

Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission
Application for Nomination to Judicial Office

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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 Microsoft Word 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 Microsoft Word 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. See section 1(g) of the application instructions for additional information related to hand-delivery of application packages.

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

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE

1. State your present employment.

I am a Knox County Deputy Law Director with the Office of the Knox County Deputy Law Director, Suite 612, City-County Bldg., 400 Main St., Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, Knox County. (865) 215-2327

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

1988 – #013357

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.

My Georgia Bar # is 006150. I have always been an “Inactive Member in Good Standing” of the State Bar of Georgia because my law practice has been exclusively in Tennessee. I have never practiced law in Georgia.

When I was in my last semester at Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, the state of Georgia allowed those graduating from surrounding law schools to take the Georgia Bar Exam in the spring *prior to graduation*. I took the Georgia Bar Exam as a “warm up” for the Tennessee Bar Exam, passed, and was allowed to practice law in Georgia in 1988 after graduation from Cumberland.

I took and passed the Tennessee Bar Exam after graduating from Cumberland in the summer of 1988. My practice has been exclusively in Tennessee.

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).

As described in paragraph 3, I am and always have been an “*Inactive* Member in Good Standing” of the State Bar of Georgia. I have never been denied admission to, suspended or *otherwise* placed on inactive status by the Bar of any State.

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).

I was an associate attorney at Morton, Lewis, King and Krieg in Knoxville from October 1988, through December 1989.

From January 1, 1990 through June 30, 2015, I practiced law with my father, George W. Morton, Jr., with Morton & Morton, PLLC, in Knoxville. For a time before his death, my uncle, L. Clure Morton, retired from the federal bench and guided me through my practice at Morton & Morton, PLLC. (At the time, my uncle and father had combined legal experience of 110 years.)

For a short period of time, Fred Thomforde practiced law with my father and me at Morton, Thomforde & Morton, PLLC.

Other than purchasing/owning my law office's building, I have only practiced law since 1988.

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.

For the past 5+ years of my law practice, I have been a Knox County Deputy Law Director. As such, I advise and represent various departments, elected officials and individuals within Knox County government, including the Mayor, Human Resources, County Commission, Criminal and Civil Circuit Courts and General Sessions Courts Clerks, Register of Deeds, Knox County Clerk, Knox County Trustee, the Health Department, the Merit System Council, the Medical Examiner/ East Tennessee Forensic Center, the Sheriff's Office, Drug Court, the Knox County Trustee and various boards and committees.

I litigate in State and Federal Courts, including bankruptcy court and before various State and Federal Administrative Agencies. Contract review for proper legal form, advice and counsel constitute 50% of my practice, and litigation constitutes 50% of my practice.

Primarily, the areas of my practice are employment law (30%), governmental tort liability/sovereign immunities (30%), health care law (30%) and bankruptcy litigation (10%).

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.

For 32 years, I have represented clients in civil litigation from General Sessions Courts to filing certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

I have tried jury and non-jury trials in Circuit, Chancery or General Sessions Courts in every east Tennessee County and several middle Tennessee Counties. I have tried jury and nonjury cases in Federal Courts in east and middle Tennessee, South Carolina and taken appeals to the Fourth,

Sixth and Federal Circuits Courts of Appeals. I have filed writs of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

I have tried cases under the rules of the American Arbitration Association and other alternative dispute resolutions.

I have represented private parties before very many Tennessee and Federal Agencies.

I have advised and represented banks, finance companies, a title pledge company and a number of other type lenders. I have produced loan agreements, promissory notes, security agreements, confirmed perfection of security interests, closed loan transactions and the like. As a substitute trustee, I have judicially and nonjudicially foreclosed on real and personal property. I was also a debt collector under the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

I have also defended individuals and companies from debt collectors and litigated wrongful foreclosures.

My practice included wills and estates.

My father described some law firms that specialize in certain types of law as “a foot wide and a mile deep.” He described our law firm as “a mile wide and a foot deep.” While our law practice involved very little domestic relations law and no criminal law, we practiced a wide, diverse and non-specialized type of civil law.

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

I have represented more than 100 Veterans before the Department of Veterans Affairs (hereafter “VA) as a certified representative and prosecuted Veteran appeals to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Federal Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

I was one of the first attorneys in the country to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims when it was formed in 1988. Since 1988, I have appealed more than 200 cases involving claimed benefits to that Court. From that Court, I have filed several appeals to and appeared before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington D.C. I have also sought certiorari several times to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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

During those 25 years of practicing law with my father and for a time with my uncle, my wife was the office manager/ paralegal/bookkeeper/secretary/receptionist.

Except for occasional vacations, I essentially worked 70-80 hours every week for those 25 years.

I consider myself successful because I was able to help many people and, despite struggles, met my law office's overhead each month. My family lived on my wife's salary.

It is my experience over the past 32 years of practicing law that the best Judges are those who were previously lawyers who were responsible for and had to meet a law office's overhead for 10 or 20 years, or more. Doing so teaches a Judge to understand how *very* difficult the private practice of law is and how lawyers help people. It also teaches humility, which the best Judges have.

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

Not applicable.

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 College of Liberal Arts, B.A. with honors, 1985 (I attended UT starting in 1977 for approximately 2 years. I returned to UT approximately in 1983 and graduated in 1985)

Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, J.D. 1988 (I attended Cumberland continuously for 3 years from 1985 through 1988.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

12. State your date of birth.

1959

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

Except during attendance of law school in Birmingham, Alabama from mid-1985 through mid-1988, I have lived continuously in Knox County, Tennessee.

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

Except during attendance of law school in Birmingham, Alabama, from mid-1985 through mid-1988, I have lived continuously in Knox County, Tennessee.

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

Knox County

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.

Not applicable

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.

Not applicable

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.

Not applicable

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.

I have recently requested and paid for a formal Disciplinary History Report with the Board of Professional Responsibility. Once I receive it, I will supplement this response and file the Report.

I recall 3 possible complaints filed with the BPR.

1. Probably 25 years ago, a husband and wife with a lemon law complaint against a car manufacturer filed a complaint against me with the BPR in order to avoid paying my legal fee. I recall the BPR complaint was dismissed.

2. Probably 4 or 5 years ago, Phil Harber, an attorney in Clinton, filed a false complaint against me with the BPR in response to a lawsuit my clients had filed against him personally. I recall the BPR complaint was dismissed.

3. Probably 2 years ago, my former client, Latisia Upshaw, filed a false complaint against me with the BPR as part of her effort to avoid paying me my 1/3rd contingency fee from a large jury verdict (\$425,000.00) I secured for her in an employment discrimination lawsuit. I recall her BPR complaint against me was dismissed.

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.

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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.

In 1992, my wife and I filed a tort lawsuit in Knox County Circuit Court against our next door neighbors for damages caused to my wife when our neighbors' 2 dogs attacked and mauled her. We settled with their insurance company, and our neighbors eventually moved away. The lawsuit was Morton v Metts, Knox County Circuit Court Docket Number was 3-679-92.

In 2002, my wife and I filed a tort/breach of contract lawsuit in Knox County Circuit Court against 2 plumbers we hired who negligently flooded our basement. We settled with their insurance company. The lawsuit was Morton v Dean, Knox County Circuit Court Docket Number was 3-462-02.

Morton & Morton, PLLC, has a pending lawsuit in Knox County General Sessions Court against 2 former clients for an outstanding bill for legal fees and expenses. The lawsuit is Morton & Morton, PLLC, v. Houston and Allan Sherrod, Knox County General Sessions Court Docket Number is 29273K.

I do not presently recall any other legal proceedings involving Morton & Morton, PLLC, or me.

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.

Since 2019, I have been a Trustee for First United Methodist Church in Knoxville. For the last 5 years, I have served in various other roles, including Lay Leader, Building & Grounds Committee member, and the like.

Since 2019, I have belonged to and been a participant with KnoxCam (Knoxville Christian Arts Ministries <https://knoxcam.org/>). I have played violin in an orchestra and provided set-up and break down support. Currently, I play a “fiddle” in a movie being produced.

Since 2012, I have been a board member of a non-profit corporation Southern Forest Watch, Inc.

During approximately 2016 and 2017, I participated intermittently with Convention of States Action.

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.
- If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.
 - 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.

In my youth I was a member of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, which limited membership to males.

In 1977 and 1978, I was a member of a college fraternity Pike Kappa Alpha Fraternity which limited membership to males.

I am no longer a member of and do not participate in the activities of those organizations.

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.

Tennessee Bar Association (1988-2020). Knoxville Bar Association (1988-2020). State Bar of Georgia (1988-2020).

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.

The Tennessee Bar Association awarded me the state-wide Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Volunteer Award one year because of my demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor by performing a significant amount of pro bono work for the poor.

Locally, Knoxville Legal Aid and the Pro Bono Project have awarded me a number of awards and certificates for my pro bono work.

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (<https://www.vetsprobono.org/>) has awarded me various awards and medals throughout the years.

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.

For a couple of years during my private law practice, the Knox County General Sessions Court Clerk would call me on the phone on mornings a General Sessions Judge was suddenly unavailable to hear civil matters asking if I could cover and sit in as Judge that day. I presided as a civil General Sessions Judge approximately a dozen times during that time period.

Otherwise, I have held no public office.

ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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

Posted at the front door of the *L. Clure Morton U.S. Post Office and Courthouse* in Cookeville is

a plaque that includes the following:

“...Judge Morton graced this Courthouse for more than a quarter century with his fairness, intelligence, integrity, efficiency and good humor. On March 31, 1997, this building was dedicated in honor of L. Clure Morton’s contributions to the legal profession and distinguished career of public service...”

Judge L. Clure Morton was my uncle and mentor after he left the bench and came home to Knoxville.

If I am chosen for this position, it is my turn.

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)*

I seek the position of the Knox County Circuit Court Judge Division I.

There are 4 Divisions (Judges) of Knox County Circuit Court. (Division IV is exclusively domestic relations litigation.)

Title 16, Chapter 10 of Tennessee Code Annotated creates, organizes and defines the jurisdiction of Tennessee’s Circuit Courts.

The type cases in Knox County Circuit Court include, among others, cases to change names, legitimize children, domestic relations, adoption, release and appoint trustees, decrees for sale of real or person property, partitions of real and personal property, abatement of nuisances, will contests, restoration of citizenship, entry of arbitrator awards, all general sessions court appeals, contracts for goods and services, interpleaders and tort cases for injuries to person, character or property.

Circuit Court also has jurisdiction of cases under the principles of a court of equity, and otherwise perform the functions of a chancery court under certain circumstances.

Title 20, Chapter 4, titled “Venue,” provides rules on determining what particular case or “civil action” should be filed and tried in Knox County.

Title 17, Chapter 1, provides personal qualifications for judges and additional duties and powers, including Circuit Court judges also may solemnize the rites of matrimony.

I have also been taught to rely upon additional historical, legal treatises.

For instance, *Caruthers’ History of a Lawsuit, A Treatise on Procedure in the Courts of Tennessee* by Sam B. Gilreath, Seventh Edition, 1951.

Another “Bible” on Equity is *Gibson’s Suits in Chancery, A Treatise Setting Forth The Principles, Pleadings, Practise, Proofs and Processes of The Jurisprudence of Equity*, by Henry

R. Gibson, Fourth Edition, 1937.

I quote *Tennessee Procedure in Law Cases* by Joseph Higgins and Arthur Crownover, 1937, to explain how I perceive my selection could impact the court. I will follow these (and other) maxims.

“§ 9 Definition of a Maxim. – A legal maxim may be defined as a statement in short and apt terms of a generally accepted principle, rule, or guide to juristic conduct.”

One such legal maxim is:

“§ 30 *Judex Est Lex Loquens*. (The judge is the speaking law.) – The judge is the one by whom the law is articulated. The law is expressed and rendered serviceable and effective out of the mouths of its constituted judges. Their utterances, however, are authoritative only to the extent of facts submitted to them for consideration. The facts limit their adjudications. But whenever a state of facts thus presented suggests the need of remedy through some rule of law, it is the duty of the judge to discover and apply it.”

I will also do all I can to mimic how my father practiced law and how my uncle ran his court.

My uncle presided over the U.S. District Court in the Middle District of Tennessee from 1970 through 1996. When he became judge, he implemented a system when a case was filed in his court, it was set for trial in 90 to 120 days. That caused the parties and the court to strictly adhere to rules of civil procedure, including discovery, rules on continuances of trial dates, etc. It caused an attorney to more promptly attend to his clients' case. Cases were prepared and resolved without delay.

Not only did the court work more effectively, it made the court *appear* to work more effectively to the public.

I would first coordinate with and rely wholeheartedly on Judge Stevens, Judge Ailor and the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts to consider, develop and implement a process where, at first, parties could agree to such an expedited trial setting. Eventually, the process would be expanded where every filed case would be set for trial within 90 to 120 days of filing.

It has been proven to me that it can be done, and I have a plan to do it.

This would have a significant impact on the court.

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)*

I will uphold the law, and my disagreement with the substance of any law is totally irrelevant.

I was representing an individual who invented and owned a brand-new and specialized product to market and sell. My client contracted with another individual to help him build that new product. In subsequent litigation, that other individual *wrongfully* claimed that the brand-new product was his "invention." One problem with this other individual's assertions was he would have violated the Tennessee Invention Development, T.C.A. § 47-25-1201, et. seq. I filed a motion for partial summary judgment seeking to enforce my client's T.C.A. § 47-25-1211, remedies, including requiring contracts in violation of the Tennessee Invention Development laws to be declared void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy.

The Judge flatly overruled the motion saying, "I will not enforce such a law in my courtroom." My client was sitting there listening.

Because of economic considerations, (i.e., litigation costs, ongoing expenses and attorney fees) remaining litigation risks, delays in a future appeal and the fact that the trial court was not following the law, my client quit and dismissed the lawsuit. He lost everything in his project.

My client believed that the law did not matter in our court system. I was personally dispirited.

Also, my uncle, Judge L. Clure Morton, made it clear to me he had faced lawsuits where one party was a *very* unlikeable, dastardly, despicable and undeserving party and the opposing party was sympathetic, honest, good and deserving. However, when the law favored the unlikeable, dastardly, despicable and undeserving party, "**Follow the Law**" and rule in the dastardly party's favor.

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. David L. Buuck, Knox County Law Director; 400 Main Street, Suite 612, Knoxville, Tennessee; [REDACTED]

B. Terry Woods, Attorney at Law; 801 Tree Trunk Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934; [REDACTED]

C. Floyd Flippen, Flippin Law, P.C., 1302 Main Street, Humboldt, Tennessee 38934; [REDACTED]

D. Jill Lagerberg, 1437 Amblewinds Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922 [REDACTED]

E. Reverend Troy Forrester, First United Methodist Church; 3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee, 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 of 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 19, 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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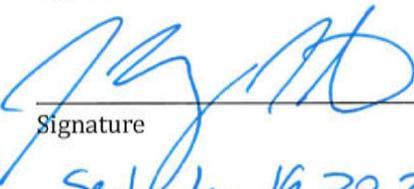
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
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AND OTHER LICENSING BOARDS**

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.

J. Myers Morton

Type or Print Name



Signature

September 19, 2020

Date

013357

BPR #

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

State Bar of Georgia #006150



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September 18, 2020

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400 W Main St Rm 612
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Re: James Myers Morton
BPR #013357

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 18, 1975, the Tennessee Supreme Court established the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee to supervise the conduct of attorneys licensed to practice law in this state.

The records of the Board of Professional Responsibility indicate that the attorney referenced above was licensed in Tennessee to practice law and sworn in on 11/10/1988. The attorney's license is currently Active and is in good standing.

Enclosed for your review is a report generated from our case management system. A blank report indicates that our office has never opened an investigative file on this attorney.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary McKnight".

Mary McKnight
Registration Manager

MLM/lw

Enclosure

Disciplinary History Report

Morton, James Myers

013357

Filed	Closed	Complainant	Status	Sub Status
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11/25/1996	1/24/1997	Monroe, Everette L	Closed	Dismissed by Investigations
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