

February 7, 2012

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Hamilton County Commission  
401 Courthouse  
625 Georgia Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Re: Application for General Sessions Court—**Caretaking Appointment Only**

Dear County Commissioners,

Please accept this letter and my attached resume as an application for the judicial vacancy created by the unfortunate and unexpected death of Judge Bob Moon. I am applying to fill in as a **caretaking judge only** from March to August 2012. Should I be appointed by the Commission, I will not run for election in August 2012 nor will I support or endorse any candidate.

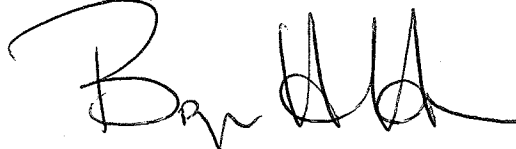
My decision to seek this appointment as a **caretaker only** is based on several reasons. First, I have had the benefit of growing up in this community, being educated in this community, dedicating my professional life to the courts of this community and bringing up my two small children in this community. With the untimely death of Judge Bob Moon, I recognize a work load in General Sessions Court that requires immediate care.

Second, I know that many qualified attorneys will seek this position and they should. But I also understand that we, as a community, do not need to politicize this process as an appointment now will surely affect the election process in August. The County Commission is put in a difficult position because it is required by law to make an appointment. While the appointment is required, ultimately, the decision on who should serve as a General Sessions Judge for the next eight (8) years belongs to the people of Hamilton County. This is a decision that should be decided in an open election. Simply put, an office which carries an eight (8) year term should be decided by the voters. Respectfully, by appointing me in a **limited, caretaking capacity only**, with the promise that I will not run for the position nor will I support or endorse any candidate, this Commission would be responsible for ensuring a fair and open election process in August.

Third, as to my education and background, I practice criminal and civil law with Davis & Hoss, P.C. where I am a partner. I have been involved in every conceivable kind of case in General Sessions Court, both civil and criminal. I have sat as a special judge in General Sessions Court many times over the years and will be performing these duties in Judge Moon's absence this month. My practice is varied but it includes representing and defending police officers in police-officer involved shootings. I have responded to the scene of four (4) different police officer involved shootings in the last twelve (12) months alone. As for my criminal practice, it is also diverse as I represent individuals in both State and Federal Court. I recently concluded as lead counsel a death penalty case in February, 2012 with a plea of guilty. Lastly, I have taught Criminal Law as an adjunct professor at UTC for the last several years. I believe that my eleven (11) plus years of experience make me a well-qualified applicant for this position.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan H. Hoss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "H".

Bryan H. Hoss

cc: Enclosure

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Chattanooga, TN 37403  
(423) 266-0605

**EDUCATION**

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UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF LAW  
Juris Doctor, May 2001

Memphis, Tennessee

DENISON UNIVERSITY  
Bachelor of Arts in English & History, May 1997

Granville, Ohio

**EMPLOYMENT**

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DAVIS & HOSS, P.C.  
Partner  
Associate

Chattanooga, Tennessee  
January 2005—Present  
August 2001—January 2005

Admitted to practice law in Tennessee & Georgia, the Eastern District of Tennessee, Western District of Tennessee, Northern District of Georgia, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals & United States Supreme Court

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA  
Adjunct Professor

Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Spring 2008—Present

MONROE, KAUFMAN & McGHEE  
Law Clerk

Memphis, Tennessee  
May 1999—May 2001

DAVIS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
Campaign Manager

Chattanooga, Tennessee  
January 1998—August 1998

HAMILTON COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE  
Intern

Chattanooga, Tennessee  
May 1997—January 1998  
May 1996—August 1996

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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SPECIAL JUDGE, GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

Chattanooga, Tennessee

BOARD MEMBER

Chattanooga Ballet, present  
Habitat for Humanity, present  
North Chickamauga Creek  
Conservancy, present