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RE: August 3, 2006 Election

Dear Shelby County Voters:

As of last week, I have had the pleasure of practicing law in Shelby County for forty-four (44) years. During that time my practice has taken me to many Courts in this State and County. During these years, my clients and I have been blessed with a Judiciary here in Memphis that is superior to most other metropolitan Judiciaries. From time to time there have been problems, but in the main the men and women who have served our community in the Judicial branch have performed at an extremely high level.

Regretfully, this may quickly change as a result of the elections which are almost upon us. We have people running for Judicial positions who not only are short on experience and talent, but carry substantial, worrisome baggage. The same holds true for several of our other important positions that are closely connected with our Judicial branch of government.

Judge James Russell is running for reelection in Division 2 of Circuit Court. He has an outstanding record and is a member of the Vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church. His opponent has twice been publicly reprimanded by our Supreme Court Disciplinary body, the Board of Professional Responsibility. In addition he has several judgments rendered against him in General Sessions Court for nonpayment of debts. Judge Russell's opponent was also sued in Chancery Court for paternity and child support where it was alleged he caused the woman to quit her full time job and then withdrew all financial support from her.

Another example of what the voters are facing is Chancellor Arnold Goldin's race for reelection in Chancery 2. Those of us who have practiced before Chancellor Goldin are of the opinion he is one of the finest Chancellors that any of us can remember. When you walk into his Courtroom he usually knows more about your case than you do and he is fair to all parties and renders timely and scholarly opinions. His opponent, Carlee McCullough is another story. She was recently divorced from Scott Crawford, a former attorney who went to Federal prison as a result of his involvement with the Gangster Disciples. Before their divorce, Ms. McCullough and her husband owned the Ivy Cat, the former Justine's Restaurant. It was a financial disaster and investors lost all

