

## Jeff Fenton

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**From:** Jeff Fenton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** Tommy Anderson; pmarlin@mcarthursanders.com  
**Cc:** sam@banktitle.com; kim murray  
**Subject:** 1986 Sunnyside Drive, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027 (SOLD BY AUCTION)  
**Attachments:** 2018-08-30 Tennessean Article - How Close can Judges be with Lawyers - Story Hosts Vacations with Judges.pdf; 2018-09-24 Tennessean - Judge Binkley says Nothings Wrong with Boat Trips he Takes with Lawyers (Ms Story).pdf

Hello Mr. Anderson and Mr. Marlin,

Will you please send me a copy of the fully executed HUD-1 Settlement statement, for the auction/sale of my home at 1986 Sunnyside Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027? Along with a copy of the fully executed Listing Agreement? (Chancery Court says that they have neither of these on file, so I need to obtain them from one of you.)

I need those documents for my records. I also believe that I saw a charge which was \$1500 higher than I expected on a preliminary HUD, but it wasn't executed yet, and I know how often last minute corrections get made to the HUD, so without the fully executed final document, I need verification.

Additionally, can you please provide me with information about what happened to the items listed below, which mysteriously disappeared between the time when I turned over possession of my home to you and when I returned to pickup my stuff. I had about \$10,000 worth of MY personal property disappear. Some of it I had specified was ok to sell, but I never received any information or itemization about any of it selling, nor a penny of the proceeds from any sale. According to Chancellor Binkley's Court Order, all of the proceeds from both the home and any personal property sold were supposed to be deposited with the Williamson County Chancery Court Clerk and Master's Office, though they told me that they don't have any records of ever receiving any monies related to the sale of our home or any part of our estate.

Some of it I had specifically notified you not to sell, and one piece of furniture was even tagged with one of my stickers saying "HUSBAND KEEPS" with a catalog number on it. Since per the court order on 8/29/2019 by Chancellor Binkley, nothing would be sold that I wanted to keep, stating furthermore that any monies received for anything sold would be deposited with the Williamson County Chancery Clerk and Master's Office, to be held by the court until our divorce was finalized. That raises some significant concerns about theft and the potential for unethical actions by one of the parties entrusted with access to our home, from the time when I was forced to leave by court order until I was allowed to retrain to pickup what was left of my personal property. The parties whom were responsible for the property and the contents thereof, during this period were yourselves and Ms. Story. Ms Fenton may have also had access, but should not have removed anything beyond what she had listed and provided me notice of through Ms. Story, in addition to the pool table and ping-pong table.

One item which went missing was my \$5k Fort Knox Gun Vault, which was bolted through the floor, and someone took slate pieces from inside our garage to wedge beneath the wood steps on our deck to remove. Having had this safe moved twice in the past, I know that only a properly equipped professional could have moved such an item. Not seeing any signs of forced entry, surely you know what became of my Fort Knox Gun Vault. If not, that certainly brings the integrity of your company(s) into question, while adding criminal theft charges to the list of crimes which took place during the forced sale of my home.

**The following items, which I owned, went missing from my home during the “auctioning” period:**

- Brand New Treadmill (\$1,200 unit used less than a dozen times)
- Heavy-Duty Reclining Weight Bench & Leg Press, with Safety Catches, Two Full-Size 45lb Olympic Bars, Olympic Curl Bar, and Set of Olympic Dumbbells. Along with approximately 300lbs of Olympic Weights and Weight Rack
- Tan Sofa in the front Living Room
- Large matching Tan Chair (or Love Seat) in the front Living Room
- End Table with Tile top and Wood Frame
- Four-Leaf Solid Wood Bedroom Privacy Screen – tagged as “HUSBAND KEEPS”. Cataloged as “Item #007”. (Which I had purchased within the prior 2-3 months, and certainly could never have been claimed as “marital property”.)
- Fort Knox Guardian Gun Vault: Regarding the Gun Vault, this is a high-end gun vault, not something you can find at Bass Pro Shops or Academy Sports. It has twice as much steel in it, hence it weighs twice as much (and costs twice as much). The brand is Fort Knox (Guardian Series) <https://www.ftknox.com/vaults/guardian-vault/>. They are only available by special order, through a safe company. I recommend “The Safe House”, if you need to move it. The vault had every upgrade available, at the time of purchase. It retails for around \$5k, weighs 1,200 lbs, and is bolted to the floor. (Surely no one “walked-off” with this without being noticed!)
- I have the serial numbers for the Gun Vault along with extensive photographic evidence of each item, should that be required.

I want to give you an opportunity to answer for what happened to these items, before I start making accusations publicly or legally. I will need a response within the week though, due to my current deadlines set by the Tennessee Court of Appeals. If you have any knowledge about what became of any of these, if Ms. Fenton or Ms. Story took or sold them, if you took or sold them, if you have any knowledge about what any of them were sold for or to whom, as well as what became of those funds, I would greatly appreciate you providing me with that information.

Please send me this information as soon as you can, I've been asking you for nearly a year now (for the fully executed HUD-1) without a response from you. I can think of no other reasons than professional negligence, theft, collusion, or some other sort of foul-play to deny me this information about what happened with my own property, while in your care.

As this case is currently being looked at by the Tennessee Court of Appeals, including the potential charges of collusion, bias, discrimination, abuse of process, error, perjury by Ms. Story, violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act by both the court and Ms. Story, along with the Tennessee counterpart for that act. Further violating my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Constitutional Rights to Equal and Due Process by a fair and unbiased tribunal, along with a slew of Federal charges, despite what either of those parties have told you, you all have a legal and ethical obligation to me, as licensed professional brokers, auctioneers, attorney(s), and paralegal, hired to sell my home, to provide me with the information requested.

Furthermore, your loyalties to Ms. Story in this matter over myself, while selling my home, from which you were both paid very well for very little work, brings up serious concerns about your complicity in the illegal charges against her. Including any potential collusion charges, in addition to having stalked and harassed me (and my mother) at the bequest of Ms. Story, playing the role of an “enforcer” when you had no legal right. Williamson County Sherriff’s Office is fully capable of enforcing any legal actions necessary.

Despite whatever Ms. Story or Judge Binkley have told you in an effort to deny me any information which I am legally entitled to, or your loyalties to them for future work, the exposure of this case is about to go public with official charges filed with both the TBI and the FBI, seeking Federal indictments to hold those parties accountable for refusing to live under the same laws which they have been entrusted to defend, serve under, and administer.

I know, I’m just a little tiny fish in the pond, which nobody cares about. However, as a result of having lost everything in my life within just two 30-minute trials, which I have full legal documentation, audio recordings, and transcripts of, along with the subsequent court orders, it is extremely simple to prove the laws which were broken here. It is not a matter of “my word” against “Ms. Story’s word” or even against “Judge Binkley’s word”. My entire case can be proven with just a few documents, which are all in their own words. By comparing their own court orders and legally recorded court testimony, between the two hearings. They not only fail to match-up, but they reveal significant error, bias, discrimination, perjury by Ms. Story, and the list goes on... including the federally unconstitutional violations of my rights as well as the ADA laws, which will get this case out of the Middle Tennessee Court System (nationally renowned for corruption) and into Federal District Court if need be to find justice! While not only proving the failure to show care or consideration for the ADA laws, but for intentionally exploiting, targeting, harming, and abusing me in the exact areas of my disabilities.

Should you continue to deny me this information, then I will be forced to expose and include you both, along with Bank Title (whom I’ve twice requested the documents myself without response), in any charges made, whether to state or federal government agencies, and/or the media, who have already published pieces in the past about the unethical compromise to the public which the “Binkley/Story Effect” has.

All that I want is what I am legally due. I regret that it requires this sort of demanding tone in order to receive the slightest ethical consideration. If none of you can provide me with this information, regarding the sale of my home, despite your professional licenses, your oaths of office, and your responsibilities and obligations therein, then I believe that your actions are corrupt, complicit in crime, while the public needs to know, along with you each deserving the ethical, financial, criminal penalties which you each incur.

Sincerely,

## Jeff Fenton

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**From:** Tommy Anderson <[tom@tommyanderson.us](mailto:tom@tommyanderson.us)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 6:41:54 PM  
**To:** Jeff Fenton <[jeff.fenton@live.com](mailto:jeff.fenton@live.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Closing | Utilities | Fully-Executed Settlement Statement

Yes Fawn received all electronics and got them in her possession. I will have title company send you everything upon closing completion.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Tommy Anderson <[tom@tommyanderson.us](mailto:tom@tommyanderson.us)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 6, 2019 1:54 PM  
**To:** Virginia Story <[virginia@tnlaw.org](mailto:virginia@tnlaw.org)>  
**Cc:** Jeff Fenton <[Jeff@Meticulous.tech](mailto:Jeff@Meticulous.tech)>; Heidi Macy <[Heidi@tnlaw.org](mailto:Heidi@tnlaw.org)>; Kathryn Yarbrough <[kyarbrough@tnlaw.org](mailto:kyarbrough@tnlaw.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Fenton v. Fenton

Jeff will be out by tonight. I just went by & met him & his mother at Sunny Side.  
Tommy

On Sunday, October 6, 2019, Tommy Anderson <[tom@tommyanderson.us](mailto:tom@tommyanderson.us)> wrote:

Jeff my friend,

I will be coming by today after my son's bball game. I hope to see you gone by then, or other measures, not to your liking will be enforced. Time to move on.

Tommy Anderson

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, Tommy Anderson <[tom@tommyanderson.us](mailto:tom@tommyanderson.us)> wrote:

Thank you Jeff for leaving with your possessions today. We drove by & you were headed out the driveway.

Sincerely,

Tommy Anderson

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, Tommy Anderson <[tom@tommyanderson.us](mailto:tom@tommyanderson.us)> wrote:

Jeff,

Checking in to see if you will be vacated 1986 Sunny Side by 5pm today Saturday October 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

Tommy Anderson

On Friday, October 4, 2019, Virginia Story <[virginia@tnlaw.org](mailto:virginia@tnlaw.org)> wrote:

Jeff,

Please make sure that you have vacated the property by 10/5/19 at 12 noon with only the belongings that you listed to remove.

Thanks,

Virginia



*Virginia Lee Story*

*Attorney at Law*

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Emails show Williamson County judge, lawyer planned vacation together

# Tennessean.

## WILLIAMSON

# How close can judges be with lawyers? Emails including Williamson Co. judge raise questions

**Elaina Sauber** The Tennessean

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Williamson County Judge Michael Binkley sent an email to his wife in April 2016 to let her know a weekend lake trip organized for several judges and attorneys had been rescheduled to ensure the couple could attend.

"Looks like they made the lake party the second weekend so that you and I could be there. Very nice!! Put it on your calendar," Binkley wrote.

But the attorney who invited Binkley also had an active case before the judge in circuit court.

Three days before Binkley sent that email, the plaintiffs in a case he was overseeing, Sam and Shannon Clemmons, filed a motion asking the judge to recuse himself. Binkley later denied the motion.

One of the defense attorneys in the Clemmons' case, Virginia Story, invited Binkley, as well as his brother, Davidson County Judge Joe Binkley, on weekend trips in August 2015 and August 2016 featuring a houseboat, a lake house and dinners, according to emails obtained by USA TODAY NETWORK - Tennessee.

The Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts refused to provide any emails about the trips, which were sent to or from judges' government-issued email addresses, claiming that the emails were not subject to inspection. This was in spite of the fact that the administrative office had previously produced some of those emails to another public records requester. The administrative office was specifically asked for those already-produced emails, but refused.

The lake trip emails sparked questions by the Clemmonses about whether judges can remain fair and impartial when presiding over cases while simultaneously vacationing with

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attorneys in those cases.

Attorney James Oglesby, who said he's attended the trips in past years, said they are held at Center Hill Lake, and confirmed Story — the defense attorney in the Clemmons' case — hosts them.

The emails didn't raise concerns for the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct, which is the state's sole authority for investigating and reprimanding sitting judges who violate judicial conduct rules.

In a letter sent to the Clemmonses in March, responding to their 144-page complaint about Binkley, board chair and Judge Chris Craft noted that proof of a judge's ethics violation must be "clear and convincing."

"The investigative panel did not feel such a burden could be met in this case," Craft wrote.

The complaint was dismissed.

Binkley did not return a request for comment.

## **'You're going to get yourself into trouble'**

It's unrealistic to expect a person to relinquish all their personal relationships with fellow attorneys once they become a judge, said Charles Geyh, an Indiana University law professor and expert in legal and judicial ethics.

But judges should be careful, Geyh said, if activities go beyond a casual lunch or social event.

Judges should never preside over cases when they're close friends with any of the attorneys involved, Geyh said.

"You start vacationing with people, and you're going to get yourself into trouble," he said. "It's not cool if it reaches the point of creating the perception that there are lawyers who have special access (to the judge)."

Tennessee judges must recuse themselves from presiding over cases in which their impartiality might "reasonably" be questioned, according to the state code of judicial conduct.

"People with whom you socialize actively, vacation with, enter business relationships with - there's nothing wrong with continuing to do that after (you become) a judge," Geyh said. "You just can't hear cases in which those lawyers make appearances before you."

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## 'Just something you do'

It's unclear how many attorneys and judges were invited to or attended the boating trips in 2015 and 2016. One email from Story about the 2015 trip was sent to Michael Binkley, Joe Binkley, Williamson County Judge Joseph Woodruff, and more than a dozen Williamson County attorneys.

Some attorneys who were included in the emails and contacted by The Tennessean for comment said they didn't think judges and attorneys vacationing together was an issue.

"I don't think it's any business the public needs to have. It's just something you do," said Lori Thomas Reid, a Franklin family law attorney who was included on one of the emails.

Attorney Michael Fort said the trips are harmless and likened them to events held by the Tennessee Bar Association or American Inns of Court, an organization comprised of local chapters of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals.

"I don't understand the concern about it," he said.

It's common for lawyers' families to accompany them on the trips, Fort said.

"It's not a place for conversation on cases. You've got kids running around and swimming and (water) skiing," he said. "It's a place to let that guard down a little bit and personalize everybody."

Oglesby echoed those sentiments, saying the trips are "purely a social thing."

Story did not return a call for comment.

## Judges required to report some gifts

When a judge won't recuse themselves from a case, it's rare for higher courts to overrule them, said Richard Flamm, a California-based attorney who has published books on judicial and lawyer disqualification.

"When it comes to disqualifying judges, there never seems to be enough of a reason," Flamm said. "There's very little case law you can find when moving to disqualify a judge."

It's unclear whether attorneys paid for any of Judge Michael Binkley's expenses on the 2016 lake trip. If they did, that could prove problematic.

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"If the attorney inviting the judge is paying for the lodging and the judge's meals, then the judge is accepting gifts of more than ordinary social hospitality," Flamm said. "That's improper."

Tennessee judges are required to report to the Administrative Office of the Courts certain gifts they receive from outside parties, including attorneys.

For example, a judge must report gifts valued at more than \$250. A judge must also report money received from "extrajudicial activities," such as giving a lecture or speech.

Binkley reported that he didn't receive any gifts in 2016 or 2017, according to public compensation reports filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Rule 10 of the Code of Judicial Conduct says judges may accept "ordinary social hospitality," but does not elaborate on what that includes.

In other states, judges cannot accept gifts or go on paid trips with attorneys who are involved in a case over which those judges are presiding.

Louisiana judge Robin Free accepted an all-expenses-paid trip on a private jet to a Texas ranch in 2010 that was organized and paid for by attorneys with a personal injury case before the judge at the time.

Four years later, the Louisiana Supreme Court determined Free had violated its code of judicial conduct, and suspended him for 30 days without pay and imposed a \$7,000 fine, according to *Reveal News*, with the Center for Investigative Reporting.

In May, county court judge Maria Ortiz in Miami, Fla., agreed to pay a \$5,000 fine for failing to report free hotel stays and gifts she and her husband received, according to the *Miami Herald*. Florida judges are required to report all gifts that could give the public reason to question their impartiality.

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Judge says nothing wrong with boat trips he takes with lawyers

# THE TENNESSEAN

WILLIAMSON

## Williamson County judge says there's nothing wrong with boat trips he takes with lawyers



**Elaina Sauber**

The Tennessean

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A Williamson County judge said he isn't doing anything wrong when he takes boat trips with lawyers, and he denied an attorney's emergency motion for time to try to learn more about the trips.

Judge Michael Binkley confirmed in emails obtained by the USA TODAY NETWORK - Tennessee that he would attend a three-day lake trip in 2016 with several attorneys, including one who had an active case before him at the time.

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"If the public is as smart as everybody says they are, most people who have any common sense are going to say, 'What is wrong with judges and lawyers having fun together?' Nothing," Binkley said during an open court hearing on Aug. 30, the same day the USA TODAY NETWORK - Tennessee published a story about the Center Hill Lake trips.

Binkley, who didn't respond to a request for comment before that story published, said at the hearing he looks forward to the boat trips each year.

Virginia Story, the attorney who invited Binkley on the trip in 2016, had an active case before the judge in circuit court, which sparked questions about whether judges can remain fair and impartial when presiding over cases while simultaneously vacationing with attorneys in those cases.

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Story, who attended the hearing where Binkley discussed the trips, said they were "benign."

"They are absolutely a blast," Binkley said. "I am with my friends, who are lawyers. Some family members are there. We all, I think would agree 110 percent, have some of the best times we've ever had. It is so much fun.

"I pay for my own gas. I pay for my — whatever I pay for," Binkley said.

Binkley addressed the trips after attorney **Connie Reguli** filed an emergency motion to suspend the proceedings in a case involving her client, **Sam Clemmons**, until they could complete an open records request into the emails to learn the extent of the trips.

The judge denied that motion.

He stressed that there's nothing wrong with lawyers and judges having a good time outside of work, "as long as you're not doing anything improper."

"People can assume whatever they want to. That's their business. But we're not so stupid, irresponsible or violating rules and getting special treatment out on a lake house boat, where you're all sitting around having a good time," Binkley said.

**Story, who represents the defendants in Clemmons' case**, said the trips at Center Hill Lake are only one day, despite emails that show the trips spanned three days, from Friday through Sunday.

"I don't know of any other profession that has to (argue against) each other every day in court and be adversaries, and fight for your clients zealously, but then we expect them to go out and go to bar functions and seminars, and sit across the aisle from each other and be friends," Story said.

"There's no way you can do that unless you have a mutual respect for each other. Respect for the way that you represent your client, and respect for the way that you carry on your family life."

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