

Tennessee's next trial court judge might be a prison company executive who has less courtroom experience than most inmates.

Puryear has spent the bulk of his legal career at the Tennessee-based Corrections Corporation of America, the nation's largest private prison company. As its general counsel since 2001, Puryear has made millions of dollars working for a company that profits from the country's incarceration boom, particularly through his recent sale of more than \$3 million worth of the company's stock.

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