

Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission
Application for Nomination to Judicial Office

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INTRODUCTION

Tennessee Code Annotated section 17-4-101 charges the Judicial Nominating 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.

Sole Practitioner, Harold F. Johnson, Attorney at Law

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

1952

No. 7590

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

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

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).

Began law practice in 1952 out of the office of Roger Murray. I sat up my own practice in 1953 and was associated with the firm of Hancock & Manhein while conducting my individual practice. For reasons which I will refer to later, I left the practice of law to join the firm of C. H. Little & Company, an investment firm operating out of Jackson, Tennessee and Knoxville, Tennessee. C. H. Little & Company was involved in the purchase and sale of municipal bonds and acted as Financial Adviser and Fiscal Agent for municipalities and counties specializing in working with the cities and counties in the issuance of various type bonds with special emphasis on municipal revenue bonds. Of course, C. H. Little & Company represented the City of Jackson and Madison County and at various times and for various purposes, represented nearly all the counties, outside Shelby County in West Tennessee, and through the Knoxville office, most of the counties in East Tennessee. While not engaged in the general practice of law, I was certainly engaged in the specialized practice of the issuance of municipal bonds and the leasing of industrial buildings.

There was also started during this period of time, a small investment firm specializing in the sale of municipal bonds, Southern Securities. As the municipal bond business changed over the years, I re-entered the general practice of law with Roger Murray, Sr. and Roger Murray, Jr. in the firm of Murray, Murray & Johnson. Within two years after beginning general practice again, Roger Murray, Jr. formed a security firm, Murray Guard, Inc., and devoted his full time to that endeavor, very successfully. I am General Counsel for Murray Guard, Inc. and a small stockholder in the firm.

I don't know how you would classify that which I did because of my athletic background. While in Law School at the University of Tennessee, I officiated intramural basketball and in the city leagues. Upon my graduation and return to Jackson, Tennessee, I officiated high school basketball and high school football. Through the influence of General Robert R. Neyland, I began officiating college football and basketball, becoming a member of the Southeastern Conference Basketball Officials Association in, I believe, the 1954 or 1955 season and the Southeastern Conference Football Officials Association in the 1955 season. I officiated Southeastern Conference Football for approximately twenty (20) years, and during this tenure, served as President of the Southeastern Conference Football Officials Association and on various committees meeting with the Commissioner and coaches. I never officiated the Final Four in the college division; however, I did officiate the Finals of the smaller college division. As a football official, I worked thirty-three (33) years as an Umpire, serving as Chief Umpire, a member of the Officials Committee and President of the Southeastern Conference Football Officials Association. My best friend and fellow official, Butch Lambert, I believe, were the only two officials ever to serve as President of both Associations. Whether this is classified as an occupation, business or profession, I'm not sure, but it was a remunerative hobby and one which was thoroughly enjoyed.

I was engaged as an Assistant City Attorney in 1970 or 1971 and served until there was a change in form of City Government in 1989. I also, in the early 1970's, served on numerous occasions as General Sessions Judge on a voluntary basis, while Judge Gene Walker ran for, and served as, President of the National VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). I also, while Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney, would sit as City Judge on numerous occasions.

6. If you have not been employed continuously since completion of your legal education, describe what you did during periods of unemployment in excess of six months.

Not applicable.

7. 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.

My present law practice is not comparable to that which I did earlier. I represented GMAC through the Jackson, Tennessee office, basically in their collections and bankruptcies, from the time that I started back in general practice with Roger Murray until GMAC consolidated all of their bankruptcy practices in 2005 or 2006.

As City Attorney, I was constantly engaged in Federal Court, since the City of Jackson School System was under a mandated desegregation order. Some of the persons reading this Application might remember the Honorable Senator Avon Williams, who was in Jackson on what it seemed like almost a daily basis for years. Later, the City of Jackson was engaged in litigation as to the form of city government with Judge Richard Dinkins representing the Plaintiffs.

I represented Travelers Insurance Company in litigation for a period of approximately ten years.

Since I was assigned, as one of my duties as Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney was representing the City of Jackson Police Department, I was not able to engage in further criminal practice; however, it was necessary that I stay current on all criminal matters. I am proud to say that during the nineteen years I served as Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney for the City of Jackson, the City lost no suits against it for violation of any civil rights.

Since 1989, not having to devote the hours as City Attorney, I have been primarily involved in the general practice of law, and since I no longer am actively engaged in the Bankruptcy Court with GMAC and a number of other smaller banks in this area, the Merchants & Planters Bank in Toone, Tennessee, the Chester County in Henderson, Tennessee, the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Adamsville, Tennessee and other creditors, I have never represented the debtors, but only creditors.

8. 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. In making your description, include information about the types of matters in which you have represented clients (e.g., information about whether you have handled criminal matters, civil matters, transactional matters, regulatory matters, etc.) and your own personal involvement and activities in the matters where you have been involved. In responding to this question, please be guided by the fact that in order to properly evaluate your application, the Commission needs information about your range of experience, your own personal work and work habits,

and your work background, as your legal experience is a very important component of the evaluation required of the Commission. Please provide detailed information that will allow the Commission to evaluate your qualification for the judicial office for which you have applied. The failure to provide detailed information, especially in this question, will hamper the evaluation of your application. Also separately describe any matters of special note in trial courts, appellate courts, and administrative bodies.

Covering experience over the entire time in the life of an attorney would require a book. I will attempt to summarize same as briefly as possible. When I started my career with Roger Murray, Sr., and until I left the general practice of law to become engaged in the investment business, primarily the purchase and sale of municipal bonds and serving as financial adviser and fiscal agent to towns and counties, I was primarily in the General Sessions Court and criminal courts while building my solo practice. During the early period, I was an Attorney of Record in Schwab vs. Schwab, a case which remains cited in domestic matters. I not only participated in the trial, but wrote the brief and argued the matter before the Court of Appeals.

While in the investment business, I dealt with the preparation and presentation of the bond resolution, the leases of the industrial property, and as fiscal agent and adviser for rural counties, was called upon to render advice on all related matters to the finances of the City and County.

After my tenure in the investment business, I started a general practice again with Roger Murray, Jr. in the firm of Murray, Murray and Johnson. Roger Murray, Sr. had been engaged in the practice of law since shortly after the end of the first World War and had a wide and varied practice, both civil and criminal, and as a partner in that firm, I was immediately reintroduced to all matter of civil and criminal litigation.

When I was appointed as City Attorney, the Municipal Court of the City of Jackson has just recently been given criminal jurisdiction, that is, the power to bind criminal matters over to the Grand Jury, and I was the prosecuting attorney for all preliminary hearings arising out of arrest by City of Jackson police officers until the election of George Hymers as Attorney General when there was an Assistant Attorney General then designated to handle preliminary hearings in the Municipal Court. I also was adviser to the City of Jackson Police Department and the Fire Department in all matters during my tenure as Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney.

As mentioned earlier, the City of Jackson was involved in continuing litigation due to the desegregation of the school and the school system operating mandates of the Federal Court. Russell Rice was the Senior City Attorney, and I assisted him in these matters. When our form of city government, the three-man commission form, was challenged, Russell Rice had grown tired of the continual involvement in Federal Court, and a firm out of Washington was associated to present the City's position in this matter. I was deeply involved in the preparation and trial, and Judge Todd, in his infinite wisdom after it was decided that there would be a Mayor-City Council form of government, allowed me approximately two weeks to rewrite the Charter.

For approximately ten years, I represented Travelers Insurance Company in their litigation.

As General Counsel for Murray Guard, Inc., I am aware of that which is ongoing in our

providing security for primarily industrial clients in the southeast. Murray Guard, Inc. now is actively engaged in soliciting government contracts about which I know absolutely nothing; however, I do remain advised.

I will assert that I am as well versed in domestic relations law as anyone in this area, except perhaps Chancellor James F. Butler, and I would argue with him about that and do so in my appearances before him. I also handle wills and estates and recently appeared before the Court of Appeals in an interesting will contest in which my argument was confined to only three minutes. Judge Highers asserted that I could not introduce myself to the Court within three minutes, but I did so.

9. Also separately describe any matters of special note in trial courts, appellate courts, and administrative bodies.

As stated earlier, I sat as General Sessions Judge many times over a period of approximately three years, while Judge Gene Walker was General Sessions Judge, and later, Circuit Court Judge, was running for, and serving as, National Chairman of the VFW. I also sat as Judge in the Municipal Court of Jackson on a number of occasions. When the Municipal Court for the City of Jackson was first formed, it was my duty as City Attorney to act as attorney for the City before the Municipal Judge who had recently attained the capabilities to bind over cases to the Grand Jury, as well as handling the City Ordinances.

10. If you have served as a mediator, an arbitrator or a judicial officer, describe your experience (including dates and details of the position, the courts or agencies involved, whether elected or appointed, and a description of your duties). Include here detailed description(s) of any noteworthy cases over which you presided or which you heard as a judge, mediator or arbitrator. Please state, as to each case: (1) the date or period of the proceedings; (2) the name of the court or agency; (3) a summary of the substance of each case; and (4) a statement of the significance of the case.

See above as to my experience as General Sessions Judge and City Judge.

11. Describe generally any experience you have of serving in a fiduciary capacity such as guardian ad litem, conservator, or trustee other than as a lawyer representing clients.

None.

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

None other than those listed above.

13. List all prior occasions on which you have submitted an application for judgeship to the Judicial Nominating Commission or any predecessor commission or body. Include the specific position applied for, the date of the meeting at which the body considered your application, and whether or not the body submitted your name to the Governor as a nominee.

Governor Ned McWherter had committed to me that I would be appointed Circuit Court Judge; however, Judge Whit LaFon happened to be the uncle of Vice President Albert Gore, and that appointment was not made. Judge LaFon, who had been previously Assistant District Attorney General, stated that he just wished to be a Circuit Judge for two years to increase his pension; however, Judge LaFon, a personal friend of mine, learned to love the job, and I continued in my private practice.

EDUCATION

14. 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.

I attended the University of Tennessee on a football scholarship beginning in the summer of 1947 and graduated from the University of Tennessee Law School in March of 1952. The original degree awarded was, I believe, Laws & Letters, and then later, Doctor of Jurisprudence. As to aspects of my education which I believe are relevant, after my third knee operation in the Spring of my Junior year, General Robert R. Neyland utilized me as an Assistant Freshman Coach in title; however, I, when Freshmen were eligible, served in a number of capacities. I believe that the discipline and dedication learned under General Robert R. Neyland, both as a player and coach, enabled me to succeed first, in the practice of law, and in the investment business.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

15. State your age and date of birth.

I am 82 years of age, soon to be 83, born February 7, 1929.

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

Since birth, soon to be 83 years.

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

Since birth, other than the five years at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

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

Madison County, Tennessee

19. 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.

Not applicable.

20. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

In 1953, shortly after my marriage to Patricia Leigh Lanier on May 2, 1953, an individual insulted my wife in the presence of a number of witnesses, and after I had reasoned with him, did swear out a warrant for assault and battery. I don't recall if the gentleman appeared, or if there was a conviction. If it was, it was expunged.

In the early 1960's, another occasion arose where that force was necessary, and I appeared before Judge "Tip" Taylor in Circuit Court, and I believe the charges were dismissed upon payment of costs.

21. 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.

22. If you have been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by

any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group, give details.

I was publicly disciplined for having used what I believe necessary physical force on three occasions. It so happened they were all in the taking of depositions. In one case, my daughter was the court reporter while I was taking the deposition of a debtor in a GMAC bankruptcy. The debtor did not appreciate the line of questioning and entered the room, after having used some profanity, and asked of me if I had ever had a member of my family threatened with a firearm. I arose, and he fled before any real damage could take place. In another incident, while taking a deposition in the Henderson County Courthouse with one Vernon (Vermin) Chumney, I had asked the question and suggested to the deponent that he consult with his attorney before answering, since it involved his right of self incrimination. Mr. Chumney took affront and suggested that we go outside the courtroom, and with such request, I was glad to comply. This incident was not reported to anyone, nor was the previous issue. In the early 2000's, at another deposition in which actually I was only there as an observer, one of the deponents actually kned me in the back, which was a mistake on his part. The deponent ran, and I caught him, but no real damage was done. This was reported to the Disciplinary Board, and after several conferences, I was asked if I would object to there being a public reprimand. Since most of the local Bar Association knew that which had happened and the persons involved, I offered no objection. I do not believe that there would have been a reprimand had I wished to go to trial for all actions were justified.

23. 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.

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

No.

25. 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.

None other than those mentioned above.

26. 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.

None, other than the State and Local Bar Associations.

27. 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.

No.

ACHIEVEMENTS

28. 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.

State and Local Bar Associations. I have not served on any committees, basically because until my later years, I didn't have time with officiating and raising a family of four daughters.

29. 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.

Other than serving as Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney for the City of Jackson, Tennessee as described above, and not knowing whether or not the officiating could be regard as professional, there are no others.

The Committee will have to decide whether or not my officiating is related to professional accomplishments; however, my playing, coaching and officiating lead to my induction as a member of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. I also served as the Director of the Tennessee

Sports Hall of Fame for approximately twenty years (no records were kept) and served as President of the association. If it is not considered professional accomplishment, nevertheless, I am proud of the accomplishments on the athletic field. The fact that I was occupied on most weekends from August until March, and sometimes during the week, made it impossible to do anything except devote the rest of the time to my family and my practice. Now, I am able to devote all of the time necessary to my practice and to the Judgeship, if selected.

30. List the citations of any legal articles or books you have published.

None.

31. List law school courses, CLE seminars, or other law related courses for which credit is given that you have taught within the last five (5) years.

None.

32. 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.

Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney for the City of Jackson from 1971 to 1989. The position was appointive by the three-member Commission, which changed from time to time.

33. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist? If yes, please describe your service fully.

No.

34. Attach to this questionnaire at least two examples of legal articles, books, briefs, or other legal writings which reflect your personal work. Indicate the degree to which each example reflects your own personal effort.

I have written a number of appellate briefs, none of which resulted in a major change in the law.

ESSAYS/PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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

After my graduation from high school, I was offered a number of football and basketball scholarships of which I remain proud. Coach General Robert R. Neyland offered me a scholarship to the University of Tennessee; Coach Wallace Wade at Duke University; Coach Red Sanders at Vanderbilt; Coach Harry Meyer at the University of Mississippi; Coach Frank Thomas at Alabama, Coach Paul Bryant, for whom I later officiated, then at the University of Kentucky, and I had not yet reached a decision on whether to study law or medicine.

My uncle was Judge Frank L. Johnson, Circuit Court Judge for the Madison County District, informed me that if I would graduate from Law School, that upon my graduation (he had no children), he would resign from the Bench, and we would practice together. Uncle Frank died in the Summer of 1947, right after I had entered the University of Tennessee and decided to go to Law School, rather than Medical School, since the Law School and Medical School, at that time, was only two years of prelaw, and the University of Tennessee Medical School was in Memphis, and I wanted to play four years for General Neyland. I've always thought it would be an honor to be sworn as Circuit Court Judge in the same circuit in which my uncle, Frank L. Johnson, served. I was raised on South Royal Street in the City of Jackson during the Depression. My father was a fireman with the GM&O R.R., who was laid off from 1929 to 1939, and I have seen, and understood, what lack of funds can do to a person and a family. Mine survived, and I had a wonderful family. Through my athletic ability, I was able to attend the University of Tennessee, whose football team at that time was a melting pot with most of the players being not from Tennessee, but from West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and of varied cultured backgrounds, and under General Neyland, as did most of his players, we learned teamwork and the necessary dedication to attain goals in life. During my tenure there, I was an Assistant Coach on two National Championship teams.

After graduation and after being Assistant Coach on two National Championship teams, I actually became bored with the practice of law starting out in General Sessions Court and in cases of no great magnitude and decided to seek satisfaction in something other than the practice of law. In my work with C. H. Little & Company, an investment banking firm, I became associated with an entirely different class of people, the bankers, City Mayors, County Judges, or Executives as they are called now, and the investors. When the municipal business changed completely with the long distance calls and the lack of personal contact, I did not like that which was ongoing then, and chose to return to the general practice of law with Roger Murray, Jr., the son of Roger Murray, Sr., with whom I originally started practice in 1952. The Murray family was well-known politically and represented all classes of people, many pro bono, sometimes not by choice, and that is the pattern which I still follow.

I recently to the Bar Association when questioned about pro bono work, stated at least more than half of my work is done without pay. Yes, I bill, but there is no way for a person making \$10.00 to \$15.00 an hour to pay \$250.00 an hour for domestic or estate work. I represent a sufficient number of people who can pay my hourly rate to offset that which do voluntarily. I really hate to see the demise of the solo practitioner and small firm who will do that which I do on a regular basis. I do that work energetically and enthusiastically. Judge Bobby Holt, esteemed General

Sessions Judge here and a friend, once commented to me, “Harold, you try every General Sessions case like it was a Supreme Court case”, to which I responded, “Bobby, that’s the only case these people have today”.

I believe my wide experience with all classes of people would endeavor me to serve as Circuit Court Judge with fairness to all litigants, criminal or civil.

36. State any achievements or activities in which you have been involved which demonstrate your commitment to equal justice under the law; include here a discussion of your pro bono service throughout your time as a licensed attorney. *(150 words or less)*

I have related that which I do without compensation in my response to Question 35 above, and I will continue to represent people, basically for that which they can afford, as long as I continue to practice.

37. 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 would like to succeed Judge Roger Page as one of the three Circuit Court Judges serving Madison, Henderson and Chester County, Tennessee. I believe because of my age and experience, I would be able to begin immediately to hear both civil and criminal cases. My hours, when they have had to be, have been long, and I would devote all of the time necessary to carrying out my duties.

Because of my wide and varied experience with people and with life, I would be able to apply to enforce and apply the law fairly to all concerned. I know from my experience as City Attorney assigned to the Police Department, that which the law enforcement officers undergo. I know of their work and dedication. I also know that they, as human beings, are capable of making mistakes.

38. Describe your participation in community services or organizations, and what community involvement you intend to have if you are appointed judge? *(250 words or less)*

As Circuit Court Judge, I would devote my time to those duties and my family. Since I am too old to longer officiate, law practice has been that which I continue to enjoy, and I certainly would enjoy being a Circuit Court Judge.

39. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance to the Commission in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this judicial position. *(250 words or less)*

I have previously touched upon my childhood, the athletic ability which lead me to college, the college experience of living with athletes of all nationalities in East Stadium at the University of Tennessee for five years, being a member of General Robert R. Neyland's coaching staff, and learning under, in my opinion, the greatest teacher and coach of all, how that working toward a goal could lead to an attainment of that goal. Officiating at the high school level, both in basketball and football, and officiating at the college level in basketball and football, would certainly indicate the ability to withstand the pressure from all sources, and to treat each individual, or team, fairly, and yet with authority. If appearing before seventy-five or eighty thousand people in a National Championship football game would not lead you to realize how to withstand pressure from all sides and treat both Auburn and Alabama fairly, certainly officiating at that level teaches you to control your emotions and apply the rules fairly, and has been, and will be, a great asset in my legal practice and as a Judge.

40. 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 uphold the letter of the law, even if I disagreed with the law; however, I do believe that the written law sometimes leads to unintended consequences. The law must be applied fairly to all, and equitably to all. I have represented creditors in bankruptcies and seen what repossessions and foreclosures can do to an individual. I have worked with those debtors to lessen the impact. I have represented fathers and mothers who have lost the custody of their children and have endeavored to lessen the affect upon that and to encourage them to be a proper parent in spite of the circumstances.

I have represented both the insurer and the insured. I have represented both the City and the citizens, and I could serve as a fair and impartial judge. I sincerely believe that my age, my education, and my experience would make me the best candidate to be Circuit Court Judge, or I wouldn't have applied. I could have possibly spent more time on this Application; however, I did not realize that the deadline was that close.

REFERENCES

41. 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. Michael T. Tabor, Attorney, 203 South Shannon Street, Jackson, TN, 38301; phone number – (731) 424-3074.

B.	Mary Jo Middlebrooks, Middlebrooks & Gray, Attorneys, P. O. Box 1985, Jackson, TN, 38302; phone number – (731) 423-2234.
C.	Roger Murray, Jr., Murray Guard, Inc., 58 Murray Guard Drive, Jackson, TN, 38308; phone number – (731) 668-3400.
D.	Jerry Wilhite, Wilhite Oil Company, I-40 and Providence Road, Jackson, TN, 38301; phone number – (731) 424-5591.
E.	Sheriff David Woolfork, Sheriff’s Dept., 546 East College Street, Jackson, TN, 38301; phone number – (731) 423-6000
<p>Note: I contacted Chancellor James F. Butler, who I appear before on a regular basis, who advised me that because of his position, he would be unable to serve as a reference, but I have reason to believe that he would approve of my appointment, since I could relieve him of some of the case load in domestic matters, rather than to have the Supreme Court appoint someone not familiar with this area.</p> <p>Judge Roy Morgan, Jr., I sincerely believe, would be proud for me to serve with him in this jurisdiction.</p>	

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 [Court] Circuit Court for the Twenty-Sixth 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: January 19,_____, 2012.

Signature

When completed, return this questionnaire to Debbie Hayes, Administrative Office of the Courts, 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219.



TENNESSEE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

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WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I hereby waive the privilege of confidentiality with respect to any information which concerns me, including public discipline, private discipline, deferred discipline agreements, diversions, dismissed complaints and any complaints erased by law, and is known to, recorded with, on file with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the Tennessee Court of Judiciary and any other licensing board, whether within or outside the state of Tennessee, from which I have been issued a license that is currently active, inactive or other status. I hereby authorize a representative of the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission to request and receive any such information and distribute it to the membership of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Harold F. Johnson

Type or Printed Name

Signature

January 19, 2012

Date

Please identify other licensing boards that have issued you a license, including the state issuing the license and the license number.

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D.	Jerry Wilhite, Wilhite Oil Company, I-40 and Providence Road, Jackson, TN, 38301; phone number – (731) 424-5591.
E.	Sheriff David Woolfork, Sheriff's Dept., 546 East College Street, Jackson, TN, 38301; phone number – (731) 423-6000
<p>Note: I contacted Chancellor James F. Butler, who I appear before on a regular basis, who advised me that because of his position, he would be unable to serve as a reference, but I have reason to believe that he would approve of my appointment, since I could relieve him of some of the case load in domestic matters, rather than to have the Supreme Court appoint someone not familiar with this area.</p> <p>Judge Roy Morgan, Jr., I sincerely believe, would be proud for me to serve with him in this jurisdiction.</p>	

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 [Court] Circuit Court for the Twenty-Sixth 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: January 19, _____, 2012.


 Signature

When completed, return this questionnaire to Debbie Hayes, Administrative Office of the Courts, 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219.



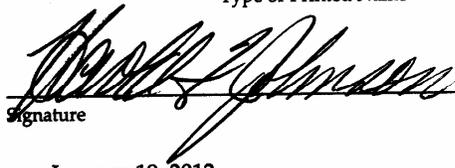
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WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I hereby waive the privilege of confidentiality with respect to any information which concerns me, including public discipline, private discipline, deferred discipline agreements, diversions, dismissed complaints and any complaints erased by law, and is known to, recorded with, on file with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, the Tennessee Court of Judiciary and any other licensing board, whether within or outside the state of Tennessee, from which I have been issued a license that is currently active, inactive or other status. I hereby authorize a representative of the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission to request and receive any such information and distribute it to the membership of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Harold F. Johnson
Type or Printed Name

Signature
January 19, 2012
Date

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