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Honorable Robert H. Green
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Honorable William A. Cameron
100 S. Jefferson
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RE: *Patricia Coomer v. Lewis Coomer*
Putnam Chancery No. 2000-269

Dear Counsel:

I am assuming that you are both now aware that Chancellor Neal has requested that I sit by interchange for the purpose of hearing the above-styled case. I am delighted to assist, and will look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

I believe that it is only fair that both counsel be made aware of the fact that it is my memory that these parties were previously involved in a divorce action which perhaps was ultimately dismissed, but in which pleadings were filed, and a preliminary hearing was conducted. In fairness, too, while I heard virtually all of the domestic relation cases in my own judicial district some years ago, those duties are now assigned to other jurists, and I hear domestic cases only on occasion. While I do my best to remain current in all aspects of the law, I will acknowledge to you that I have not remained as acutely aware of recent developments in the area of domestic relations law as I once did.

Ms. Reeder accommodated me by sending a copy of the entire file to me. I perceive that although the matter has been on file for some ninety days, perhaps it is not yet ready for a hearing.

It is not my purpose to rush you unduly, yet I did want to make you aware of a somewhat unusual development on our calendar. On December 6, 2000, we had a number of cases set on our jury docket, the last of which settled yesterday. For that reason, I have no commitments on that day, and in the unlikely event counsel may be able to ready this matter for hearing on that day, my calendar is very open, and I would be delighted to hear you at that time. In the event that date is inconvenient, I have (perhaps for obvious reasons) been totally unsuccessful in scheduling any cases

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on January 2, 2001. Thus, that day is totally available, and as I understand is a work day for the state and counties. Further, I am scheduled to try a property dispute in Cookeville on February 14 and 15, and it may be that a short hearing in this case could also be conducted on one of those days, if such be desirable to you and your parties. Otherwise, our calendar is not clear until several dates in May and a couple of dates in April. Should you desire a hearing at other times, however, I would hope that you would contact my office directly, and we will do our very best to move cases on non-jury days to other judges here, so that I might come to Cookeville to accommodate you. Alternatively, I suppose we all work occasional Saturdays, and a hearing on Saturday is no imposition to me.

We will maintain an informal file in my office. When further matters in this cause are filed, would you please be so kind as to file the original with the Clerk and Master, but please send us a copy as you do opposing counsel. We will await your requests for hearing dates.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert E. Corlew, III', written in a cursive style.

Robert E. Corlew, III
Chancellor

RECIII/pjb

cc: Honorable Linda Reeder, C&M