United States District Court

Middle District of Tennessee Nushpille 37203

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Thomas A. Wiseman, Ir. Chief Judge DECEIVED

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March 14, 1991

Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt
Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals
for the Sixth Circuit
701 Broadway
Customs House, Suite 303
Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Judge Merritt:

This is to advise you that on February 28 the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee appointed its Advisory Group pursuant to the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990. All 22 persons have accepted their appointments to this committee.

I enclose a listing of the membership of our Advisory Group which includes a capsule description of each member.

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Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.

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Enclosure

xc: VRalph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
James Higgins, Circuit Executive, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

1. Thomas "Tommy" O. H. Smith, Jr.

Managing Attorney of the Nashville Staff Attorney's Office, United States Fidelity & Guaranty Insurance Company (USF&G) Hospital Attorney, Hospital Corporation of America, Parthenon Pavilion Former general civil practitioner

2. George Barrett

Private practice; state & federal civil litigation Substantial civil rights litigation, including counsel for plaintiffs' in <u>Geier</u> higher education desegregation class action case in this Court

3. Gordon Bonnyman

Staff attorney, Legal Services of Middle Tennessee Counsel for plaintiffs in <u>Grubbs</u> class action prison conditions case in this Court

4. Bill Redick

Attorney with Capital Resource Center, responsible for death penalty cases
Former Assistant Federal Public Defender
Formerly in private practice

5. Edmund L. "Ted" Carey, Jr.

Associate, Neal & Harwell; state & federal civil litigation Former law clerk to Chief Judge Wiseman Vice Chair, Nashville Bar Association Federal Court committee

6. R. Dale Grimes

Partner, Bass, Berry & Sims; state & federal civil litigation Former law clerk to Senior Judge Morton Past Chair, Nashville Bar Association Federal Court committee

7. Barbara Moss

Partner, Gullett, Sanford, Robinson & Martin; state & federal civil litigation

8. Richard H. Dinkins

Partner, Williams & Dinkins; state & federal civil litigation
Substantial civil rights practice
Represents plaintiffs in <u>Kelly</u> school desegregation class action in this Court

9. Andree Kahn Blumstein

Partner, Trabue, Sturdivant & DeWitt; state & federal civil litigation

10. Fred Cloud

Non-lawyer; community leader and activist

11. Jimmie Lynn Ramsaur

Assistant U.S. Attorney
Formerly in private practice; civil & criminal litigation
Formerly Davidson County Assistant Public Defender and
staff attorney for Legal Services of Middle Tennessee
Current chair, Nashville Bar Association Federal Court
committee

12. Kimberly Dean

Deputy Attorney General for civil rights division of State Attorney General's office; her division handles all of the section 1983 cases filed in this Court against the state

13. David Randolph Smith

Partner, Kinnard & Smith; civil litigation Substantial plaintiffs' personal injury litigation Former law professor, Vanderbilt University School of Law

14. Betty Daugherty

Supervising paralegal and Assistant Corporate Secretary, Hospital Corporation of America Non-lawyer

15. Barry Friedman

Law Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Law Formerly attorney with large corporate New York law firm

16. Jerry Colley

Member of American Board of Trial Advocates Substantial practice in this Court in Columbia Division

17. Waverly Crenshaw

Associate, Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis; state & federal civil practice
Formerly associate with small civil litigation law firm
Formerly Assistant State Attorney General
Formerly law clerk for U.S. District Judge Nixon

18. Joe Brown

United States Attorney

19. Dick Hart

President, Tennessee Chapter of American Corporate Counsel Association Counsel for Bown of Nashville Formerly counsel for NLT and American General

20. George McGugin

Partner, Watkins, McGugin, McNeilly & Rowan; state & federal civil litigation; substantial insurance defense practice

21. Dan Nolan

Partner, Daniel, Harvill, Batson & Nolan, Clarksville; state and federal civil litigation

22. C.J. Gideon

Partner, North & Gideon; state & federal litigation; substantial plaintiff medical malpractice practice