

ORDER

The fundamental cornerstone of law in the American justice system is that all citizens are entitled to a fair and impartial trial before a judge or jury. Our constitution and ethical considerations also guarantee that judges must not be inappropriately contacted by any person in an attempt to unduly persuade, coerce, intimidate or orchestrate the final decision in any case.

Unfortunately, I have been contacted by Chattanooga Mayor, Ron Littlefield, by email during the course of these proceedings. Mr. Littlefield is the Mayor of the City of Chattanooga who is a party to this case. I have attached a copy of the Mayor's email to this Order and forwarded a copy of same to the Hamilton County District Attorney General's Office for their review.

Further, an open letter by the Mayor was disseminated to various people and media outlets last week. I have attached a copy of the open letter to this Order. Upon receipt of the letter and in conjunction with the email, I contacted the Court of the Judiciary, and after consultation with Disciplinary Counsel, am compelled to recuse myself from these proceedings. The Canons of Judicial Conduct require that a judge avoid even an appearance of impropriety. I want to be clear that I did not respond to the email and have had no direct contact or communication with Mayor Littlefield. However, the perception, if not the intent of the Mayor's attempt to intercede ex parte and to inappropriately influence the judgment of this court requires my immediate recusal in this matter.

Mayor Littlefield has demonstrated an improper, unethical and perhaps contemptible disregard for the separation of powers between the judicial and executive branches of government. I am not an arm or extension of the Mayor's office, but am a duly elected member of the Judicial Branch of government.

Mayor Littlefield has interceded ex parte in an attempt to improperly influence and to orchestrate the final judgment of this Court. Therefore, upon advice of counsel, Mayor Littlefield's email addressed to me and his open letter have been delivered to the proper authorities for their review. In short, by the Mayor's

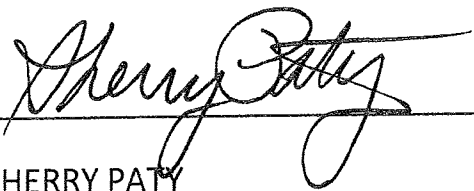
egregious conduct and improper actions, he has placed this Court in an untenable position to preside over and to finalize the issues in this proceeding.

I will contact the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts and request that a Judge from another jurisdiction be appointed to preside over this case to insure that both parties are given a fair and impartial trial. I regret the delay of justice in this matter, the costs to the citizens of Chattanooga and the events that have mandated the necessity of this extraordinary Order and mistrial of this case.

It is, therefore, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. Sherry Paty, Judge of the Chattanooga City Court, Division I, is hereby recused from these proceedings and a mistrial is declared.
2. The Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts is hereby respectfully requested to appoint a judge from another jurisdiction to preside over the trial of this cause.

ENTERED THIS 26th DAY OF JULY, 2010.



SHERRY PATY

JUDGE, CHATTANOOGA CITY COURT

DIVISION I

Paty Sherry

From: Littlefield Ron
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Paty Sherry
Cc: Beeland Richard
Subject: McKamey Center

I really need to talk with you about this situation. We must not leave the McKamey Center holding the bag for all the expenses associated with the Pet Company's unacceptable conditions. I want Mckamey to hold the animals until the bills are paid and I want the company to confirm with their own veterinarians that any animals that they reclaim are accepted as healthy. I do not trust this company.

Ron Littlefield

PHONE CALL

FOR Quita DATE 7/6/10 TIME 1:00 PM
 M Stacy at Judge Patti's Office
 OF _____
 PHONE 757-5148 CELL _____
 MESSAGE Talked to the Mayor TELEPHONED
Friday afternoon he RETURNED YOUR CALL
wants to be in on the PLEASE CALL
conference call with WILL CALL AGAIN
the Pet Store case CAME TO SEE YOU
 SIGNATURE Annunzio WANTS TO SEE YOU

for Wed. 7/7/10 - at 9:00 AM

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