

Take a Stand for Better Government and Community

James Chesser for Tennessee State Senate, District 21



- ✓ **A Real Voice: 24-7-365** “I will answer the phone”
- ✓ **More Jobs That Pay Well** “I will work with the state to recruit companies who need workers and pay well”
- ✓ **Lower Taxes** “I will fight to lower taxes and use funds wisely”
- ✓ **A New Standard in Government by the People** “I will show a fresh approach for good government”

Dear Friends,

I am proud and humbled to announce my candidacy for the Tennessee State Senate in 2010. We live in a state abundant with distinction, community energy, and international resources. With your support, I will represent and protect those who have built and continue to improve our community. Against the backdrop of a country at war, an economy distressed, healthcare and educational crises, and an epidemic mistrust of professional party politicians, I will bring the process of government, and the hope of decent choice, back again to the people.

I stand for traditional Republican values. These include conservative—anti-income tax—fiscal policies; practical approaches to business; a commitment to pro-family values; and a passion for community service. I respect the sovereignty of our state and the sanctity of individual liberty as guaranteed under our Bill of Rights. I reach out not simply to those who support this legacy, but also to those disenfranchised voters who feel there is nothing real, or genuine, to vote for. And, because of this, I am deeply antagonistic to overbearing, lumbering government—be it federal or state. I come to the democratic process, not from privilege, but from over 20 years working in Davidson County, and offer fresh energy, international experience, scientific and legal training, and compassion to our legislative process.

The 21st Senatorial District is unique and diverse. Over the year, I intend to address issues involving people from differing backgrounds, views, and cultures. My focus will, however, be on inclusive government that promotes diverse, not divisive, opinions. I'm good at bringing people together, and through this we can reach much higher standards for Tennessee. It is a new world, with limitless opportunities.

State Senate races are costly. Stand up for Tennessee and our community by offering your financial support. Otherwise, we risk losing the opportunity to change ‘politics as usual’, which is no longer doing much for us. It is critical to DONATE NOW.

Vote REAL,

James Chesser

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, May 1984; University of Virginia School of Law
Graduate Studies in Electrical Engineering; 1981-1982 Yale University
B.A./M.A. in Advanced Physics; May 1978 Trinity College, Cambridge University, U.K.

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

- University of Virginia Law Review, Editorial Board (1984)
- First Place ASCAP Award, Nathan Burkan Competition
- Cambridge Full Blue, U.K. Varsity Boxing Champion (Oxford 1978)
- Hooper Oration Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge
- Assistant Conductor and Graduate Assistant—Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra, VA
- National Speaker, U.S. Dept. of Commerce (2007), PTO China Road Show, San Jose, CA
- Legal Advisor (1991-2001) to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- Advisory Board Member (1996-2001), Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- Mentor (2004-06) to American Immigration Lawyers Association (ABA)
- Licensed to practice before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Tennessee
- International Committee Chair & Board Member, Green Hills Rotary Club, Nashville, TN
- Registered Visa Officer, U.S. State Dept.
- Major, Tennessee State Guard, DCSJA
- Chairman (2002-03), Davidson County Libertarian Party
- Chairman (2003-06), American League of Citizens (non-partisan civics league)
- Will O'Neil Rotarian of the Year (2009)



MEDIA

Newspaper and bar association articles; TV/Radio appearances concerning U.S. immigration policy, China-US Trade, civil liberties, and intellectual property; Cited by Congress in 1999, *71 Va. L. Rev.* 249 (1985)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- President, Chesser & Associates, P.C., & ProWorld.com, Nashville, TN 1990 – present
Legal & consulting services (international professionals & entertainment firms)
- Associate Attorney, Trabue, Sturdivant, & DeWitt, Nashville, TN 1985 – 1990
- Electrical Engineer, Syncrude Oils Sands Mines, Alberta, Canada 1980 – 1982
- Rough Neck (Oil Well Worker), Oil Rigs in the Arctic Circle 1979 – 1980

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS & CHARITIES

- President (2008-09), Green Hills Rotary Foundation
- Board of Directors, St. Luke's Community House
- Advisory Board, Nashville Jazz Workshop
- TNSG Legal Coordinator, Operation Hometown Support, TN National Guard
- Volunteer Legal Counselor, Catholic Charities, Nashville
- Elder, St. Paul's Community Church (2010)



FAMILY

12 years married to Tunde K. Chesser, B.S., Mech. Eng.; Yoga Instructor, G.H. YMCA
One daughter, Silvia Clio (age 3); First Presbyterian Church Preschool

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