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## **Judge William E. (Bill) Higgins Assumes Presiding Judge Post**

Judge William E. (Bill) Higgins has been elected by his fellow judges as Presiding Judge over the Davidson County General Sessions Court.

“I am honored to be elected”, he said. “I want to assure that we manage the courts to make sure that we remain accessible as “The Court of First Resort” to serve as the basic foundation for our community’s justice system,” he added.

The presiding judge is responsible for developing the rules for the conduct and administration of the courts as well as conducting meetings of all the judges to discuss problems or issues pertaining to court operation. He will also prepare and submit the budget of the Courts to the Metro Council.

The position of presiding judge was created in the Metro Charter when the governments of the city of Nashville and Davidson County merged in 1963.

Judge Higgins is active in both the legal community as well as organizations serving the community. His service to the community includes stints as a member of the boards of Youth Encouragement Services; the Rochelle Center; The Woman’s Club and St. Luke’s Community Center as well as others.

He is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Civitan Club, American Legion and several Masonic Orders.

He is a native of Nashville where he graduated from Cohn High School and Vanderbilt University. Judge Higgins formerly practiced law in West Nashville and represented the area in the Metro Council.

He and his wife, Janice, have three children and seven grandchildren.