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COMPTROLLER PROMOTES ELISHA HODGE TO OPEN RECORDS COUNSEL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Elisha Hodge has been promoted to the position of open records counsel for the Office of Open Records Counsel (OORC), Comptroller of the Treasury Justin P. Wilson announced today.

Hodge has served as the open records specialist for the OORC since December 2007. In her new role, she will serve as the primary contact for concerns on access to local government public records under the Tennessee Public Records Act.



“Ms. Hodge has repeatedly demonstrated focused commitment, high energy and specialized expertise at helping our citizens and local governments navigate the complexities of the open records law. She has played a major role in raising the profile of the Office by offering sound legal opinions and advice on accessing government public records. She spent many hours traveling the state to promote education and awareness of the Tennessee public records laws. I congratulate her and support her as she steps into this new role,” said Comptroller Wilson.

The OORC assists in obtaining public records from local government, both in guiding citizens to correct offices and officials and in working to resolve disputes regarding access to public records. The OORC promotes education and awareness of the Tennessee public records and open meetings laws through direct outreach and coordination with existing organizations. This effort is addressed both to citizens and local governments.

Prior to working for the OORC, Hodge served as an assistant general counsel for the Tennessee Department of Health. She graduated from The University of the South (Sewanee) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001 and the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree in 2003. Hodge is assuming the position previously held by Ann Butterworth, who will be returning to her primary role as assistant to the comptroller for public finance.

“Through my work in the OORC, I feel that I have been able to bring both an awareness and a level of clarity to the issues surrounding access to public records and open meetings in the state. I appreciate the Comptroller’s confidence in my abilities and I look forward to further serving the citizens of the state of Tennessee,” said Hodge.

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