

**Tennessee Trial Court Vacancy Commission**  
**Application for Nomination to Judicial Office**

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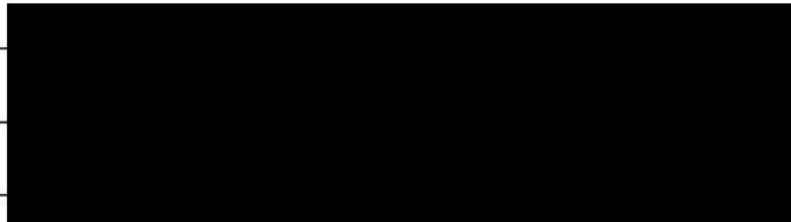
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**INTRODUCTION**

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.

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

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE

1. State your present employment.

Assistant District Attorney, State of Tennessee District Attorney General's Office for the First Judicial District (2022 – Present)

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

Year of licensure: 2015  
BPR 034446

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.

Tennessee. BPR 034446. 10/16/2015. Active.

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).

No. I have never been denied admission to, suspended, or 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).

Employment/experience since the completion of legal education:

- Assistant District Attorney, State of Tennessee District Attorney General's Office for the First Judicial District (2022 – Present)
- Associate Attorney, Steven R. Finney & Associates (2015 – November 2022)

Occupation or business other than the practice of law in which you have ever been engaged:

- Double Tree Hotel. Restaurant wait staff.
- Ruby Tuesday. Restaurant wait staff.
- RG&S Construction. Laborer.

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.

As an Assistant District Attorney, criminal law constitutes 100% of my present practice.

I am assigned as chief ADA in Washington County for homicides and felony narcotics trafficking cases. My present practice is almost entirely focused on pending investigations and prosecutions for homicides and felony narcotics cases. A lesser portion of my caseload includes pending violations of probation and post-conviction petitions.

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.

I have practiced law in every General Sessions and Criminal Court within the First Judicial District of Tennessee, including Elizabethton, Erwin, Jonesborough, and Mountain City. Through that work, I have come to know each community, courthouse personnel, and the law enforcement officers who serve them. Those experiences have allowed me to build strong professional relationships and meaningful connections throughout the district

**Private Practice**

I began my career at an established firm, Steven R. Finney & Associates. This office focused on criminal defense as well as civil matters, including domestic and personal injury. My mentor, Steven R. Finney, Esq., taught me about the practice of law and the business of running a law practice. At his firm, I developed my practice in the sessions and trial courts of the First District, with exposure to the Second and Third Districts as well.

I first met Mr. Finney during the summer of my first year in law school, while interning with Circuit Judge Jean Stanley. We had opportunities to speak about litigating cases and, after watching him try a jury trial, I proposed an internship for the following summer. During the summer of my second year in law school, I worked at his firm, assisting with research for motions in criminal court and with research and drafting for a vehicular homicide appeal. *State v. Cates*, No. E201401322CCAR3CD, 2015 WL 5679825 (Tenn. Crim. App. Sept. 28, 2015).

In 2015, following graduation and the Bar Exam, I remained at this firm as a legal assistant. After receiving my law license in October 2015, I transitioned into an associate attorney role. Working in this office provided an ideal opportunity to gain experience in both civil and criminal matters at the trial and appellate court levels. Additionally, this office allowed the freedom to expand my practice into probate and estate related matters, which was not previously a focus of the firm.

As a private attorney, I primarily focused on criminal law, but I had a general practice, which provided experience in an array of cases, including divorce and child custody, juvenile delinquency, and estate matters. This provided broad exposure to the Criminal, Circuit,

Chancery, Juvenile, and General Sessions Courts in the First, Second, and Third Districts.

### **Criminal Defense Practice**

In my criminal practice, I represented both retained and court-appointed clients. My cases ranged from misdemeanors to murder. While most cases resolved through negotiated agreement, others proceeded to bench or jury trial. I have experience as trial and appellate counsel.

I was frequently appointed in General Sessions and Criminal Courts of the First District. To represent indigent defendants, I always pursued appointed work out of a sense of duty to the Constitution, the Courts, and for the people who rely on appointed counsel for access to justice. I also valued the additional experience these cases provided.

### **Juvenile Court**

I served as trial and appellate counsel in dependency and neglect proceedings and termination of parental rights cases. I have served as counsel for both petitioners and respondents in these matters as well as adoptions. This work included representing parties in actions brought by the Department of Children's Services (DCS) and by privately initiated petitions.

A portion of my criminal cases originated as Juvenile Court delinquency petitions. I took particular interest in these cases as Juveniles deserve zealous representation, even if the "crime" alleged is a delinquency offense.

I have represented juveniles charged with a wide array of offenses. This includes lesser offenses, such as simple assault, to the most serious, including First Degree Murder. Some serious cases involved transfer from Juvenile Court to Criminal Court, to be prosecuted as an adult.

### **Probate and Estate Administration, Conservatorship Proceedings, Guardian ad Litem**

I have served as counsel for estate administration with small and large estates, drafted wills, trusts and living wills for clients, and have been appointed by the Probate Court to serve as administrator ad litem in matters which needed assistance in closing. In one such matter, I was entrusted by the Court with the task of identifying and finding lost heirs and ultimately distributing estate proceeds, preventing property from escheating to the state.

In conservatorship proceedings, I have served as private counsel, retained to petition for letters of conservatorship, and have been appointed by the Circuit and Chancery Courts to serve as Guardian ad Litem to advocate for the best interests of the proposed ward.

I have also been appointed to assist with conservatorship estate administration. At the request of the Circuit Court, I was responsible for administering monthly payments to a conservatee.

### **District Attorney's Office**

Upon joining the District Attorney's Office, I was assigned to the Criminal Court in Washington County and inherited a caseload from the previously assigned prosecutor. These cases covered a wide variety of serious criminal charges, from burglary, theft, false reporting, evading arrest and aggravated assault, to exploitation, rape, and murder.

From my hire date, I was assigned to the dedicated Narcotics Unit for Washington County, to oversee felony drug trafficking prosecutions on both criminal dockets in Washington County, presided over by Judge Stacy Street and Judge Lisa Rice. I was lead counsel on all trafficking cases in Washington County.

Currently, on the Narcotics Unit, I serve as lead prosecutor and assist with felony trafficking investigations. This includes cases originating from Washington County Sheriff's Office, Johnson City Police Department, and the First Judicial District Drug Task Force. As part of my responsibilities in this position, it is my standard practice to take calls from investigators at all hours of the day or night and assist with search warrants or legal inquiries as they arise.

When I joined the District Attorney's Office in 2022, the opioid crisis was in full effect, and fentanyl overdose homicides had become a priority for the administration. In 2018, our legislature modified TCA 39-13-210, to provide a means to prosecute fentanyl deaths as Second Degree Murder. I have successfully handled several of these cases, with the express goal of working to prosecute the highest dealers who traffic large quantities of illegal drugs into our communities. I have collaborated on investigations with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Overdose Task Force and have successfully prosecuted charges arising from these investigations.

General Finney also established two additional specialized prosecutorial divisions for Washington County, a Special Victims Unit and Homicide Unit. Starting in 2023, I was assigned to the Homicide Unit in Washington County, to oversee all homicides. I have prosecuted and resolved many murder cases and have tried both second- and first-degree murder cases before juries in Washington County. During my time on the Homicide Unit, I co-authored a Homicide Protocol to serve as a guide to law enforcement.

For new homicide investigations, I take calls from investigators at all hours of the day or night, visit crime scenes, assist with search warrants or legal inquiries as they arise, and make myself available for communication with lead investigators.

I remain assigned to the Washington County Narcotics and Homicide Units. Though these cases constitute a majority of my workload, investigators and patrol officers throughout the First District know they can reach me at any hour regarding any criminal case, should the need arise.

### **Jury Trial Experience**

My career jury trial experience has focused exclusively on criminal law. As private counsel, I defended four jury trials and have prosecuted fourteen as an Assistant District Attorney. A majority of these cases involved the most serious crimes recognized under Tennessee law, including: first-degree murder; second-degree murder; rape; especially aggravated kidnapping; robbery; attempted murder; cocaine, methamphetamine, and fentanyl trafficking; threats of violence against school children; felony theft; illegal firearm possession by violent felon; employing/possessing firearms during commission of dangerous felony offenses.

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

**Barbara Potter v. State of Tennessee, 90CC1-2019-CR-45929 (Washington County Criminal Court, 8/25/2021).**

I was appointed post-conviction counsel for Barbara Potter, who was previously convicted of First Degree Murder, in Johnson County, Tennessee. Ms. Potter was charged alongside her husband, Marvin Potter, and daughter, Jonelle Potter. The case received substantial notoriety, having become known as the “Facebook Murders.” The post-conviction matter resulted in lengthy litigation, with ultimate reversal of her conviction for First Degree Murder.

**In re Bentley D., 537 S.W.3d 907 (Tenn. 2017).**

In private practice, I had the opportunity to submit briefs and appear for argument before the Tennessee Supreme Court in the matter of *In re Bentley D.* This case involved equal protection and due process constitutional challenges to newly enacted rules of appellate procedure that solely applied to litigants in termination of parental rights cases. These changes resulted in disparate impact to termination respondents, limiting their ability for appellate review. Termination appeals were being dismissed, despite litigants utilizing AOC approved forms to perfect their appeals.

In the interests of comity, the Tennessee Supreme Court did not find the new rule to be unconstitutional, but found in our favor, permitting my client’s appeal to proceed. This resulted in other appeals, which were previously dismissed, to be allowed to be heard. I consider this to be an important ruling for notions of access to justice. I did this case on a pro bono basis.

This matter is also interesting on a jurisdictional basis, in that there was no request for certiorari pursuant to Appellate Procedure Rule 11. After dismissal of my client’s initial appeal, I filed a constitutional challenge with a motion to reconsider. Before the Court of Appeals ruled on the motion, the Supreme Court asserted reach down jurisdiction pursuant to TCA 16-3-201(d)(3).

### **Overdose Homicides**

The overdose epidemic had a profound impact on the southern U.S. and our region in Northeast Tennessee. I have seen, firsthand, grieving families across our district who lost loved ones to fentanyl trafficking.

Since 2022, I have handled all homicide cases stemming from fentanyl overdose deaths in Washington County. Initially, there was pushback from defendants, who refused to believe that juries would convict for deaths resulting from their enterprise. However, we have consistently prosecuted these cases to trial, if necessary, and have found that juries are receptive to these prosecutions. Of the several that have been presented to a jury, each has been convicted as charged.

As with any prosecution, the goal is to protect the community through fair exercise of prosecutorial discretion. My experience has required evaluating the facts, relative culpability, criminal history, available proof, and broader public-safety interests in determining the appropriate course for each case. In the context of the overdose epidemic, this requires distinguishing between levels of responsibility. Careful case evaluation shows that low-level dealers often struggle with addiction and may, in many respects, be victims of the same forces driving the epidemic. In this instance, incarceration does little to address the underlying social problems responsible for overdoses. Individual circumstances, cooperation, and truthful assistance are all factors in charging decisions. Through that process, cases are assessed individually, focusing on the highest-level dealers who profit from addiction and death, rather than treating every participant alike.

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

### **Johnson City Juvenile Court, Foster Care Review Board (2017 – 2022)**

I served on Johnson City Juvenile Court's Foster Care Review Board (FCRB), as a representative of the local private bar. The FCRB is a court appointed body, serving in an advisory role for the Juvenile Court.

When a child is removed from their home, the Department of Children's Services (DCS) formulates a Permanency Plan, with a goal to reunify the family, or, if the basis for removal is not remedied, for adoption. Each plan identifies needs and obstacles for the parties and children and outlines responsibilities of the parents and DCS.

The FCRB met monthly with children, the family, and DCS caseworkers to review compliance with permanency plans and the developing needs of the children. The Board reports back to the Juvenile Court with regard to progress under the plan, new or additional needs, and/or recommended changes to the plan.

**First Judicial District Felony Recovery Court (January 2021 – November 2022)**

Beginning in January 2021, I had the honor of serving as the private bar representative on the First Judicial District Felony Recovery Court. That service provided the rewarding opportunity to witness individuals rebuild their lives through accountability and recovery, earning income, paying child support, obtaining a driver's license, or completing a GED.

Once obtaining a position at the District Attorney's Office, I was assigned to narcotics prosecutions and therefore was unable to continue my involvement on the Recovery Court. Still, I make referrals to the program, and I attend graduation ceremonies whenever my schedule allows.

Not all felony drug cases involve major dealers, and not all dealers do so for profit. Instead, these cases often involve the sale of small amounts, or committing petty offenses, to support an ongoing addiction. From my position, I sought to parse out addicts, from those who were profiting from addiction, and pursue rehabilitative programs for those seeking recovery. In this way, society is best served when an offender is rehabilitated back to a contributing, working member of the community.

This program influenced my philosophy on the criminal justice system and the role of rehabilitation, for appropriate offenders. I continue to support this program and believe it to be a necessary component of our justice system and valuable asset to our region.

Should I be fortunate enough to receive this appointment, I would continue Judge Street's work in the outpatient, residential Recovery Courts and the Day Reporting Center.

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

I have not submitted any other application for any other state or federal judicial position.

**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.

**Appalachian School of Law (2012 – 2015)**

Juris Master (2014); Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude* (2015)

**Honors & Awards**

- Class of 2015, Valedictorian
- *Dean's List* (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

- *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges* (2015)
- ASL Thomas Blackwell Scholarship Recipient (2014, 2015)
- Sutin-Blackwell Alumni Prize for Excellence (2015)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Scholarly Book Award (2013)
- Wills Trusts & Estates Scholarly Book Award (2014)
- Bar Examination Studies Scholarly Book Award (2015)
- Advanced Torts Scholarly Book Award (2015)
- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Society (2013 – 2015)
- Appalachian Natural Resources Law Journal, Senior Editor (2014 – 2015)
- Student Bar Association, Senator (2012 – 2013)
- Student Honor Court, Justice (2013 – 2014); Deputy Chief Justice (2014 – 2015)
- ASL Cares, Student Humane Society (2012 – 2015)
- Enrollment Community Service: 125+ hours

**East Tennessee State University (2007 – 2012)**

B.A. Psychology (2012); Minor: Criminal Justice

- Applied Psychology Research Laboratory, Associate (2010 – 2012),  
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Christopher S. Dula

**Northeast State Community College (2006 – 2007)**

Dual enrollment courses, taken during senior year at Unicoi County High School.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

12. State your date of birth.

██████████ 1988.

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

I have lived in Tennessee for my entire life, except for the three-year period in which I attended law school in Virginia, from August of 2012 to May of 2015. While attending law school, I lived in Tennessee during the summer months.

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

I have resided continuously in Washington County, Tennessee, since 2015, ██████████

[REDACTED]

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

Washington 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.

None.

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.

In 2009, at the age of twenty, I was cited for underage consumption in Washington County, Tennessee. I entered a pretrial or diversionary agreement and this was dismissed and expunged.

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.

No.

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 responded to one BPR complaint, filed by a former client from a matter involving divorce litigation. The complaint was dismissed without a hearing on 2/19/2020.

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.

No.

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

No.

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.

1. On June 19, 2005, I was a back-seat passenger in a single vehicle accident, in which I was injured. I was sixteen years old. The insurance carrier through my parents filed suit against the insurance company of the driver and reached an agreed settlement.
2. I am listed as a "victim" in *State v. Zefrin Parker*, Washington County Case No. 2022-CR-48756. In this case, Mr. Parker is charged with Aggravated Assault, Assault, and Disruption of an Official Proceeding. This matter is still pending.

On 3/25/2022, I was a defense attorney representing a defendant on a first-degree murder case. During a miscellaneous Washington County docket, my client struck me in the face with his shackles, resulting in bleeding from my head, mouth, and nose. I remained in the courtroom until the Court issued its ruling, then left to address the bleeding. Deputies immediately informed they would charge my client with aggravated assault. In response, I requested leniency for my client. Despite the disruption of the moment, my immediate focus remained on my duties to the Court and to my client.

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.

Centenary United Methodist Church, Member (1999 – Present)

Erwin Presbyterian Church, Member (2019 – Present), Ordained Elder (2019), Ruling Elder

on Session (2020, 2021, 2022), Pastor Nominating Committee Chairman (2022 – 2023)

American Bar Association (2016 – 2017)

Tennessee Bar Association (2016 – 2020, 2026)

East Tennessee Republican Club (2022, 2026)

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.

While attending East Tennessee State University, I was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, a social fraternity with regular membership limited to men.

### 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.

American Bar Association (2016 – 2017)

Tennessee Bar Association (2016 – 2020, 2026)

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.

Tennessee Supreme Court, Attorney for Justice (2016, 2017)

*Johnson City Juvenile Foster Care Review Board*, Private Bar Board Representative (May 2017 – November 2022)

*1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Felony Recovery Court, Private Bar Representative (January 2021 – November 2022)*

Washington County District Attorney's Office Board Representative, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force (2022 – Present)

Washington County Bar Association, CLE Presentation, *Juvenile Transfer Hearings*, with Juvenile Judge Sharon Green and ADA Kelly Lowe (12/9/2022)

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.

I have never been a candidate for, applied for, or held any public office.

### ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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

From experience on both sides of the courtroom, in defending the accused and pursuing justice for victims, I have found that justice itself requires balance. I have seen the human consequences of crime and argued for accountability as well as rehabilitation, for public safety as well as proportionality.

I seek this position to pursue balanced justice, to safeguard individual liberty while protecting the public, and promote efficient proceedings without sacrificing fairness. Justice is not defined by popularity of outcome, but by fair process, faithful adherence to the law, and a meaningful opportunity to be heard.

This Court advances justice while demonstrating service beyond the bench through community recovery initiatives. I welcome the opportunity to continue the standards set by our Court for both justice and service to our district.

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 appointment to the Criminal Court for Tennessee's First Judicial District. This Court serves four counties with two judges who manage demanding criminal dockets. This requires a fair demeanor, sound judgment, and constant availability. This vacancy should be filled by someone committed to the standards established by the present Court, both in the courtroom and beyond.

My selection would provide broad, balanced experience as an advocate in the civil, appellate, and criminal defense roles, as well as state prosecutor. As a prosecutor, I remain available

around the clock for urgent investigations and legal decisions, reflecting the same responsiveness required of the Court.

I also bring experience with recovery court and overdose response initiatives, which reflect the balance between accountability, rehabilitation, public safety, and constitutional rights. I would work to maintain a respectful courtroom, issue timely and well-reasoned decisions, and continue our Court's strong commitment to justice and community service.

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 would apply the law as written, even if it did not align with my personal views. Justice requires fidelity to the law, and trial judges do not make the law, they follow it. A trial judge's duty is to apply the law, as written by the legislature, while following direction from Appellate Courts and the Tennessee and U.S. Supreme Courts.

As a defense attorney and prosecutor, I faced the situation proposed by this question. I have represented and defended people who confessed to heinous crimes. Regardless of my feelings toward their behavior, they deserve a zealous defense that thoroughly examines the case for defect or defensive opportunity.

As a prosecutor, I may believe reliable evidence proves guilt, but if it was obtained in violation of the Constitution, the law requires suppression. My duty is not merely to prosecute crime, but to uphold the Constitution and ensure fairness in the process. Personal views about a result cannot override the rule of law. In such circumstances, it is the constitution, and the law of the land, that must be followed.

### 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. Stacy Street



B. Lisa Rice



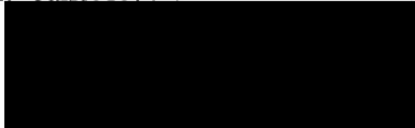
C. John Rambo



D. Scott Niswonger



E. Janet Avers



### 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 Criminal Court for the First Judicial District 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: April 29, 2026.



Signature



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