

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY

Court of Appeals Middle Section

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee Executive Orders No. 87 (September 17, 2021) and No. 95 (January 24, 2022), the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments will meet on February 14 and February 15, 2022 to initiate the process of filling an imminent vacancy in the Middle Section of the Court of Appeals after Judge Richard H. Dinkins elected not to file a declaration of candidacy for retention.

Qualified applicants must be licensed attorneys who are at least 30 years of age, residents of the state for five years, and are residents of the Middle Section. Interested applicants must complete the Governor's Council for Judicial Appointments' application available at www.tncourts.gov and submit it to the Administrative Office of the Courts **by 12:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, February 3, 2022**. Applicants must submit by the deadline: (1) the original signed (unbound) application; and (2) a digital copy of the application, in order to have his/her name placed on the list of candidates for consideration for this judicial vacancy for which he/she is applying. Complete application instructions can be found at: <http://www.tncourts.gov/administration/judicial-resources>.

In accordance with State of Tennessee Executive Order No. 95 (January 24, 2022), the Council will hold this hearing virtually via video conference using Zoom on February 14 and February 15, 2022. The hearing will be livestreamed for public viewing to: www.youtube.com/user/TNCourts.

Interested individuals may also attend the livestream in the Middle Section at the Administrative Office of the Courts located at 511 Union Street, Nashville City Center, Suite 600, Nashville, 37219 to watch and/or speak in opposition to any applicant. Visitors who want to attend the live stream hearing at the Administrative Office of the Courts must check-in with Nashville City Center building security for admission to the office.

Interested individuals who want to attend the hearing remotely via video conferencing to verbally address the Commission to express their opposition concerning an applicant must contact Ceesha Lofton at the Administrative Office of the Courts either by email at ceesha.lofton@tncourts.gov or by calling 615-741-2687 **by 4:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, February 9, 2022** so that the necessary electronic accommodations can be made for participation in the livestream.

If you require an accommodation or have special needs because of a disability, or if you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ceesha Lofton or Rachel Harmon at 615-741-2687.

This the 24th day of January, 2022.