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August 28, 2016

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

RE: Application for Part-Time Judicial Commissioner Position

To the Honorable Commissioners of Shelby County:

I am applying for the recently announced, part-time Judicial Commissioner position in the General Sessions Criminal Courts. I previously completed the online application and I am now submitting my resume to the Commission.

I have been an attorney in Memphis, Tennessee for 24 years focusing my practice on criminal defense and personal injury. I have appeared and tried cases in the General Sessions, Criminal, Federal and Juvenile Courts. I have jury trial experience in civil and criminal matters. The majority of my career has been as a solo practitioner.

I have been honored to sit as a Special Judge, at the request of the sitting General Sessions Judges, on many occasions. Various attorney evaluation services, including Martindale Hubbell and Super Lawyers give me the highest possible ratings.

I am enclosing my resume which provides more detail as to my professional experience and I welcome the opportunity to meet with each of you to discuss the potential appointment.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Sauer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephen A. Sauer

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**CAREER EMPLOYMENT**

- STEPHEN A. SAUER, ATTORNEY AT LAW** 2005 - Present  
Attorney at Law (Owner/Solo Practice)
- \* Criminal Defense in State and Federal Courts  
Experience Defending Clients in Criminal, General Sessions & Juvenile Court  
United States Sixth Circuit District and Appellate Courts  
Major Felonies and Misdemeanors
  - \* Personal Injury Representing Plaintiffs in the Mid-South  
Auto Accidents, Trucking Accidents, Wrongful Death, Slip and Fall  
State and Federal Courts
- SHUTTLEWORTH WILLIAMS, PLLC** 2003 - 2005  
Attorney at Law (Associate Attorney)
- \* Criminal Defense, Plaintiff's Personal Injury
  - \* Civil Insurance Defense
- CLEMONS & TAUBE, LAW FIRM** 1992 - 2003  
Attorney at Law (Associate Attorney)
- \* Criminal Defense, Plaintiff's Personal Injury
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**EDUCATION**

- Cumberland School of Law at Samford University** 1991  
Birmingham, AL  
Doctorate of Jurisprudence
- Memphis State University** 1988  
Memphis, TN  
Bachelor of Business Administration

# Shelby County Board of Commissioners Application For Appointment to Elected Office

## Applicant

### Application for Appointment to Elected Office

First Name	Stephen
Last Name	Sauer
Office Address	45 N. Third Street, 2nd Floor
City	Memphis
State	TN
Zip	38103
Office Phone	9013344005
Facsimile	9015220053
Email Address	<a href="mailto:Sauer@MemphisTnLawyer.com">Sauer@MemphisTnLawyer.com</a>

### 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?  | Attorney, Solo Practice Stephen A. Sauer, Attorney at Law 45 N. Third, 2nd Floor Memphis, TN 38103   |
| 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 Courthouse Connection, Self employed process server during college 1984-1988. Clemons & Taube Law Firm, law clerk/runner during law school 1988-1991. Clemons & Taube Law Firm, attorney 1992-2003. Shuttleworth Williams, PLLC, attorney 2003-2005. Stephen A. Sauer, Attorney at Law, attorney 2005-present. |
| 3. Describe any experience not stated above that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission.  | I have sat as Special Judge, at the request of the sitting Judges of General Sessions, on numerous occasions.  |

## Personal Information

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| 4. How long have you lived continuously in Shelby County?  | 50   |
| 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. | Alabama. I lived in Birmingham, AL during my 3 years of law school. 1988-1991. |
| 7. State your age, date and place of birth.  | 50 years old. DOB: [REDACTED], Memphis, TN                                     |
| 8. a) Drivers License No.  | [REDACTED]   |

b) Election Commission Voter Registration No. *Field not completed.*

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9. Family Status

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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10. Military Service

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a) Branch of Service *N/A*

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b) Service Number *Field not completed.*

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

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

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

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

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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*

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12. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible *No*

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violation of a criminal statute? If so, give details.

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.

Yes, security clearance during law school internship at United States Attorney's Office.

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.

None

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

*Field not completed.*

be a conflict of interest?

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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.

N/A

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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.

Memphis Bar Association, member

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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.

No

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

*Field not completed.*

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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.

*Field not completed.*

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### **Education**

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

Memphis State University, Memphis, TN, 1983-1988, Business Management; Bachelor of Business Administration.  
Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 1988-1991, Doctorate of Jurisprudence. 1988-1991.

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### **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.

AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale Hubbell: Highest rating from peer review organization. Named to Super Lawyers Magazine as a top Personal Injury attorney. Less than 5% of attorneys state-wide are named to this list. Avvo.com, an online attorney rating service awarded me a 10 out of 10 Superb rating. Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel member. Appointed by the Judges of the U.S. District Court, 6th Circuit, Western District.

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

N/A

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.

N/A

25. Describe any experience you have had with legislative or executive branches of government other than as an elected or appointed official.

N/A

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 have been an attorney for 24 years, mostly as a solo practitioner. I have handled thousands of cases in General Sessions Court over the years so I am very familiar with the workings of that court. I also have an ongoing civil practice, which is the reason I am applying for the part-time, as opposed to the full-time position.

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

Part-time 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 Stephen A. Sauer

Date \* 8/28/2016

**Authorization for Release of Information**

I, Stephen A. Sauer

, 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) Stephen Alan Sauer

Address 45 N. Third St., 2nd Floor Memphis, TN 38103

Phone [REDACTED]

Date of Birth \* [REDACTED]

Drivers License # [REDACTED]

Date \* 2/22/2016

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