

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Court of Criminal Appeals Eastern Section

Pursuant to State of Tennessee Executive Order No. 87 issued on September 17, 2021, and Executive Order No. 95 issued on January 24, 2022, notice is hereby given that the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments will convene to initiate the process of filling an anticipated vacancy on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals following the appointment of the Honorable Kyle A. Hixson to the Tennessee Supreme Court. The date and location of the hearing will be announced soon.

Qualified applicants must be licensed attorneys who are at least 30 years of age, have been residents of the state for five years, and must reside in the Eastern Grand Division of Tennessee. Applicants must complete the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments' application, which is available at www.TNCourts.gov, and submit it to the Administrative Office of the Courts **by 12:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.**

Applicants must submit by the deadline: (1) the original signed and unbound application (updated version posted on November 28, 2022) with writing samples; and (2) a digital copy of the application (updated version posted on November 28, 2022) with writing samples in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for consideration for the judicial vacancy. The digital copy of the application and writing samples must be submitted as one document (PDF preferred). Complete application instructions can be found at: [www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources](http://www.tncourts.gov/adminstration/judicial-resources). The Council encourages all candidates to submit applications as soon as possible.

Any member of the public may attend the public hearing to express, orally or in writing, their objections concerning applicant(s) for the judicial vacancy.

If you require an accommodation and/or have special needs because of a qualified disability, have questions, or need additional information, please contact Laura Blount at the Administrative Office of the Courts at 615-741-2687 or laura.blount@tncourts.gov.

This, the 3rd day of February, 2026.