APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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1. Indicate your present employment.

Self Employed/Managing Member, Baggott Law, PLLC
Sole practitioner attorney.

2.

a. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

Licensed in Tennessee 2004. BPR 023428
Licensed in Louisiana 1998. LA Bar Roll No. 25582
In good standing in both Tennessee and Louisiana

b. If you are an attorney, identify your primary subject area(s) of practice, present and past.

2001-present: (private practice, self employed) Franchise and Distribution Law and Litigation, representing both franchisors and franchisees in every aspect of franchising

2000-2001: General Counsel, Smoothie King Franchises, Inc. Managed all legal affairs for franchisor of smoothie restaurants (270+ units in 32 states at the time), including regulatory compliance with registration and disclosure laws, system compliance with system standards and litigation arising out of contracts executed by franchisor.

1999-2000: (private practice, law firm in New Orleans, LA) Defense Litigation, primarily automobile crash and premises liability claims.

1998-1999: (private practice, law firm in Metairie, LA) Defense Litigation, primarily defense of multi-party litigation involving product liability claims arising from asbestos containing products and silica containing products.

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the state of Tennessee.

Domiciled in TN 11 years: 1991-1995; 2004 to present.

4. List the county or counties in which you have resided in the past year.

Davidson.

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

   No.

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the national guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender or employee of a district public defender?

   Not Applicable.

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance (other than traffic related offenses such as speeding, seatbelt, violations or parking tickets)? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

   No.

8. 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.

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member. *(300 words or less)*

I am a lawyer who litigates in both state and federal court, including courts of appeal. I know the importance of having a qualified, competent judiciary. I provide a unique perspective on the practice of law, having lived and worked as a lawyer in Louisiana for seven years before returning to Tennessee; having defended litigation; having prosecuted litigation; and having worked in-house.

I have litigated matters in Tennessee's courts across the state, including courts in Davidson, Sumner, Williamson and Shelby counties. I have appeared before the Court of Appeals. I have represented plaintiffs and defendants. I have handled complex commercial disputes, multi-party claims and individual claims. I have tried cases before juries. My experience is broad. I have no allegiance to either the plaintiff's bar or the insurance defense bar.

I am a good listener and effective communicator. Frequently, I assist parties in resolving disputes prior to the commencement of litigation. I also am able to negotiate contracts to the satisfaction of my clients. I am a capable evaluator of character and personality. I know how to scrutinize facts and how to fill in gaps to create a complete picture.

I have spoken at legal seminars. I regularly contribute to legal publications.

In 2008 and 2009, I was honored by my peers as one of the Best of the Bar.

I am married to a physician and have two young children. My family has a long history of public service in Ohio, where I was born. I would bring my skills, experience, knowledge and perspective to the table as a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission. My input will be valuable. I want to give back in a way that allows me to use all of my attributes for the betterment of our judiciary.

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

X Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct.

X I am not employed as a lobbyist.

X I am not an employer of a lobbyist.

X I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated: 05/05/2011

Roland W. Baggott III