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Colleagues:

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Associate Circuit Judge of Division V in Jasper County in 2014.

Most of you know me and my background, but for those who do not, I was born and raised in Jasper County and have practiced law here for eleven years. Prior to that, I practiced in Springfield at *Neale & Newman, LLP* where for four years I was the senior associate in their litigation section trying civil cases, both plaintiff and insurance defense, as well as handling the firm's criminal practice.

I moved back to Jasper County in 2002 because I wanted to live and start a family here and serve the people of the community where I was raised. Soon after moving back and opening my own practice I served as the Jasper County Juvenile Court Attorney, a position I held until March of 2007. I also took on Judge Dan Scott's position as the county's special prosecutor after his appointment to the Court of Appeals until John Nicholas and I started *Hensley & Nicholas, LLC*, and we opened offices in Joplin and Carthage. I have handled multiple appeals in the Southern District and the Missouri Supreme Court, and was recently inducted into the *American Academy of Adoption Attorneys*. I am a certified mediator and have served as a certified guardian ad litem for the community's children for over a decade.

Division V is not a passive court. It receives more new filings than any other division in Jasper County. It requires someone like Judge Copeland who will continue to confidently move the docket along and manage a staff to keep up with the sheer number of cases filed. This is also a dynamic time as all of our cases will now be filed and stored electronically. I am already accustomed to this system through my appellate practice and feel confident I can handle the transition.

Apart from my legal service to the community, I have served in the Big Brothers / Big Sisters program, the Board of Directors of the Joplin YMCA, Crime-stoppers, and Scholarship Foundations. I married another Jasper County native, Dina (Moore) Hensley, and we will celebrate our thirteenth anniversary this year. We have two children, Ella and Joe, and we attend Carterville Christian Church.

I believe I have the faith, the commitment to family and community, and the work ethic and common sense to be a good judge. If elected, I promise to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office. I would appreciate your support in the coming months, your recommendations to friends, family, and clients, and your votes in the summer and fall of 2014.



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