



WILSON WORLEY
— ATTORNEYS AT LAW —

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Mayor Patrick W. Shull
Kingsport City Hall
415 Broad Street
Kingsport, TN 37660

Via E-Mail: reneemcbryar@kingsporttn.gov

Re: Application for Appointment to City Judge Position

Dear Mayor Shull:

I am writing to apply for appointment to the vacant City Judge position.

I attach biographical information outlining my legal experience. My greatest strength is my familiarity with the courtroom. I have been blessed with 34 years trying cases of many varieties. As a young lawyer, I "cut my teeth" representing the City before City Judge Frank Gibson. My practice has focused on litigation in Circuit, Chancery and federal courts and, more recently, mediation. I am certified as a civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocates, and I was honored to be invited to join the American Board of Trial Advocacy ("ABOTA"), in which I remain active.

I also remain active in the Kingsport community. I have served as a member of multiple community boards, and as President/Chair of the Kingsport Bar Association, the Rotary Club of Kingsport, KOSBE, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club and Petworks Animal Services. My most rewarding volunteer work, though, was with Kingsport Parks & Recreation, where I coached youth basketball, tee-ball and baseball for over fifteen years.

At this stage of my career, I am looking for new and rewarding experiences, and this opportunity would be a good fit.

I will be happy to discuss the position at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Adkins

Russell (Russ) W. Adkins

Shareholder



Russ Adkins' practice includes business, probate and contract litigation, personal injury litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants, medical malpractice defense, and workers' compensation. He is certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and was recertified in 2022. He is also listed with the Tennessee Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution as a Rule 31 Mediator. Adkins has over 30 years of experience handling complex cases in state and federal courts.

He has successfully tried jury and non-jury cases of many varieties, including medical malpractice, will contests, premises liability, personal injury, and employment and noncompete agreements.

Professional Activities & Honors

- Listed in Mid-south Super Lawyers 2014-present
- Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator
- Kingsport Bar Association (Past President)
- Petworks Animal Services, Inc. (Past President)
- Kingsport Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Past Chair)
- Rotary Club of Kingsport (Past President)
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport (Past President)
- Greater Kingsport Family YMCA (Past President)
- Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce (Past Board of Directors)
- Past Executive Counsel, Tennessee Bar Association Tort & Insurance Practice Section

Representative Published Cases & Publications

- *Lawson v. Hawkins County*, 661 S.W.3d 54 (Tenn. 2023)
- *Linkous v. Lane*, 276 S.W.3d 917 (Tenn.Ct.App. 2008)
- *Sampson v. Wellmont Health System*, 228 S.W.3d 124 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2007)
- *Frye v. Blue Ridge Neuroscience Center, P.C.*, 70 S.W.3d 710 (Tenn.Ct.App. 2002)
- *Fain v. O'Connell*, 909 S.W.2d 790 (Tenn. 1995)
- *Cross v. McCurry*, 859 S.W.2d 349 (Tenn.Ct.App. 1992)
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- Baumrucker SJ, Hutchinson L, Oertli RK, Stolick M, Adkins RW, VandeKieft G. *"The Partial Code Blue."* *Am J Hosp Palliat Care*. 2014 Jul 11. PubMed PMID: 25015067.
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- Baumrucker SJ, Macmillan PJ, Stolick M, Adkins RW, Carter GT, York P. *Ethics Roundtable: "Cost and the Non-Adherent Patient"*. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care*. 2018 Mar;35(3):555-559. doi: 10.1177/1049909117697710. Epub 2017 Mar 13. PMID: 28285541.
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Professional Affiliations

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association