

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Circuit Court 10th Judicial District Bradley, Polk, McMinn and Monroe Counties

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Annotated § 17-4-308(d), notice is hereby given that the Trial Court Vacancy Commission will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. EDT to initiate the process of filling an upcoming vacancy occurring July 1, 2021, as a result of the retirement of the Honorable Lawrence H. Puckett.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Executive Order No. 78 (February 26, 2021), 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 **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. CDT**. The Commission encourages all candidates to submit applications as soon as possible.

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 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 Chancery Courtroom at the McMinn County Courthouse located at 6 E. Madison Avenue, Athens, TN 37303 or virtually at www.youtube.com/user/TNCourts. All visitors who want to attend the live stream hearing at the McMinn County Courthouse 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 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, April 29, 2021 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 25th day of March, 2021.