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**Comment Regarding Death Retired
McCracken District and Circuit Court Judge Jeff Hines**

I was saddened to learn of the passing earlier today of retired McCracken District and Circuit Judge Jeff Hines. I had the highest respect for Judge Hines, both as a judge and a longtime friend. Our Commonwealth was enriched by his life and service.

Judge Hines was a fair, impartial, skilled, and decisive judge with a humorous and folksy common sense approach and an exemplary judicial temperament. He was a courageous civic leader and a compassionate public servant.

Throughout his long and distinguished tenure on the bench, Judge Hines enjoyed a stellar reputation among attorneys and fellow judges across the Commonwealth. Attorneys and their clients appearing in his courtrooms were assured an honest, carefully-considered, well-explained, and timely decision. Judge Hines will be missed most by family and close friends, but he will also be fondly remembered by countless legal practitioners, court personnel, and litigants whose lives he positively touched and impacted.

To the end, Judge Hines was a good man; a loving husband, father, and son; a wise judge; and a faithful servant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shea Nickell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shea" and last name "Nickell" clearly distinguishable.

Christopher Shea Nickell
Justice, Kentucky Supreme Court
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