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Shelby County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Qur'an N. Folsom
Chief Administrator
160 N. Main Street, Suite 600
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Ms. Folsom:

Enclosed is my resume to supplement my online application for appointment as Judicial Commissioner.

In addition to my professional qualifications, I would like to highlight two other significant experiences. I have over 15 years of experience handling mental health cases in Tennessee, representing both the State and the patients. I began volunteering at Western Mental Health Institute in May 1996. As a young high school student, it was an eye opening experience to observe young adults repeatedly coming through the hospital for emergency treatment. As a criminal defense attorney, I understand the importance the treatment of mental illness plays in rehabilitation. Additionally, I am grateful to all the attorneys, doctors, judges, and court personnel that support my path through legal education and practice.

Since 2010, I have been a member, volunteer, and fundraiser for the YMCA of Memphis & the Mid-South. In 2013 I was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" and have raised over \$5,000 for the organization since beginning my volunteer service. Moving to a large city and beginning a legal practice on my own was a personally, financially, mentally, emotionally, and physically trying venture; my membership to the YMCA saved my life. I found myself tempted by the usual attorney demons, so I redirected my energy to working out and volunteering. Further, I found life focus in the organization's goals: to promote healthy living, social responsibility, and youth development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Experienced trial attorney, actively practicing, licensed and in good standing.

Demonstrated ability in trial/motion practice and law practice management.

Proven skills in building professional networks and personal relationships.

Experienced user of technology for legal, marketing and business development.

License and Admissions

Supreme Court of Tennessee 2007 TBPR #026521

Federal District Court, Western Division of Tennessee 2014

6th Circuit, United States Court of Appeals 2016

Education

The University of Mississippi, School of Law – Juris Doctor

The University of Tennessee, College of Business Administration – Marketing

Associations

Memphis Bar Association – Criminal Law Section / Young Lawyers Division

Tennessee Asian Pacific Bar Association – Board of Directors

Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

YMCA of Memphis – Fogelman Branch Board of Management

Sigma Kappa Sorority Alumnae of Memphis – Vice President, Finance

Speaking Engagements

MBA CLE: The Basics of Criminal Practice in Shelby County, TN July 2014

MBA CLE: Criminal Court Appointments in Shelby County, TN March 2015

Awards

MBA Leadership Forum Graduate 2013

TACDL Trial College Graduate 2011

YMCA Volunteer of the Year 2013

Practice Areas

Criminal Defense: Felony and Misdemeanor. Jury Trial, Direct Appeal, Application for Writ of Certiorari, Domestic Violence, DUI/Drug/Gun/Sex Offenses, Environmental, Post Conviction, Probation Violation, Juvenile Defense.

Family Law: Uncontested Divorce, Default Judgment, Paternity, Child Support.

General Practice: Mental Health, Quitclaim, Real Estate, Order of Protection, Landlord and Tenant, Guardian Ad Litem, Conservatorship, Probate, Contract.

Shelby County Board of Commissioners Application For Appointment to Elected Office

Applicant

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First Name	Ruchee
Last Name	Patel
Office Address	PO Box 3453
City	Memphis
State	TN
Zip	38173
Office Phone	9012136529
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Email Address	ruchee.patel@gmail.com
Home Address	
Street Number	████
Street Name	██████████
Street Type	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Apt #	████
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? Self Employed, Ruchee J. Patel - Attorney at Law
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. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville - August 2000 to August 2004 The University of Mississippi, School of Law - August 2005 to May 2006 Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions - May 2005 to May 2007 Ferrell Law Firm - May 2007 to July 2008 Self Employed, Ruchee J. Patel - Attorney at Law - July 2008 to Present
3. Describe any experience not stated above that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission. Over 15 years of experience with Mental Health courts. From volunteer and intern in legal services for Western Mental Health preparing doctor's affidavits and petition and assisting the hospital and county attorneys, to representing patients at short term and long term commitment hearings.

Personal Information

4. How long have you lived continuously in Shelby County? 9
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, including all periods in which you resided in a state more than 50% of the time for a period of at least 12 months. Tennessee May 2007 to Present Mississippi July 2004 to May 2007 Tennessee August 1992 to July 2004 Illinois March 1982 to August 1992
7. State your age, date and place of birth. 34, [REDACTED], Oak Lawn, IL
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. NA

b) State your spouse's occupation and place of employment. NA

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

10. Military Service

a) Branch of Service NA

b) Service Number NA

c) Dates of active duty NA

d) Rank/rate at separation NA

e) Decorations, honors, or achievements NA

f) Was your discharge other than honorable? If so, explain. NA

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.	Yes, practice monitor assigned, probated suspension of license completed successfully and all costs paid
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?	Yes
b) If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the terms of your service.	Self Employed, Attorney
c) Do you consider continuation of such	No

business involvement to be a conflict of interest?

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.

Fogelman Downtown YMCA – Board of Advisors
Memphis Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division
Sigma Kappa Sorority – Greater Mid-South Alumnae Chapter – Vice President
Tennessee Asian Pacific American Bar Association – Board of Directors
Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers - Member

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

yes

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

Sigma Kappa Sorority, women's only organization

c) If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and

While membership is restricted to women only, Sigma Kappa Sorority is a registered 501(c)(3) organization which provides

withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

philanthropic services without regard to race, religion, or gender.

Education

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

The University of Mississippi, School of Law - August 2004 to May 2007 Juris Doctor The University of Tennessee, College of Business - August 2000 to May 2004 Bachelor's of Science, Business Administration, Marketing with International Business The University of Memphis - May 2001 to August 2001 Non-degree seeking/Internship

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.

MBA Leadership Forum Graduate 2013 TACDL Trial College Graduate 2011 YMCA of Memphis Volunteer of the Year 2013

23. List presentations you have made to groups and organizations within the past five years.

MBA CLE: 201 101: The Basics of Criminal Practice in Shelby County outline 7/30/14 MBA CLE: Criminal Court Appointments: How To Get Appointed And How To Get Paid 3/12/15

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.

Congressional Intern, Senator Fred Thompson, Memphis Office - May 2001 to August 2001

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).

Member, volunteer and fundraiser for the YMCA of Memphis; creator of "Social Fitness," an entity whose goal to harness the growing trend of socially active fitness and direct it toward planned charitable giving and volunteering.

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 Ruchee Janardan Patel

, 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 Ruchee Janardan Patel

Date * 8/31/2016

Authorization for Release of Information

I, Ruchee Janardan Patel

, 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 Applicant (include maiden)	Ruchee Janardan Patel
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth *	[REDACTED]
Drivers License #	[REDACTED]
Date *	8/31/2016

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