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September 21, 2020

Via Federal Express

Trial Court Vacancy Commission
c/o Administrative Office of the Courts
Attn: Ceesha Lofton
Suite 600, Nashville City Center
511 Union Street
Nashville, TN 37219

Re: *Joshua J. Bond*

Dear Ms. Lofton:

Enclosed is an Application for the trial vacancy of the Sixth Judicial District Circuit Court, Division I, Knox County, Tennessee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

HODGES, DOUGHTY & CARSON, PLLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua J. Bond".

Joshua J. Bond

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Enclosure

cc: Ceesha Lofton (Via Email w/attachment)

Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission
Application for Nomination to Judicial Office

1/31/19

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(including county) _____

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INTRODUCTION

Tennessee Code Annotated section 17-4-301 et seq. charges the Trial Court Vacancy Commission with assisting the Governor and the People of Tennessee in finding and appointing the best qualified candidates for judicial offices in this State. Please consider the Commission's responsibility in answering the questions in this application questionnaire. For example, when a question asks you to "describe" certain things, please provide a description that contains relevant information about the subject of the question and, especially, that contains detailed information that demonstrates that you are qualified for the judicial office you seek. In order to properly evaluate your application, the Commission needs information about the range of your experience, the depth and breadth of your legal knowledge, and your personal traits such as integrity, fairness, and work habits.

This document is available in word processing format from the Administrative Office of the Courts (telephone 800.448.7970 or 615.741.2687; website www.tncourts.gov). The Commission requests that applicants obtain the word processing form and respond directly on the form. Respond in the box provided below each question. (The box will expand as you type in the document.) **Review the separate instruction sheet prior to completing this document. Submit by the noon deadline date an original (unbound) completed application (with ink signature) to the Administrative Office of the Courts.** In addition, submit a digital copy with electronic or scanned signature via email to ceesha.lofton@tncourts.gov, or via another digital storage device such as a flash drive.

THIS APPLICATION IS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AFTER YOU SUBMIT IT.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE

1. State your present employment.

Hodges, Doughty & Carson, PLLC, Member.

2. State the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and give your Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number.

2000.

BPR #020636.

3. List all states in which you have been licensed to practice law and include your bar number or identifying number for each state of admission. Indicate the date of licensure and whether the license is currently active. If not active, explain.

Tennessee: October 27, 2000 – continuously active.

Kentucky Pro Hac Vice: April 28, 2016 – Not active since conclusion of matter.

4. Have you ever been denied admission to, suspended or placed on inactive status by the Bar of any State? If so, explain. (This applies even if the denial was temporary).

No.

5. List your professional or business employment/experience since the completion of your legal education. Also include here a description of any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law in which you have ever been engaged (excluding military service, which is covered by a separate question).

Upon graduation from law school, I was selected to serve as Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Joe

G. Riley, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals (2000-2002).

Following the completion of my clerkship with Judge Riley, I joined Hodges, Doughty & Carson, PLLC as an Associate.

I became a Member of Hodges, Doughty & Carson, PLLC on January 1, 2008.

Additionally, I own residential rental properties.

6. Describe the nature of your present law practice, listing the major areas of law in which you practice and the percentage each constitutes of your total practice.

Active Legal Practice in Healthcare Liability Defense (45%); General Liability Litigation Defense, including Auto Accidents, Premise Liability, TCPA, and Construction (40%); Personal Injury (10%); Worker's Compensation (3%); Commercial Litigation (1%); and Employment/Fair Labor Practices (1%).

7. Describe generally your experience (over your entire time as a licensed attorney) in trial courts, appellate courts, administrative bodies, legislative or regulatory bodies, other forums, and/or transactional matters.

I have extensive civil litigation experience. I have completed bench trials in Circuit Courts and General Sessions Courts throughout East Tennessee. I have completed jury trials in Circuit Courts in East Tennessee and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. I have participated in arguments before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. I have participated in Multi District Litigation. I have litigated and tried cases before the Court of Worker's Compensation. I have appeared before administrative courts and tribunals, including the Tennessee Board of Nursing. I have drafted briefs and I have argued before the Tennessee Court of Appeals. I have sought and resisted applications to appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court. I have been counsel of record in matters where opposing parties have filed Petitions for Certiorari before the United States Supreme Court, but each Petition was summarily denied prior to any required responsive briefing.

8. Describe any matters of special note involving your practice in trial courts, appellate courts, and administrative bodies.

Jury trials involving multiple parties that last multiple weeks are a challenge to not only the parties and their counsel, but also to the witnesses and our citizen jurors. My experience in

multi-week jury trials has prepared me to be cognizant of the needs of witnesses and our jurors to promote participation in the process. A trial judge must be prepared to use his or her discretion to grant flexibility, within reason, to avoid hardships to jurors and witnesses in order to promote the efficient administration of justice. Practicing in the specialty of healthcare liability defense, I am experienced with multi-week trials. The majority of trials which exceed one week in our district are matters controlled by the Healthcare Liability Act, and my experience in litigating healthcare liability matters from filing to resolution will benefit me as a trial judge.

9. Describe any other legal experience, not stated above, that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission.

Service as a Judicial Appellate Clerk was an invaluable experience that has aided my practice and growth as an attorney. After joining Hodges, Doughty & Carson, PLLC, I was mentored by outstanding civil litigation attorneys including Bob Campbell, Dalton Townsend and Ted White. I have likewise mentored junior associates both inside and outside of my law firm.

10. List and describe all prior occasions on which you have submitted an application for any state or federal judicial position.

None.

EDUCATION

11. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded, major, any form of recognition or other aspects of your education you believe are relevant, and your reason for leaving each school if no degree was awarded.

University of Tennessee at Knoxville: 1994-1997; B.A. with a Major in Political Science; graduated in three years with no incoming college credits.

University of Memphis School of Law: 1997-2000; J.D.; awarded Robert and Elaine Hoffman Memorial Scholarship.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

12. State your date of birth.

1975.

13. How long have you lived continuously in the State of Tennessee?

Lifetime.

14. How long have you lived continuously in the county where you are now living?

18 years.

15. State the county in which you are registered to vote.

Knox.

16. Describe your military service, if applicable, including branch of service, dates of active duty, rank at separation, and decorations, honors, or achievements. Please also state whether you received an honorable discharge and, if not, describe why not.

Regrettably, none.

17. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance other than minor traffic offenses? If so, state the approximate date, charge and disposition of the case.

No.

18. 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.

19. Please identify the number of formal complaints you have responded to that were filed against you with any supervisory authority, including but not limited to a court, a board of professional responsibility, or a board of judicial conduct, alleging any breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by you. Please provide any relevant details on any such complaint if the complaint was not dismissed by the court or board receiving the complaint. You may wish to request a report from the appropriate supervisory authority (or authorities) for a complete history.

None.

20. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities or creditors within the last five (5) years? If so, give details.

No.

21. Have you ever filed bankruptcy (including personally or as part of any partnership, LLC, corporation, or other business organization)?

No.

22. Have you ever been a party in any legal proceedings (including divorces, domestic proceedings, and other types of proceedings)? If so, give details including the date, court and docket number and disposition. Provide a brief description of the case. This question does not seek, and you may exclude from your response, any matter where you were involved only as a nominal party, such as if you were the trustee under a deed of trust in a foreclosure proceeding.

Yes.

Bond v. Bond, Chancery Court of Knox County, Docket #173857-3, February 3, 2009. Divorce based on irreconcilable differences.

Bond v. Eagle Warranty Corp., General Sessions Court of Knox County, Docket #64289G, July 28, 2009. Failure to pay warranty claim dismissed following payment of claim by defendant.

Bond v. Neal Ramsey, General Sessions Court of Knox County, Docket #74634DT, August 11, 2015. Default on Residential Lease. Possession obtained and suit dismissed.

Bond v. Crystal Baker, General Sessions Court of Knox County, Docket #85686, October 15, 2018. Default on Residential Lease. Possession Obtained and Suit Dismissed.

Bond v. Current Occupant of 6119 Darby, General Sessions of Knox County, Docket #87082DT,

April 2, 2019. Sought Possession after Purchase of Home at Foreclosure Sale. Judgment for Plaintiff.

Bond (Petitioner) v. United States, Tax Court Docket Number #3238-19S, May 1, 2019. Incorrect basis on capital gain sale resulting in excessive tax assessment. Agreed Judgment entered shortly after filing reducing tax assessment as proposed by Petitioner.

Bond v. Cheryl Daniel, General Sessions Court of Knox County, Docket #90444DT, June 1, 2020. Default on Residential Lease. Possession Obtained and Suit Dismissed.

23. List all organizations other than professional associations to which you have belonged within the last five (5) years, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

Laurel Church of Christ- Member.

24. Have you ever belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion, or gender? Do not include in your answer those organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues.
- a. If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.
 - b. If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be nominated and selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

a. No.

b. N/A.

ACHIEVEMENTS

25. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you have been a member within the last ten years, including dates. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List memberships and responsibilities on any committee of professional associations which you consider significant.

Knoxville Bar Association 2002 – current; Barristers President 2012; Board of Governors 2011-2013.

Tennessee Bar Association: 2002 – current.

American Bar Association: 2005 – current.

26. List honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation from law school which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

Knoxville Bar Association Barristers Vice President 2011.

Knoxville Bar Association Barristers President 2012.

Board of Governors of Knoxville Bar Association 2011-2013.

Martindale Hubble Rated.

Super Lawyers Rated.

Best Lawyers Rated – Medical Malpractice Defense.

American Inns of Court, Hamilton-Burnett Chapter, Emeritus Master of the Bench.

Cityview Magazine Top Attorneys Rated- Professional Malpractice Defense, Healthcare Law and Labor and Employment.

27. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive.

None.

ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

28. What are your reasons for seeking this position? (150 words or less)

I have always desired to pursue public service. In law school, I sought commission as a JAG officer, however secondary to an athletic injury which required multiple surgical procedures, I was designated as being not physically qualified. I knew from that moment I would serve in another role, and there is no other service for which I am qualified more important to our

Republic than that of our impartial judiciary.

Our country is experiencing some of the most challenging moments that have occurred in my lifetime. I will treat each litigant fairly and with respect. I am blessed to have parents who instilled in me strong values, character, principles of fairness and the courage to make the correct decisions. Fairness and respect are core American values that transcend generations. Fairness and respect are strengths that are the essence of our Republic, and I will follow those principles.

29. Describe the judgeship you seek (i.e. geographic area, types of cases, number of judges, etc. and explain how your selection would impact the court. *(150 words or less)*)

The Knox County, Division I, position is one of four Circuit Judge positions in the 6th Judicial District of Tennessee. Divisions I, II and III hear civil cases ranging from vehicle collisions, personal injury, and construction matters to contract and property disputes. Division IV operates distinctly and handles domestic relations matters.

During my 20 years of practice, Knox County Circuit Court, Division I, has had two excellent jurists: Judge Dale Workman and Judge Kristi Davis. I will strive to follow their excellent examples. Division II is served by Judge Bill Ailor, and Division III is served by Judge Deborah Stevens. I have great respect for both Judge Ailor and Judge Stevens, and I will work cooperatively with them to further the efficient administration of justice.

30. Will you uphold the law even if you disagree with the substance of the law (e.g., statute or rule) at issue? Give an example from your experience as a licensed attorney that supports your response to this question. *(250 words or less)*

Absolutely. The role of a trial judge is not that of a policy maker. The duty of a trial judge is to interpret and apply the law as it is written in the plain language enacted by the General Assembly. When sitting as a factfinder, the trial judge evaluates and determines the credibility of witnesses.

In the 20 years since graduating law school and passing the bar, I have had very limited experiences where I disagreed with the substance of the law. However, application of the statute of limitations can, at times, yield results which may appear to be harsh to an injured party who has experienced a personal injury or a property loss. I have faced situations where a colleague or an opposing litigant failed to file suit within the time limit legislated by the General Assembly, and on each occasion, I followed my duty and advocated and obtained dismissal of the action. A trial judge is not permitted to make exceptions to Constitutionally enacted laws to achieve result-oriented outcomes in unique situations.

Personally, the most difficult cases that I have litigated involve the death or catastrophic injuries experienced by children. All parties feel great sympathy for the child and the family of the child.

However, in our system of justice, when there is no liability, there is no recovery. Though it is a component of my religious and personal values to feel sympathy for those who have experienced significant injury or death, sympathy cannot control the outcome of litigation.

REFERENCES

31. List five (5) persons, and their current positions and contact information, who would recommend you for the judicial position for which you are applying. Please list at least two persons who are not lawyers. Please note that the Commission or someone on its behalf may contact these persons regarding your application.

A. Honorable Joe G. Riley

[REDACTED]
Ridgely, TN 38080
[REDACTED]

B. Honorable Charles A. Cerny, Jr.

Knox County General Sessions Court, Div. I
[REDACTED]
Knoxville, TN 37901
[REDACTED]

C. Stephen Loyd, M.D.

[REDACTED]
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
[REDACTED]

D. Eleanor Yoakum

[REDACTED]
Tazewell TN 37879
[REDACTED]

E. Robert Elder, M.D.

[REDACTED]
Knoxville, TN 37919
[REDACTED]

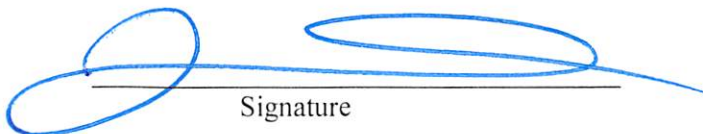
AFFIRMATION CONCERNING APPLICATION

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for nomination to the Governor for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court, Division I, of Knox County Tennessee, and if appointed by the Governor, agree to serve that office. In the event any changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended questionnaire with the Administrative Office of the Courts for distribution to the Commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this questionnaire shall be open to public inspection upon filing with the Administrative Office of the Courts and that the Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for nomination and the names of those persons the Commission nominates to the Governor for the judicial vacancy in question.

Dated: September 21, 2020.



Signature

When completed, return this questionnaire to Ceesha Lofton, Administrative Office of the Courts, 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219.




TENNESSEE TRIAL COURT VACANCY COMMISSION
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NASHVILLE CITY CENTER
NASHVILLE, TN 37219

TENNESSEE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
AND OTHER LICENSING BOARDS

WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I hereby waive the privilege of confidentiality with respect to any information that concerns me, including public discipline, private discipline, deferred discipline agreements, diversions, dismissed complaints and any complaints erased by law, and is known to, recorded with, on file with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct (previously known as the Court of the Judiciary) and any other licensing board, whether within or outside the State of Tennessee, from which I have been issued a license that is currently active, inactive or other status. I hereby authorize a representative of the Trial Court Vacancy Commission to request and receive any such information and distribute it to the membership of the Commission and to the Office of the Governor.

Joshua. J. Bond
Type or Print Name


Signature

September 21, 2020
Date

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Please identify other licensing boards that have issued you a license, including the state issuing the license and the license number.

Kentucky Bar Association Pro Hac Vice #PH20300