



GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY

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JUDGE DAVID E. BALES TAKES MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (March 17, 2017) — Today, General Sessions Court, Division II, Judge David E. Bales, who was appointed by the County Commission October 24, 2005, then elected in 2006 and reelected in 2012, announced that he will immediately be taking a medical leave of absence.

“As many know, I have been recently treated for cancer and I appreciate the tremendous community-wide support that you have given me. However, in an effort to fulfill my public responsibility I returned to the bench prematurely. I now know that I need more time to recover. Therefore, I have decided to take additional time off to rest and recuperate so I can plan to return to the bench with full vigor and strength to serve the citizens of Hamilton County,” Judge David E. Bales.

“On behalf of all the General Sessions Court judges and the legal community, we deeply respect Judge Bales’ decision to take additional time to recover. Judge Clarence E. Shattuck. “We wish him a quick recovery and look forward to him returning to the bench as soon as possible.”