

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
MISDEMEANOR DIVISION

IN RE:           PETITION OF THE KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER-- SWORN  
                  PETITION TO SUSPEND APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC  
                  DEFENDER TO DEFENDANTS IN THE KNOX COUNTY GENERAL  
                  SESSIONS COURT, MISDEMEANOR DIVISION.

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH W. RAMSEY

STATE OF TENNESSEE   )  
  )  
COUNTY OF KNOX       )

I, Joseph W. Ramsey, first having been duly sworn, state and testify as follows:

1.       My name is Joseph W. Ramsey. I work at the Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office located at 1101 Liberty St. Knoxville, TN 37919. I am 46 years of age. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Tennessee in 1990.

2.       I began work as an assistant public defender in November 1995. I worked as an assistant public defender in the First Judicial District for approximately 2 years prior to transferring to Knox County.

3.       I am currently assigned to General Sessions Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Misdemeanor Division.

4.       In misdemeanor court, my caseload assignment is determined by the docket on the particular day I am in court. I am in court on an average of 5 days every other week. Cases assigned to me are determined by court date and by first letter of the last name of each defendant. I cover the cases assigned to the public defender's office whose last name begins with the letters A-L scheduled in misdemeanor court the week I am in court.

5. I do not personally count the number of cases I have on a given day.

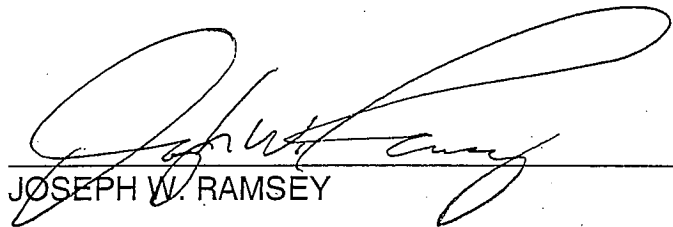
Over the course of the last few years, I have been in court representing as few as 8 and as many as 50 defendants on a given day. Some defendants have only one charge and others have multiple charges.

6. At present, our computer case counting system, Legal Pro, indicates that I have 534 open cases. With the exception of some class E felony evading arrest charges, all my open cases will be misdemeanor charges or violations of probation.

7. According to Legal Pro, between January 7, 2008 and February 6, 2008, I closed approximately 107 cases.

8. According to Legal Pro, between January 7, 2008 and February 6, 2008, I was assigned approximately 120 new misdemeanor cases, at least 4 of which were new probation violations.

Further, affiant saith not.

  
JOSEPH W. RAMSEY

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2008.

Alma Kay Bolinger  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 7-13-08

