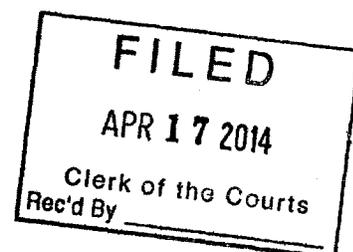


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

JOHN JAY HOOKER ET AL. v. LT. GOVERNOR RON RAMSEY ET AL.

Circuit Court for Davidson County
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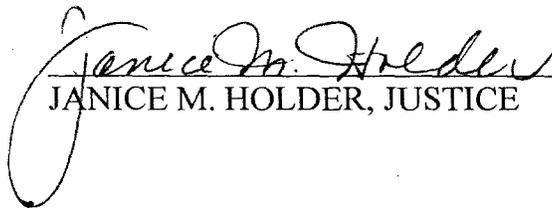
ORDER DENYING MOTION TO RECUSE

On February 7, 2014, Plaintiffs filed a motion in the Court of Appeals seeking the recusal of the judges assigned to hear the appeal in this case. By separate orders filed February 21, 2014, each Judge denied Plaintiffs' motion. Plaintiffs subsequently filed a "Response" to the Judges' Orders, which the panel treated as a petition to rehear and denied by per curiam order entered on March 14, 2014. On March 28, 2014, Plaintiffs filed in this Court a combined "Recusal Appeal from Denial of Court Review . . . and a Motion for the Members of the Supreme Court to Recuse."

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 10B, section 3.01 provides that a motion for recusal "shall be supported by an affidavit under oath or a declaration under penalty of perjury on personal knowledge and . . . shall state, with specificity, all factual and legal grounds supporting disqualification of the judge or justice . . ." Plaintiffs have failed to satisfy any of these requirements in their "Motion for the Members of the Supreme Court to Recuse."

Notwithstanding Plaintiffs' failure to comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 10B, I have considered the ethical obligations imposed upon me by the relevant Rules of Judicial Conduct and have concluded that no legitimate basis for my recusal exists in this case. Although I have been evaluated by the Judicial Evaluation Commission in the past and was elected by the voters of the State of Tennessee on two prior occasions, I announced my retirement from the Court effective August 31, 2014. Accordingly, I have not been evaluated by the current commission whose composition formed the basis of the underlying appeal. Moreover, I have no known interest, economic or otherwise, in the outcome of this case; possess no bias toward or against any party or attorney in this appeal; and see no reason why my "impartiality might reasonably be questioned." Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 10, RJC 2.11(A).

Considering the above, Plaintiffs' motion seeking my recusal is hereby DENIED.


JANICE M. HOLDER, JUSTICE