

Nashville Top of List to Get New Federal Courthouse

According to the <u>Nashville Business Journal</u>, Music City is still on the top of the list for cities getting a new federal courthouse. Nashville has attempted to get a new courthouse for 22 years, as the current 801 Broadway courthouse was judged inadequate by federal officials, due to security concerns. Building a new courthouse for the Middle District of Tennessee is estimated to cost \$181.5 million. The U.S. District Courthouse would also have a new location at 719 Church St., neighboring the Nashville Public Library.

NBA Memorial Service

The Nashville Bar Association's Memorial Service is on Thursday, November 20 at 11 a.m. at the downtown Presbyterian Church, located at 154 Fifth Avenue North.

Probate Expedited Docket Changes

The Probate Expedited Docket, currently held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 510, is changing. Effective November 20, 2014, the Docket will continue to be heard on Thursdays in the Historic Courthouse but will now be held in Courtroom 608 at 9:30 a.m. The Probate Expedited Docket is heard by Special Probate Master John Manson and consists of such expedited matters as small estates, name changes, and uncontested estate matters.

Judge Gayden to Hear Order of Protection Cases

Effective November 3, 2014, 50 percent of the Order of Protection cases filed in Circuit Court are now being heard by First Circuit Court Judge, Hamilton Gayden, on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. The other half are being heard by Third Circuit Judge, Phillip Robinson, on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office receives Orders of Protection for filing when the parties are married, have been divorced, or are unmarried and have children but paternity has been established.



Tennessee Schools Rank in Princeton Review's 'Best Law Schools' List

This year's Princeton Review annual law school rankings have been released. This study is based upon student and administrator interviews and ranks schools in various categories, including best classroom

experience, most diverse faculty, and best career prospects. The study also notes the "best law schools in the nation," an alphabetized list that runs 169 schools long. The three Tennessee schools to make the 'best law schools' list were The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, and Vanderbilt University Law School. Vanderbilt was also ranked number six in the 'best quality of life' category.

Rule 10B Court Procedure Clarified

Changes to the Tennessee Supreme Court's <u>Rule 10B</u> specify a de novo standard of review. This standard applies to all appeals from a trial court's denial of a disqualification or recusal motion. These changes stem from the Tennessee Bar Association's request to the Court for an alternative to bring clarity to the process.

Bar Exam Results Now Available

The list of candidates who were successful on the July 2014 bar exam is now available. The Tennessee Board of Legal Examiners released a list of 537 names, which you can find <u>here</u>.



Governor's Commission for Judicial Appointment Makes Three Recommendations

Three candidates have been recommended to Gov. Bill Haslam to fill the Circuit Court vacancy in the 22nd Judicial District: Patrick A. Flynn, William M. Harris, and J. Russell Parkes. The 22nd Judicial District serves Giles, Lawrence, Maury, and Wayne counties. This position came available following the appointment of Judge Robert Holloway Jr. to the Tennessee Court of Appeals. For more information on each candidate, visit the <u>Administrative Office of the Courts website</u>.

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