

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Court of Criminal Appeals Western Division

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee Executive Order 41, notice is hereby given that the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments will soon meet in Jackson to initiate the process of filling an impending vacancy on the Court of Criminal Appeals – Western Division. The vacancy will occur if the Governor's appointment of the Honorable Roger Page to the Supreme Court is confirmed by the General Assembly.

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

Any interested applicant 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 Western Grand Division. All interested candidates should submit a completed Applicant Questionnaire, available on our website at www.TNCourts.gov, to the Council for its consideration. Questionnaires should be submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by no later than Friday, February 26 at noon CST. The Council encourages all candidates to submit applications as early as possible.

Each candidate must submit by the deadline the original signed (unbound) **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. Complete application instructions are on our website at www.TNCourts.gov.

The applicant also must complete a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Level II Security Clearance Application. The application is available online from the TBI's website at <https://www.tn.gov/tbi/article/tbi-security-clearance-applications>. The TBI security clearance is not to be turned in with the Applicant Questionnaire, but should be brought to the interviews.

The Council 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 February, 2016.