

My name is Andrew S. Thompson and I am an attorney in Kingston, TN located in the 9th Judicial District. I would whole-heartedly support redistricting the 9th Judicial District to include Monroe County. I believe that this would be in the best interest of both the 9th and 10th Judicial Districts. Monroe County is a county of sizeable population, a population in which I believe the 9th Judicial District is ready and willing to provide judicial services to. This move would further serve to relieve some pressure off of the 10th Judicial District. Furthermore, Monroe County is geographically an outlier in the 10th Judicial District and is more geographically connected to the 9th Judicial District. The same could be said that Meigs County is a geographical outlier in the 9th Judicial District and is more connected to the 10th Judicial District's biggest counties (Bradley and McMinn). This move would further align with the weighted case study of the AOC, where currently the 9th Judicial District is low on civil numbers; adding Monroe County to the 9th Judicial District would increase the civil numbers and balance the case numbers between the districts. It is for these reasons that I believe the redistricting of the 9th Judicial District to include Monroe County would be in the best interests of the Judicial system of the great state of Tennessee.

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