SHELBY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
DIVISION ONE
140 ADAMS AVE., ROOM 124
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38103

ROBERT BENHAM
JUDGE

March 11, 2009

(VIA INTEROFFICE MAIL)
Ms. Deidre Malone, Chair
SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
160 N. Main St., Ste. 450
Memphis, TN 38103

RE: Public Administrator/Fiduciary, Scott B. Peatross, Esq.

Dear Chair Malone:

Effective June 2005, the Commission appointed Scott Peatross as Public Fiduciary, consistent with T.C.A. § 30-1-401. Prior to that time, the two Probate Court Judges had no resource to call upon when it was necessary for someone to act in a fiduciary capacity, due to the lack of a qualified person or entity, or quite often, due to the failure of the previously qualified person or entity to perform appropriately. Mr. Peatross has done an exceptional job as Public Fiduciary and although he has been paid on numerous occasions, he has also served in many instances where there has been a lack of assets with which to compensate him.

As the Judges before whom Mr. Peatross frequently appears, we have both found his work product to be timely, well-documented, and responsive to the needs of the real parties at interest—the beneficiaries and the disabled. As a result of his exemplary performance, we respectfully request that you appoint him to another four-year term under the same terms and conditions as his prior appointment. This appointment would be effective June 19, 2009.

Further, we would appreciate your advising both of us when to appear before the Commission in support of this nomination.

Yours very truly,

Judge Karen D. Webster – Div. 2

Judge Robert S. Benham – Div. 1

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