

Select Your Neighborhood (you must live within Olympia City limits to serve on a board or commission) *

South Capitol

If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume.

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1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.

My family and I have recently relocated to Olympia from Seattle and I would like to engage in my new community in a meaningful way. For the last 12 years, I served as one of the lead assistant city attorneys for Seattle Public Utilities, focusing on the water and wastewater municipal utilities. I have significant experience in many aspects of running a municipal utility, including drafting codes and rate legislation, use of public funds, utility taxes, revenue bonds, real property matters, public works, long-term supply contracts, resolving utility customer issues, risk management, etc. I have a deep appreciation for municipal utilities and the role they play as a foundation for sustainable communities.

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2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.

I am a 20-yr municipal attorney and have significant experience in many of the issues this committee would advise on. I am a quick and curious learner and can communicate effectively with all levels of an organization and various stakeholders. I also bring creative problem solving to the table.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

As we have been here for 6 months, I am still exploring opportunities for engagement in my new community. I have volunteered at my son's school (Lincoln Elementary) and we have been exploring many of the arts and cultural offerings the City has to offer. In Seattle, I served on local non-profit boards, coached my son's baseball team, etc and I hope to be similarly involved in my new community.

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4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.

I have a bachelor of arts from the University of Pennsylvania (1989) and a Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco School of Law (1999). I have represented local government clients for my 20 years of being an attorney. Prior to that, I was a program specialist for the Food and Nutrition Service and a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania, teaching economics and management at a post-secondary school near Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

as needed

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6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:

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6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?

Yes No

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6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?

Yes No

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6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?

Yes No

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If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committees you would be interested in being considered for in order of interest.

Metropolitan Park Advisory Committee Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?

Yes No

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8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.

Do you agree to comply with this expectation?

I Agree *

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9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?

City website

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EXPERIENCE:

Owner, Lamson Law PLLC

April 2019 - Present

- Continuing representation of Seattle Public Utilities on regional wastewater and water supply contract negotiations

Senior Assistant City Attorney/Supervising Attorney, Contracts & Utilities Section – Civil Division

City of Seattle City Attorney's Office, May 2007 – March 2019

- Drafted, negotiated and reviewed real property agreements, franchises, multi-agency utility supply contracts, settlements, interagency agreements, legislation and regulations
- Advised and counseled City departments, Mayor's Office and City Council on general municipal and business issues, with particular focus on utility and municipal finance matters
- Supervised 5 Assistant City Attorneys, 2 Paralegals and 1 Legal Assistant
- Lead in-house attorney for one of the largest municipal bond issuers in WA State (approximately \$500M+ annually for 5 lines of credit) - coordinated with debt manager, financial advisor, bond counsel and issuing departments on all aspects of issuance including legislative authority, due diligence and disclosure, post-issuance compliance and policy development and implementation
- Successfully negotiated long-term regional water supply contracts with multiple public utilities
- Lead attorney on regional water supply contract implementation and administration
- Drafted legislation and program rules to double enrollment in robust utility discount program for low-income residents
- Lead attorney on negotiating and resource teams for multi-year, multi-party long-term regional wastewater treatment contract

Assistant City Attorney – Civil Division

City of Kent City Attorney's Office, 2006 - 2007

- Advised city departments on various municipal law issues, including all aspects of public contracting
- Reviewed, drafted and negotiated various agreements for real property, professional services, and interagency cooperation
- Drafted legislation and staff reports and served as counsel at Public Works Committee public meetings

Associate Attorney, Public Agency and Government Ethics Practice Groups

Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP, San Francisco, 1999 – 2005

- Served on general counsel teams to public transit and special purpose water districts
- Advised on public contracting, the Americans with Disabilities Act, government accountability, government tort claims, and environmental compliance

- Reviewed, drafted and negotiated various forms of agreement, legislation and board reports
- Served as counsel at open public meetings for utility and transit boards
- Co-founding member of Pro Bono Committee.

Food Stamp Program Specialist

U. S. D. A. Food and Nutrition Service, San Francisco, 1991 - 1996

- Advised social services agencies on all aspects of federal program rules and funding issues
- Coordinated first electronic benefit transfer pilot program
- Western Region lead on civil rights and nutrition education programs

Economics and Management Instructor/Peace Corps Volunteer

Tengeru Community Development Training Institute, Tanzania, 1989 - 1991

- Developed and taught post-secondary economics and management classes
- Coordinated cooperative learning and village research projects
- Co-conducted first community development seminar for village leaders
- Volunteer Committee member
- Coordinated emergency evacuation of 12 volunteers back to U.S.

EDUCATION:

University of San Francisco School of Law - 1999

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, Public Interest Law Certificate

Honors: Law Review; CALI Awards in Torts and International Human Rights

Activities: Environmental Law (President); Women's Law and Public Interest Law Societies

Ex/Internships: The Honorable Sandra Brown Armstrong, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; International Human Rights Law Clinic; Protection and Advocacy; BayKeeper; CROC

University Of Pennsylvania – 1989

Bachelor of Arts, Economics; minor, English

AFFILIATIONS:

State Bar of Washington (#37412 active), California (retired), and Massachusetts (retired)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Volunteer Advocate – Washington Senate Bill 5084 (adopted February 2018)

Little League Coach (2016-2018)

Swim Across America Team Captain (2016-2019)

Water 1st International – Board Member (2009-2015)

Co-organizer - OysterFest Annual Community Fundraiser (2004-2012)

USF School of Law Public Interest Law Alumni Board Member (2003-2005)

Human Rights Advocates Board Member (1999-2004)