NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Circuit Court, Division II 16th Judicial District Rutherford and Cannon Counties

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Annotated § 17-4-308(d), notice is hereby given that the Trial Court Vacancy Commission will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. CST to initiate the process of filling an upcoming vacancy occurring January 1, 2021, as a result of the retirement of the Honorable David M. Bragg.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Executive Order No. 60 (August 28, 2020), the Commission will hold this hearing virtually via video conference using Zoom. The hearing will be livestreamed for public viewing.

Applicants must be an attorney licensed in Tennessee who is at least 30 years of age, a resident of the state for five years, and must reside in the Judicial District. Applicants must submit a completed application (*Trial Court Vacancy Commission Application*). Applications must be submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts no later than <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 15</u>, <u>2020</u> <u>at 12:00 p.m. CDT</u>. The Commission encourages all candidates to submit applications as soon as possible.

Applicants must submit by the deadline: (1) the original signed (unbound) application; <u>and</u> (2) a digital copy of the application, in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for consideration for the judicial vacancy for which he/she is applying. Complete application instructions are on our website at http://www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources.

The Commission is committed to encouraging a diverse judiciary and welcomes all qualified attorneys to apply for judicial vacancies.

Interested individuals, including any members of the public, may attend the hearing in the jurisdiction to watch the live stream in the Jury Assembly Room of the Rutherford County Judicial Center located at 116 W. Lytle Street, Room 101, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 or virtually at www.youtube.com/user/TNCourts. All visitors who want to attend the live stream hearing at the Rutherford County Judicial Center must check-in with building security, provide a valid government-issued ID, and follow all building mandated COVID-19 protocols for admission to the building.

Those who want to attend the hearing remotely via video conferencing to verbally address the Commission to express their objection or support concerning an applicant must contact Ceesha Lofton at the Administrative Office of the Courts either by email at ceesha.lofton@tncourts.gov or by calling 615-741-2687 by 4:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, October 29, 2020 so that the necessary electronic accommodations can be made for participation in the video conference.

If you require an accommodation and/or have special needs because of a qualified disability, have questions, or need additional information, please contact

Ceesha Lofton or Rachel Harmon at the Administrative Office of the Courts at 615-741-2687.

This the 1st day of October, 2020.