

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Court of Appeals Western Section

Pursuant to the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. §17-4-101 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the Judicial Nominating Commission will meet June 29, 2013 in Jackson to initiate the process of filling the vacancy in the Court of Appeals – Western Section. The Honorable Alan E. Highers has given notice that he will not seek re-election in the August 2014 general election, thereby creating a vacancy effective September 1, 2014.

Any member of the public, both lay and attorney, shall be entitled to attend the public hearing to express, orally or in writing, such citizen's approval of or objections to any suggested nominee for the judicial vacancy.

Interested applicants must be an attorney who is at least 30 years of age, a resident of the state for five years, a resident of their circuit or district for one year, and must reside in the Western Tennessee grand division. All interested candidates should submit a completed Applicant Questionnaire, available on our website at <http://www.tncourts.gov/>, to the commission for its consideration. Questionnaires should be submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Suite 600, Nashville City Center, 511 Union Street, Nashville, TN 37219, by no later than Wednesday, June 19 at noon CDT. The commission encourages all candidates to submit applications as early as possible.

Each candidate must submit the original (unbound) and **fourteen (14) copies** (stapled or bound and printed on front and back) **as well as a digital copy** of the Applicant Questionnaire in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for the judicial vacancy for which he/she is applying. Please e-mail the digital copy to debra.hayes@tncourts.gov.

The commission is committed to the goal of a diverse judiciary and encourages all qualified attorneys to apply for any judicial vacancy for consideration without regard to race, ethnicity or gender.

If you require an accommodation and/or have special needs because of a qualified disability, have questions, or need additional information, please contact Debra Hayes at the Administrative Office of the Courts at 615-741-2687.

This the 4th day of June, 2013.