

**THE LAW OFFICE OF GUY HAMILTON-SMITH**

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Judge Pamela Goodwine  
Kentucky Court of Appeals  
Robert F. Stephens Circuit Courthouse  
120 N Limestone St.  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear Judge Goodwine,

I hope that this letter finds you well. The process of getting a law office up and running is, as it turns out, a daunting one. Many things to do. Bills to pay, insurance to get, so on, and so forth. Many people to thank, as well, and that is the purpose of this letter.

It was in your courtroom, nearly seventeen years ago now, waiting for my own case to be called, that I first had the idea that I might want to be a lawyer. You could have sent me to prison, and you did not. Instead, I went to law school. It was from that opportunity that you gave me that the rest of my life has unfolded.

As you might recall I worked for Tucker Richardson and Russ Baldani for many years, and learned a great deal from them about life, and the law. After leaving their firm I took a job with a civil rights center at a law school in St. Paul, Minnesota, and last April Fool's Day (fitting, or ironic, I'm not sure which yet) I was sworn in as a member of the Washington, D.C. bar. I still reside in Kentucky with my wife (who is a public defender), so for the time being I'm splitting my time between here and my office.

I wasn't sure how being an attorney with my background would go, but thus far it seems I have underestimated the number of people who would regard it as an asset. I thank you for the mercy and the grace that you showed me. Any good that I am able to accomplish for my clients, know that you have a role in it.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hamilton-Smith  
*Attorney-at-law*  
(& defendant in 07-CR-360)