complexity of legal issues involved, and my experience with both writing and trial practice.

Additional cases of note include:

Mueller Copper Tube Prods. v. Pa. Manufacturers' Ass'n Ins. Co., 254 Fed. Appx. 491 (6th Cir. 2007) Represented defendant insurance company in a declaratory judgment/breach of contract action related to its denial of coverage for damages paid by the insured in an underlying CERCLA contribution action. Authored briefs supporting summary judgment, which was granted by Judge Mays; authored briefs on appeal and participated in oral argument before the Sixth Circuit, which affirmed.

Thompson v. Davis, 308 S.W.3d 872 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2009), application for permission to appeal denied. Co-counsel for plaintiffs in a Circuit Court bench trial regarding ownership of an arena football team and dissolution of an LLC. Co-trial counsel and authored briefs to secure the favorable judgment was affirmed on appeal.

White v. Empire Express, Inc., 395 S.W.3d 696 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2012), application for permission to appeal denied. Served as co-counsel for Defendant transportation companies in a commercial dispute related to tractor-trailer lease purchase agreement in Chancery Court bench trial and appellate levels. Authored briefs to secure reversal of adverse judgment on appeal and participated in oral argument.

Mary Rickles v. Joseph Shanks, CT-006260-07. Represented defendant restaurant owner as sole counsel in premises liability action from inception of the case to jury verdict. Secured defense verdict in two day Circuit Court jury trial.

Bertha Hurley v. Save-A-Lot, Hardin County Circuit Court No. 4113. Represented defendant grocery store as sole counsel in premises liability action. Secured defense judgment in bench trial.

9. Describe any other legal experience, not stated above, that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission.

Judges and Chancellors in Chancery, Circuit and U.S. District courts have appointed me as guardian ad litem in approximately fifty (50) cases. My duties include reviewing proposed settlements, addressing issues of parental rights, evaluating provable damages, identifying sources of recovery, assessing credibility of witnesses, evaluating liability and defenses, identifying subrogation claims and liens, analyzing contingency fee agreements and litigation expenses and, when appropriate, encouraging lawyers to reduce fees sought to be deducted from settlement proceeds. I am humbled by the trust and confidence the bench and the bar have shown in my legal knowledge, ability and ethical standards.

By invitation of the Memphis Bar Association and other groups, I have presented multiple CLE seminars on topics such as: court approval of minor settlements, judicial settlement conferences, ethics and damages in personal injury cases.

I was selected and served as the law clerk for Circuit Court Judge James F. Russell in my last

year of law school. I prepared the Friday motion docket (back when motions were set in the giant books), attended hearings and trials, made recommendations based on legal research and analysis and authored opinions. One opinion I authored addressed the "primary jurisdiction" doctrine. This ruling was affirmed, and was extensively quoted, by the Tennessee Court of Appeals. *See Ford v. Toys R Us, Inc.*, 2006 Tenn. App. LEXIS 162, *1, 2006 WL 561865 (Tenn. Ct. App. Mar. 9, 2006). Aside from countless hours of court-room observation, I often worked with Judge Russell late into the night preparing for hearings, participated with him as a neutral in judicial settlement conferences and gained invaluable insight into the role of, and demands on, a trial court judge.

I have volunteered with local *pro bono* legal clinics and the Memphis Bar Association Legal Lines. I also accept *pro bono* clients in commercial disputes where fees would be disproportionate to the amount in controversy. It is important to utilize my skills and expertise to serve the community.

I have volunteered as a chief judge and recruiter of judges for the American Mock Trial Association Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament hosted by Rhodes College.

I have authored various articles published on the Glassman, Wyatt, Tuttle & Cox website.

10. List and describe all prior occasions on which you have submitted an application for any state or federal judicial position.

None.

EDUCATION

11. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded, major, any form of recognition or other aspects of your education you believe are relevant, and your reason for leaving each school if no degree was awarded.

Rhodes College, 1998-2002. B.A. with a Political Science major and International Studies minor. In my Junior year, I studied Classics for a semester abroad at Lincoln College, Oxford University. I was Treasurer of the Episcopal Student Union. I was Treasurer and Social Chairman of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. I was a member of Rhodes College Republicans.

Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis, 2002-2005. J.D., *cum laude*.

I earned the CALI award for achieving the highest grade in three subjects, each highly germane to serving as a judge: Evidence, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence. I also received a Dean's Award for Academic Excellence for Best Oral Advocate.

I was elected to and served on the board of the Student Bar Association for three consecutive years, serving as Treasurer my second year and Executive Director my third year.

I was a member of the Federalist Society.

As a staff member of the Tennessee Journal of Practice and Procedure, I authored a case note published in 2004 addressing a trial court's inherent authority to sanction discovery abuse. See Significant Court Decision: *Alexander v. Jackson Radiology Associates, P.A.*: Sanctioning Discovery Abuse, 6 Tenn. J. Prac. & Proc. 16.

I was named in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

12. State your date of birth.

August 8, 1980

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

Eighteen years and ten months

14. How long have you lived continuously in the county where you are now living?

Eighteen years and ten months

15. State the county in which you are registered to vote.

Shelby County

16. Describe your military service, if applicable, including branch of service, dates of active duty, rank at separation, and decorations, honors, or achievements. Please also state whether you received an honorable discharge and, if not, describe why not.

Not applicable

17. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are now on diversion for violation of any

law, regulation or ordinance other than minor traffic offenses? If so, state the approximate date, charge and disposition of the case.

No

18. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

No

19. Please identify the number of formal complaints you have responded to that were filed against you with any supervisory authority, including but not limited to a court, a board of professional responsibility, or a board of judicial conduct, alleging any breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by you. Please provide any relevant details on any such complaint if the complaint was not dismissed by the court or board receiving the complaint.

Zero

20. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities or creditors within the last five (5) years? If so, give details.

No

21. Have you ever filed bankruptcy (including personally or as part of any partnership, LLC, corporation, or other business organization)?

No

22. Have you ever been a party in any legal proceedings (including divorces, domestic proceedings, and other types of proceedings)? If so, give details including the date, court and docket number and disposition. Provide a brief description of the case. This question does not seek, and you may exclude from your response, any matter where you were involved only as a nominal party, such as if you were the trustee under a deed of trust in a foreclosure proceeding.

Yes.

On September 10, 2014, I sued Regions Bank in the United States District Court in Memphis for

violation of the Fair Credit Billing Act. The Complaint alleged that Defendant refused to investigate and refund fraudulent charges on a credit card while I was in Kenya building a water retention system at a rural elementary school. The case promptly settled and was dismissed on December 1, 2014. Lyons v. Regions Bank, Case No. 2:14-cv-02694-SHL-cgc.

I am currently one of three named plaintiffs in a putative class-action pending in the United States District Court in New Jersey, filed on March 15, 2016. The Complaint alleges an unfair and deceptive pricing scheme on a consumer web-site. A proposed settlement has been reached and our lawyers advise that a motion for settlement approval will be filed by the end of June. Upon court approval, the case should be dismissed soon thereafter. Cannon, et. al. v. Ashburn Corp., et. al., Civil No. 16-1452 (RMB/AMD).

23. List all organizations other than professional associations to which you have belonged within the last five (5) years, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

Church of the Holy Communion-I was elected to and served on the Vestry (Board) for a three year term from 2011-2013. I was invited to and served on the interview committee in the search for a new Rector in 2013. On two occasions I was invited to and served as a Sunday School teacher for high school students, each a two-year commitment culminating in a pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal. I am currently serving, by invitation of the clergy, on a leadership team developing County-wide programing in anticipation of the 50 year anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition, through Holy Communion, I volunteer as a cook with More than Meal at Grace St. Luke's Church where we prepare a full meal and sack lunches for over a hundred guests in need of assistance.

Shelby County Republican Party

Delta Waterfowl

Ducks Unlimited

Memphis Grizzlies Charitable Foundation-Youth Mentor to elementary and middle school children

University of Memphis Alumni Association

Rhodes College Alumni Association

The University Club of Memphis

Central Gardens Neighborhood Association

24. Have you ever belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion, or gender? Do not include in your answer those organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues.
- If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.
 - If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be nominated and selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

Yes. As a student at Rhodes, I was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity which limits membership to men. My involvement in fraternity activities since college has been limited and includes receipt of a newsletter and occasional attendance at a homecoming picnic on campus. Because there should be no objective conflict, and in light of the fact the organization contributes to the Memphis community as a whole, I do not intend to resign if selected unless it becomes necessary to comply with the Code of Judicial Conduct or otherwise necessary to preserve the integrity of the Courts.

ACHIEVEMENTS

25. 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. List memberships and responsibilities on any committee of professional associations which you consider significant.

- Memphis Bar Association 2005-2017 with intermittent lapses in membership. Elected to and served on the Board of Directors-Young Lawyers Division in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. Litigation section member.
- American Bar Association 2005-2006 (approximately)
- Tennessee Bar Association 2014-2015(approximately)
- Transportation Lawyers Association 2013-2014(approximately)

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

- AV-Preeminent Martindale Hubbell rating, representing highest possible recognition for both legal ability and ethical standards based on peer review.

- Mid-South Super Lawyers “Rising Star” in the general litigation practice area: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. No more than 2.5% of lawyers under age 40 in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi receive this distinction in any one year.

27. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive.

None

ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

28. What are your reasons for seeking this position? *(150 words or less)*

To humbly serve Tennessee and its citizens by faithfully and impartially applying the law. I am motivated to apply by an innate sense of civic duty and encouragement from my peers and local judges. Trial judges serve as the public face of the judiciary. Integrity, acumen, diligence and comportment are therefore fundamental to public confidence in the courts. I have demonstrated these attributes as a lawyer and seek to contribute them to the judiciary. I represent plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases. Defending lawyers challenges me in practice areas beyond my own. Serving as guardian ad litem has afforded me insight to the role of a judge. My experience is broad and begets empathy for all participants in litigation. I respect the time and other resources of government, litigants, witnesses, jurors and attorneys and thus seek to promote efficiencies for all. I will be honored to serve.

29. Describe the judgeship you seek (i.e. geographic area, types of cases, number of judges, etc. and explain how your selection would impact the court. *(150 words or less)*

The judgeship I seek is in the Circuit Court for the Thirtieth Judicial District (Shelby County). One of nine divisions in this district, it is a court of general civil jurisdiction. In fiscal year 2015-2016, there were 5,679 new filings and 6,062 cases were disposed. There were 51 jury trials and 643 bench trials. Of the new filings, 37% were family law, 36% were torts/healthcare liability, 15% were general civil, 10% were contracts and 2% miscellaneous.

I have dedicated nearly twelve years to handling a diverse Circuit Court caseload and served one year as a law clerk in Division II. I am intimately familiar with the local rules and practical aspects of Circuit Court practice. My selection would positively impact the Court by virtue of my integrity, impartial respect for others, enjoyment for studying law, and significant experience in the substantive areas which most often arise in Circuit Court.

30. Will you uphold the law even if you disagree with the substance of the law (e.g., statute or rule) at issue? Give an example from your experience as a licensed attorney that supports your response to this question. (250 words or less)

Yes. The oath of judicial office is paramount to personal belief.

It is axiomatic attorneys are advocates. There is therefore an apparent disconnect between the duties of a lawyer in an adversarial system and those of a trial judge. However, both lawyers and judges swear an oath.

As a lawyer, my obligation is to advocate for clients regardless of my personal views. I have represented clients undeterred by personal aversion for their conduct and with respect for their legal rights. I reconcile this ostensible conflict by thoughtfully reflecting on the ethical obligations incumbent on attorneys; I then take pride in compliance therewith. Because lawyers are obliged to be zealous advocates, I have secured dismissals of cases on procedural nuances despite knowledge my client caused injury to another. I have secured court rulings, based on the law, excluding evidence otherwise necessary to a full and accurate understanding of the facts, but that would be damaging to my client. I have ethically argued that facts should be interpreted one way, when they could fairly be interpreted another.

As a judge, my obligation will be to support the Constitutions of the United States and Tennessee, and to impartially administer justice, regardless of whether I agree with the law or the result it demands. I firmly believe in and will honor the doctrines of separation of powers and *stare decisis*. Unlike an attorney, a trial court judge is a steward of laws created by others; an advocate solely for the faithful application thereof.

REFERENCES

31. List five (5) persons, and their current positions and contact information, who would recommend you for the judicial position for which you are applying. Please list at least two persons who are not lawyers. Please note that the Commission or someone on its behalf may contact these persons regarding your application.

A. Hon. Valerie Smith, Circuit Court Judge, Div. III, Thirtieth Judicial District

B. Hon. Phyllis Gardner, General Sessions Court Judge, Div. II, Thirtieth Judicial District

C. The Reverend Alexander H. Webb II

D. Henry Turley

E. Carl K. Wyatt

AFFIRMATION CONCERNING APPLICATION

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 nomination to the Governor for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court of Tennessee, and if appointed by the Governor, agree to serve that office. In the event any changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended questionnaire with the Administrative Office of the Courts for distribution to the Commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this questionnaire shall be open to public inspection upon filing with the Administrative Office of the Courts and that the Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for nomination and the names of those persons the Commission nominates to the Governor for the judicial vacancy in question.

Dated: June 23, 2017


Signature

When completed, return this questionnaire to Debbie Hayes, Administrative Office of the Courts, 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219.



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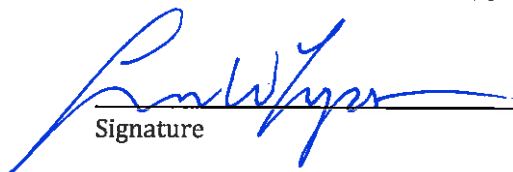
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
AND OTHER LICENSING BOARDS**

WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I hereby waive the privilege of confidentiality with respect to any information that concerns me, including public discipline, private discipline, deferred discipline agreements, diversions, dismissed complaints and any complaints erased by law, and is known to, recorded with, on file with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct (previously known as the Court of the Judiciary) and any other licensing board, whether within or outside the State of Tennessee, from which I have been issued a license that is currently active, inactive or other status. I hereby authorize a representative of the Trial Court Vacancy Commission to request and receive any such information and distribute it to the membership of the Commission and to the Office of the Governor.

Lewis Wilkinson Lyons

Type or Print Name



Signature

June 23, 2017

Date

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Please identify other licensing boards that have issued you a license, including the state issuing the license and the license number.

N/A