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From the office of the
PRESIDENT AND DEAN

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[By email to: lang.wiseman@tn.gov]

The Honorable Bill Lee
Office of the Governor
1st Floor, State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: 6th Judicial District Vacancy

Dear Governor Lee:

On October 8, 2019, your office notified the Trial Court Vacancy Commission of a vacancy in Criminal Court, Division II of the 6th Judicial District created by Judge Bob R. McGee's planned retirement on December 31, 2019. The Commission publicized this vacancy and set October 22, 2019 as the deadline for submitting applications. The Commission also made arrangements to hold a public hearing regarding this vacancy on November 15, 2019 in Knoxville.

The application deadline has now passed, and the Commission has received only two applications. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Commission cannot provide you with the names of three persons qualified to fill this vacancy pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-4-308(h) because only two persons have applied. Accordingly, Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-4-310(a) permits you to fill the vacancy with any person of your choosing who is duly licensed to practice law and otherwise fully qualified to serve as a judge of the criminal court in the 6th Judicial District.

For your information, I have included with this letter the applications of the two persons who filed timely applications for this position.

Very truly yours,

William C. Koch, Jr.
Chair, Trial Court Vacancy Commission

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Enclosures