

## **NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY**

### **Court of Criminal Appeals Middle Section**

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee Executive Order 54 (May 19, 2016), notice is hereby given that the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments will meet in late October to initiate the process of filling a vacancy in the Middle Section of the Court of Criminal Appeals following the retirement of Judge Thomas T. Woodall effective January 1, 2021.

Qualified applicants must be licensed attorneys who are at least 30 years of age, have been residents of the state for five years, and are residents of the Middle Section. Interested applicants must complete the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments' application, which is available at [www.tncourts.gov](http://www.tncourts.gov), and submit it to the Administrative Office of the Courts **by 12:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, October 6**. Applicants must submit by the deadline: (1) the original signed (unbound) application; and (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 can be found at: <http://www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources>.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with State of Tennessee Executive Order 60 (August 28, 2020), the Council will hold this hearing virtually via video conference using Zoom on a date to be determined soon. The hearing will be livestreamed for public viewing to: [www.youtube.com/user/TNCourts](http://www.youtube.com/user/TNCourts).

Interested individuals may also attend the livestream in the Middle Section at the Administrative Office of the Courts located at 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville 37219 to watch and/or speak in opposition to any applicant. All visitors who want to attend the live stream hearing at the Administrative Office of the Courts must check-in with Nashville City Center building security, provide a valid government-issued ID, and follow all building mandated COVID-19 protocols for admission to the building.

Interested individuals who want to attend the hearing remotely via video conferencing to verbally address the Commission to express their opposition concerning an applicant must contact Ceesha Lofton at the Administrative Office of the Courts either by email at [ceesha.lofton@tncourts.gov](mailto:ceesha.lofton@tncourts.gov) or by calling 615-741-2687 by 4:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, October 12, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.