

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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**LUDYE N. WALLACE v. METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF
NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ET AL.**

**Chancery Court for Davidson County
No. 18-0254-I**

No. M2018-00481-SC-RDM-CV

ORDER

On March 15, 2018,¹ Petitioner Ludye Wallace filed a motion, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 16-3-201(d) and Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 48, requesting that this Court assume jurisdiction of this appeal and to expedite the briefing schedule. As justification for these requests, the motion asserts that this case is of unusual public importance because it involves the “right to hold or retain public office,” pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 16-3-201(d)(2)(B), and that this case involves a compelling public interest, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 16-3-201(d)(3).

Upon due consideration, this Court hereby grants the Petitioner’s motion to assume jurisdiction over this appeal. Moreover, the Court also grants the Petitioner’s request to expedite briefing. Accordingly, the record in this case shall be filed no later than March 26, 2018. The Petitioner’s brief shall be filed no later than March 29, 2018. The Respondent’s brief shall be filed no later than April 4, 2018. Any reply briefs shall be filed no later than April 6, 2018. As part of the expedited procedure in this appeal, the parties shall additionally file an electronic copy of their respective briefs by email to the Appellate Court Clerk (email address: Jim.Hivner@tncourts.gov) and shall simultaneously serve their briefs via email to counsel for the other parties. Oral argument is hereby scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Supreme Court Building in Nashville.

PER CURIAM

¹ The Petitioner’s notice of appeal filed on March 15, 2018, in the Court of Appeals was premature because the trial court had not yet entered its final order. See Tenn. R. App. P. 4(a). The final order in the trial court was entered on March 16, 2018. Therefore, the notice of appeal in the Court of Appeals and the reach-down motion filed in this Court are now deemed filed as of March 16, 2018. See Tenn. R. App. P. 4(d); Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 48(a).