

To Whom it May Concern,

I am currently practicing as Assistant Public Defender for the Shelby County Public Defender's Office. I am very comfortable handling a large volume of cases and the pressures of a heavy workload. Although I have only been with the office for five years, my supervisors have entrusted me with leading a team of attorneys and in training law clerks and new attorneys. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity. I truly enjoy and am passionate about government law practice. It is particularly meaningful and rewarding to serve the same community in which I and my family live. I think my appointed position and the one I am seeking require great professionalism and diligence because it is an entire population represented in my work. I hope to continue practicing in the public sector and would very much like to expand the manner in which I serve. I appreciate your consideration and would welcome an opportunity to interview for the position of Judicial Commissioner.

Laura Locke

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi (May 2010)

- American Jurisprudence Award for best paper in Juvenile Court Clinic.

Bachelor of Arts, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, (May 2006)

- Panhellenic Service Award
- Panhellenic Executive Board

WORK HISTORY

Public Defender, Shelby County Public Defender's Office, Memphis, TN (Aug 2011-Present)

- Division Leader: responsible for managing a team of attorneys and reporting to direct supervisor regarding lawyers' performance and court operations.
- Negotiating and litigating cases.
- Researching and arguing motions and briefs.
- Developing and leading sections of training program for new attorneys and interns.

Attorney at Law, Memphis, Tennessee (Dec 2010-July 2011)

- Represented clients in Chapter 7 Bankruptcy.
- Planned estates and drafted wills and power of attorney instruments.
- Handled divorce and child custody matters.
- Represented defendants in Criminal and Juvenile Court.

Extern, Shelby County Public Defender's Office, Memphis, Tennessee (Jan 2010-Nov 2010)

- Handled General Sessions misdemeanor cases from negotiation to pleas.
- Researched and prepared memoranda of law for capital murder cases.
- Prepared motions for Criminal Court and General Sessions.
- Assisted in Criminal Court trials.

Teacher, Lindamood Bell Learning Center, Memphis, Tennessee (May 2006- Aug 2007)

- Taught reading, language comprehension and math to students with learning disabilities.
- Provided intensive programs to students with autism and processing disorders.
- Worked with adult students in literacy training.

*References furnished upon request.

Shelby County Board of Commissioners Application For Appointment to Elected Office

Applicant

Application for Appointment to Elected Office

First Name	Laura
Last Name	Locke
Office Address	201 Poplar Avenue
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State	TN
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Home Address

Street Number	████
Street Name	██████████
Street Type	████
Apt #	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Memphis
State	TN
Zip	████
Home Phone	██████████
Cellular Phone	██████████

Professional Background & Experience

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| 1. Indicate your Present Employment. What is the Principal business of the business? | I am currently an Assistant Public Defender in the Shelby County Public Defender's Office. |
| 2. List your prior professional or business employment since completion of high school and lasting more than twelve months with dates and names of employers. | After High School, I attended Rhodes College, where I was a full-time student. 2006-2007 In the year between my undergraduate studies and law school, worked as a teacher a learning center called Lindamood-Bell Learning Process Center. I taught students with learning disabilities reading and language arts. 2007-2010 I was a full time student at Mississippi College School of law. During law school, I worked in the law library in Government Documents and as an intern for Dobbs and Dutro, a general practice firm in Jackson, Mississippi. 2010-2011 I worked as legal extern and law clerk for the Shelby County Public Defender's Office. 2011-Present Division Leader: responsible for managing a team of attorneys and reporting to direct supervisor regarding lawyers' performance and court operations. Negotiating and litigating cases. Researching and arguing motions and briefs. Developing and leading sections of training program for new attorneys and interns. |
| 3. Describe any experience not stated above that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission. | I am a current employee of Shelby County and have been practicing criminal law for the last five years. During this time I have had the opportunity to become familiar with local rules and practices, as well as State law and procedure. |

Personal Information

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| 4. How long have you lived continuously in Shelby County? | Five years |
| 5. State the county in which you are registered to vote. | Shelby |
| 6. List all states in which you have lived in the past 20 years and the dates you lived in each state, | Alabama 1984-2006 (Retained residency through college)
Mississippi 2006-2009 Tennessee 2009-Present |

including all periods in which you resided in a state more than 50% of the time for a period of at least 12 months.

7. State your age, date and place of birth. 32, [REDACTED], Mobile, Alabama

8. a) Drivers License No. [REDACTED]

b) Election Commission Voter Registration No. [REDACTED]

9. Family Status

a) State the full name and present address of your spouse. [REDACTED]

b) State your spouse's occupation and place of employment. Sr. Liaison Direct Mail Acquisition at ALSAC/St. Jude

c) If you have children, state their name(s), age(s), address(es) and present occupation(s). [REDACTED]

10. Military Service

a) Branch of Service *Field not completed.*

b) Service Number *Field not completed.*

c) Dates of active duty *Field not completed.*

d) Rank/rate at separation *Field not completed.*

e) Decorations, honors, or achievements *Field not completed.*

f) Was your discharge other than honorable? If so, explain. *Field not completed.*

11. a) Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? No

12. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give details. No

13. Have you ever been interviewed by any federal, state or local law enforcement agency for any reason other than minor traffic violation? If so, give details. No

14. If you have been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by a court, administrative agency, disciplinary committee, or other professional group, give details. No

15. Has within the last five years, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities or creditors? If so, give details. No

16. a) Are you currently a party in any legal proceedings? No

17. a) Are you now an officer or director of any business organization, or are you otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

No

c) Do you consider continuation of such business involvement to be a conflict of interest?

NA

18. If your income is not wholly derived from your present employment as noted in #1 above, specify in detail the other sources of your income and the approximate percentage of your total income each source represents.

NA

19. List all organizations to which you have belonged within the last ten years, including professional associations, civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

Kappa Delta Sorority First Baptist Church, Memphis, TN
Tennessee Bar Association

20. a) Have you within the past ten years belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion or gender?

No

Do not include in your answer those organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues.

b) If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.

Field not completed.

c) If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

NA

Education

21. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded and major.

Rhodes College 2002-2006 BA--Literature Mississippi College School of Law 2007-2010 Juris Doctorate

Achievements

22. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation or college which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

Panhellenic Service Award 2006 Best Paper Award Juvenile Court Clinic 2009

23. List presentations you have made to groups and

I have led presentations in best practices and skills for new

organizations within the past five years. attorneys in the Public Defender's Office.

24. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive. NA

25. Describe any experience you have had with legislative or executive branches of government other than as an elected or appointed official. *Field not completed.*

26. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance to the Commission in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this elected position. (150 words or less). I am currently practicing criminal law in Shelby County, giving me insight into the role and importance of Judicial Commissioners. I am well versed in both local rules and State laws and Rules of Procedure. As a five year employee of Shelby County I have had the privilege of serving this community and would love the opportunity to serve in a new capacity.

27. Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for appointment to the office of Judicial Commissioner

, and if appointed by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, agree to serve that office.

In the event any material changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended application with the Board of Commissioners for distribution to the commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and that the Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for appointment and the names of those persons the Commission considers for the vacancy in question.

Printed Name Laura M Locke

Date * 8/29/2016

Authorization for Release of Information

I, Laura Locke

, do hereby authorize the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and any and all agents or persons authorized by it, to conduct a full review and disclosure of all records concerning myself, whether said records are public, private, or confidential in nature. The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of records of all criminal charges, with the exception of minor traffic offenses, whether disposed of or pending, and any outstanding warrants in accordance with Rule 34 or the Shelby County Board of Commissioners' Permanent Rules of Order.

I also certify that any persons who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information, and I do hereby release said persons from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further specifically release the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and/or the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from any and all liability which might otherwise be incurred as a result of collecting or receiving such information.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this Authorization for Release of Information.

Print Full Name of Laura Mckenzie Locke
Applicant (include
maiden)

Address

[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth *	[REDACTED]
Drivers License #	[REDACTED]
Date *	8/29/2016

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