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Dear Task Force Members,

It has been my honor to serve clients in the 30th Judicial District along with many others throughout the state of Tennessee since 1972 in addition to State and Federal Courts in Arkansas and Mississippi.

I strongly recommend and urge you to maintain the current status quo here in Shelby County. Shelby County is absolutely different as compared to judicially other areas of Tennessee that I have practiced in. As a single county district, we have been extremely fortunate to have some of the best Judges in the State of Tennessee to serve the citizens of our state.

Shelby County contributes through its tax base tremendously. I have personally been involved in and observed the case load for this Judicial District. The number of Health Care Liability cases is exceptionally large in Shelby County due to its large population base and health care industry. These actions generally take several weeks sometimes more to complete not to mention the pretrial time and effort taken by the judiciary to accomplish a fair and impartial trial for all litigants. When one or more of our divisions are tied up in these lengthy matters it necessitates other Judges being available to handle emergencies and caseloads of the otherwise occupied Circuit Judges.

The current make-up of Circuit, Chancery, Probate, and Criminal Courts clearly work together for the good of the citizens of Shelby County and I urge you to leave this District as it is.

Thank you so much for your consideration and should you have any questions or need for specifics, I would be more than happy to provide any information you might need.

Sincerely yours,



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