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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 1072 of the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys Establishment Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-155; 61 DCR 10003), and section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"):

The Honorable Arthur Louis Burnett, Sr.
6229 32nd Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015
(Ward 4)

for reappointment as a member of the Commission, for a term to end September 19, 2020;

Brett O. Greene
1330 Geranium Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
(Ward 4)

for reappointment as a member of the Commission, for a term to end September 19, 2020;

Franklyn M. Malone
2300 Monroe Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20018
(Ward 5)

for reappointment as a member of the Commission, for a term to end September 19, 2020; and,

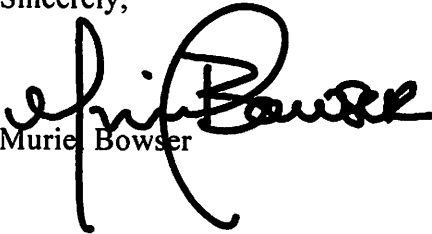
Tristan Wilkerson
1302 Gallaudet Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
(Ward 5)

for reappointment as a member of the Commission, for a term to end September 19, 2020.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominees, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of these nominations for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,



Murie Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,
which was referred to the Committee on _____

To confirm the reappointment of The Honorable Arthur Louis Burnett, Sr. to the Commission
on Fathers, Men, and Boys.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the “Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys The Honorable
Arthur Louis Burnett, Sr. Confirmation Resolution of 2016”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

The Honorable Arthur Louis Burnett, Sr.
6229 32nd Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015
(Ward 4)

as a member of the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys, in accordance with section 2 of
the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code
§ 1-523.01(f) (2014 suppl.)) and pursuant to section 1073 of the Commission on Fathers,
Men, and Boys Establishment Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-155;
D.C. Official Code § 3-731), for a term to end September 19, 2020.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this
resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CURRICULUM VITAE
OF
ARTHUR LOUIS BURNETT, SENIOR
SENIOR JUDGE,
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 10, 2012

Personal:

Born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia – March 15, 1935. Raised in Spotsylvania County and graduated from the then John J. Wright High School, June 1952 as Class Valedictorian.

Married to Frisbieann Lloyd, May 14, 1960, Oakland, California.

Father of five (5) children, all grown – Darnellena Christalyn Burnett, Esq., C.P.A.; Dr. Arthur Louis Burnett, II; Darryl Lawford Burnett, M.P.H. (Public Health Administrator); Darlisa Ann Burnett, M.B.A. (Economist); and Dr. Dionne Elizabeth Burnett Roberts, D.V.M.

Resident of Washington, D.C. since, December, 1968 to present at 6229 32nd Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015-2427. Area Code: (202) 362-6210 FAX: (202) 362-3870.

Undergraduate and Professional Education:

Graduated from College, Howard University, School of Liberal Arts in a six-year consolidated college-law school program. Attended Howard University September, 1952 – June 1955 and Summers of 1956 and 1957 receiving degree in October 1957. Majored in Political Science, with a Minor in Economics. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in

Junior Year – 1955. Graduated with B.A., Summa Cum Laude, October 1957, with regular four (4) year degree rather than under the consolidated program.

Graduated from New York University School of Law – Attended September, 1955 to June, 1958. Served as Associate Research Editor, Law Review. President of Benjamin F. Butler Law Club. Received Honors as Faculty Scholar, Recipient of the Founders Day Award for placing in the top 10% of my class, graduating Number 24 out of a Class of 267 students.

While serving as United States Magistrate (1969-1975), attended several judges' courses at the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada between 1970-1975.

While serving in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government as Assistant General Counsel (Legal Adviser) of the then U.S. Civil Service Commission, attended the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia in a seven (7) week program for Senior Executive officials in the Federal government, August 13, 1978 to September 29, 1978.

Professional positions and jobs in reverse order have included:

National Executive Director, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc., at Howard University School of Law, 2900 Van Ness Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 since August 1, 2004 to the present. On sabbatical from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as a Senior Judge and in Inactive Status initially for a two (2) years period which ended August 1, 2006 but as now been extended indefinitely. Also Adjunct Professor of Law at Howard University School of Law to the present time and Catholic University Columbus School of Law to 2008.

Senior Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia since November 1998 to the Present. Retired from active Associate Judge status on October 10, 1998.

Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia – sworn in on November 30, 1987 and served in active status until October 10, 1998.

United States Magistrate (a position later named United States Magistrate Judge), United States District Court for the District of Columbia from January 29, 1980 to November 29, 1987.

Associate General Counsel, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, January 1, 1979 to January 28, 1980.

Assistant General Counsel, Legal Advisory Division, U.S. Civil Service Commission, December 1, 1975 to December 31, 1978.

United States Magistrate, United States District Court for the District of Columbia from June 26, 1969 to November 30, 1975. First African American United States Magistrate (Judge) in the history of the Nation.

Legal Adviser (a position later renamed "General Counsel"), District of Columbia, Metropolitan Police Department, December, 1968 to June 25, 1969. First, in-house lawyer for the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia.

Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia from April, 1965 to December 1968.

Staff Attorney, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, serving in the General Crimes Section as staff attorney and then as acting deputy chief and on a couple of occasions as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in U.S. Attorneys' offices, December 1960 to April, 1965.

Served in the U.S. Army, being drafted on November 18, 1958 and serving in enlisted status until November 17, 1960 on active duty. Commissioned an Adjutant General Corps Officer, Second Lieutenant, November 3, 1960 and promoted to First Lieutenant, December 2, 1963 in U.S. Army Reserves and served in the Ready Reserves for three (3) years as an Officer.

Entered the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice under the Attorney General's Honors Program in June, 1958 following graduation from law school and served in the Fraud Section until leaving in November, 1958 for two (2) years of active military duty.

Significant Honors and Awards:

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in my Junior Year in college, and graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Howard University, October 1957.

Recipient in 1963 of the U.S. Attorney General's Sustained Superior Performance Award.

Recipient of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Distinguished Service Award on December 6, 1978 in connection with my professional work on civil service reform and related activities.

Recipient of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Director's Award for Meritorious Service on January 24, 1980 for implementation of civil service reorganization and reform.

Recipient of the Federal Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Distinguished Service Award on July 16, 1981.

Recipient of the Franklin N. Flaschner Judicial Award, National Conference of Special Court Judges, Judicial Administration Division, American Bar Association, as the outstanding judge in the United States on a trial court of special court jurisdiction as United States Magistrate for distinguished service in improving the quality of justice in special courts. Award given at ABA Annual Convention in July, 1985.

Recipient of the ABA Judge Edward R. Finch Award for outstanding law day speeches, Third Place, in 1991.

Recipient of the Federal Bar Association President's Award in 1994.

Recipient of the National Bar Association President's Award in 1996.

Recipient of The Ollie May Cooper Award of the Washington Bar Association, October, 1997 for "legal humanitarianism."

Recipient of the Government of the District of Columbia Office of the Corporation Counsel's Children's Initiatives Forum 1999 Children's Welfare Leadership Award, April 29, 1999, for creatively exercising "judicial leadership in establishing family reunification permanent custodial or final adoptive arrangements in the best interest of many hundreds of the District of Columbia's most vulnerable children."

Recipient of the Trial Lawyers Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. "H. Carl Moultrie Award for Judicial Excellence" in recognition of "His Devoted Service on Furthering the Cause of Justice," on May 8, 1999.

Recipient of the Award of Judicial Excellence from the National Conference of State Trial Judges at the ABA Annual Convention, August 6, 1999, Atlanta, Georgia.

Recipient of the John G. Theban Award for Meritorious Service from Family and Child Services of Washington, D.C., Inc. in November, 2001 for reforms in the adoption system of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and expediting adoptions.

Recipient of the American Bar Association's Award for Excellence in State Justice Initiatives given jointly by the ABA Section of Litigation and the ABA Judicial Division at the Annual Convention in August, 2002.

Recipient of the Federal Bar Association Earl W. Kintner Award for outstanding service to the Bar and the Legal Profession, the highest award given nationally by the Federal Bar Association, at its Annual Convention in September, 2002.

Recipient in July, 2004 of the National Bar Association Judicial Council's Raymond Pace Alexander Award for Lifetime Contributions to Judicial Advocacy at its Annual Convention.

Recipient in July, 2004 of the National Bar Association's C. Francis Stradford Award, named after one of the founders of the NBA, for a lifetime of excellent services to the National Bar Association and the legal profession.

Recipient on February 12, 2005 of the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession's Spirit of Excellence Award for contributions in advancing civil rights and outstanding performance throughout legal and judicial career.

Selected for Cambridge Who's Who in 2008.

Recipient in April 2010 of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the John Carroll Society of Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Recipient of the President's Award of Excellence from the National Black Prosecutors Association in July 2010.

Selected to Cambridge's Who's Who in America as outstanding expert on drug law policy and criminal justice matters in 2010.

Recipient of the Wellstone Visionary Health Award from the Washington Psychiatric Society for Advancing in Healthcare Reform Achieving Parity for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment, November 18, 2011.

Recognized by Ashford Publishing as an Ashford Publishing V.I.P. in its 2011-2012 Online Registry of Ashford Publishing Inc., having demonstrated exemplary achievements and distinguished contributions to the business community.

Significant Court Committee Assignments and Activities:

Judicial Liaison to community organizations to develop community and organizations support for alternatives in sentencing to incarceration, and in crime and juvenile delinquency prevention, both as to juveniles and adults, from January, 1994 to August, 2004.

Member of the Implementation Task Force for Reduction of Delay in Handling Civil Cases and Implementation of the Individual Calendar System for 3-4 years.

Member of the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee for several years.

Member of the Superior Court Library Committee for several years.

Member of Superior Court Committee to Create Juvenile Drug Court for almost two years.

Significant Officer and Committee Positions in Bar Associations and Professional Organizations:

Chairperson, National Conference of Special Court Judges, Judicial Administration Division, ABA, 1974-1975. First African American to Chair a Conference of Judges in the American Bar Association.

Deputy Section Coordinator, 1984-1986 and Section Coordinator, 1986-1988 of the National Federal Bar Association overseeing, monitoring and approving all Section activities of the national Federal Bar Association during this period.

President, National Council of United States Magistrates, 1983-1984. Subsequently in 1988 the title of the judicial officers was changed to "United States Magistrate Judges."

President, District of Columbia Chapter, Federal Bar Association, 1984-1985.

President, Prettyman-Leventhal American Inn of Court, 1994-1995.

Secretary, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, American Bar Association, 1993-1995.

Liaison Representative of the ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section to the Administrative Conference of the United States, 1990-1994.

Council Member, ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, 1987 – 1990.

Chairperson, Rules of Criminal Procedure and Evidence Committee, Criminal Justice Section, American Bar Association, 1993-1997.

Chairperson, Civil Rights and Employment Discrimination Committee, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, American Bar Association, 1992-1995.

Member of the ABA, Judicial Division Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary and its predecessor Task Force on Minorities in the Judiciary from 1988 to the present, except for two (2) one year breaks in my service required by the by-laws, during which time I served as an adviser and consultant.

Chairperson, Subcommittee on Law Student Interns, ABA Judicial Administration Division Task Force on Improving Opportunities for Minorities in the Legal Profession, 1994-1997.

Co-chairperson, Subcommittee on Minority Judges Directory, ABA Judicial Administration Division Task Force on Improving Opportunities for Minorities in the Legal Profession, 1994-1997 and then sole Chair and Editor-in-Chief of the Directory from 1988 to the Present.

Co-Chair, Editorial Board, Criminal Justice Magazine Board of the Criminal Justice Section of the ABA, 1997-2000, and Chair-Emeritus and Member of the Board since to the present.

Co-Chair, Criminal Process Committee, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, ABA, 1998-1999.

Member, ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, 1955-1999, and Member of the Advisory Committee to the Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, 2005 to 2010 and appointed Chair, Advisory Committee for 2010-2011 by the President of the ABA. Currently member of the Standing Committee on Substance Abuse again, 2011 -

Member, Publications Committee, Criminal Justice Section, ABA, 1997 to the present.

Member, Juvenile Justice Committee, Criminal Justice Section, ABA now for more than 30 years.

Member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1997 to the present, and of its Advisory Committee on Adoption Law since 1998, and of its Substance Abuse Committee since 2003 to the present.

Appointed Member of the National Federal Bar Association "National Council" – its governing body – for a number of years and Chair of the FBA Audit Committee, since 1999 to 2008.

Member, Board of Directors, Council for Court Excellence, District of Columbia, 1997 to the Present. Special lecturer for the Council for Court Excellence in promoting the value for citizen participation in juries in this Nation as being as important as voting to maintain democracy and our constitutional system.

Member of the Resources Committee, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada on Developing Handbook and Guidelines for Handling Youth as Adults in Criminal Court, 1999-2000.

Judge-in-Residence with the Black Community Crusade for Children, Children's Defense Fund October 13, 1998 to August 2004 as volunteer to plan and develop programs to reduce juvenile delinquency and crime in America, to improve the foster care system, and to advance and promote adoption and the improvements in the foster care system throughout the United States. This is part-time volunteer work with the Children's Defense Fund merely reimbursement me for out of pocket expenses incurred on its behalf. This activity continued to August 1, 2004 when I took a sabbatical from the Superior Court to become the full-time National Executive Director of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.

Co-Chair of the Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Leadership Council of the Black Community Crusade for Children of the Children's Defense Fund from 1997 to August 1, 2004. Member since 1993.

Member of the American Bar Association Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children, 2003 until that Committee was terminated in 2006. Since 2006 to the Present, Liaison from the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association to the ABA Commission on Youth-At Risk to the present time.

Co-Chair, Health Care Initiative Committee Project, National Bar Association, to establish joint initiatives with African American doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers and Historic Black Colleges to address illicit drug usage and excessive alcohol consumption and other health issues of minority youth in juvenile and foster care systems and in the community in general, 2003-2004. The endeavors of this project led to the creation of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.

Co-Chair, Drug Policy Initiative Project, National Bar Association, to promote a public health approach to dealing with drug users and those who sell drugs merely to support their own addictions, 2003-2004. The results of this Project effort was combined with the Health Care Initiative Committee Project and resulted in the creation of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.

Chair, National Bar Association Committee to Promoted Increased Minority Judges and Judicial Officer representation on the State and Federal Benches, 2003-2004.

Special Assistant to the President of the National Bar Association, 2003-2004.

Commissioner on the Dellums' Commission of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies dealing with health care disparities affecting men of color and what solutions must be achieved, 2004 to the Present. This entity is referred to officially as the "Joint Center Health Policy Institute's Dellums Commission: Analyses and Action Plan to Reform Public Policies that Limit Life Paths of Young Men of Color."

Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics from 2000 to the Present. This non-profit organization also includes within its mission dealing with the abuse and misuse of illicit drugs with a focus on the trauma and psychological impact on children exposed to both alcoholism and drug using parents, guardians and caretakers. Became Officer as Secretary in 2010.

Staff Director, Blue Ribbon Drug Policy Commission on Racial Disparities in Substance Abuse Policies of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc., comprised of twenty-one (21) pre-eminent experts. The Commission conducted six (6) hearings in several locations between October, 2005 and March, 2006, hearing from 109 witnesses and received numerous written submissions for recommendations of what changes and reforms must be made in substance abuse policies in this Nation. The Report with

Recommendations is now in the process of being prepared with an expected release date in August, 2006.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, April, 2010. Currently Member of the Board of Directors of this national organization.

President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Youth Court of the District of Columbia, Inc., a non-profit entity promoting pretrial diversion for juvenile non-violent offenders in the District of Columbia. 2010 to the Present.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of The 100 Fathers, Inc., a District of Columbia non-profit entity devoted to promoting fathers becoming involved in raising their children, to instill values and mold character to prevent juvenile delinquency by the children and involvement in illegal drugs and abuse of alcohol and prescription drugs, and to re-engage fathers being released from prison to be more than child support payers, but to become responsible fathers participating in their youth activities and promoting character development, thus giving such fathers a stake in remaining drug free themselves and not repeating crimes, because they wish to be not locked up and deprived of the opportunity to share in the achievements and progress of their children. 2010 to the Present.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Washington Healthcare Empowerment Coalition, Inc., the Washington, D.C. affiliate of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc. since 2010 to develop programs and activities for Washington, D.C. African American youth to interrupt the pipeline to prison for many of them. These programs focus on reducing truancy, preventing dropping out of school, and encouraging educational excellence by D.C. youth in both the Public Schools and the Charter Schools of the city.

Vice-President of Administration and National Executive Director of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc. since August 1, 2004 to present time, on Sabbatical from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as a Senior Judge of that Court, promoting the cause of eliminating all the remaining vestiges of disparate treatment and unlawful discrimination in our healthcare system and in our criminal justice and juvenile justice systems in particular, and generally in all related sectors of our public life.

Consultant to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America on juvenile justice issues and mentoring – 2011 to the present.

Other Significant Professional Activities:

Served as frequent lecturer in continuing legal education programs on discovery, pretrial, sanctions, settlement conferences, Rule 11 and related subjects in civil litigation. Served as frequent lecturer on criminal motion practice and sentencing, including alternatives to incarceration.

Author of substantial number of law review and law journal articles and other legal commentary on bail, pretrial release, pretrial detention, search and seizure, the role and utilization of United States Magistrates in criminal and civil cases, and on all areas of civil litigation.

Served as frequent lecturer and panelist on juvenile delinquency issues and how to develop plans and programs to prevent and reduce delinquent conduct, violence, drug involvement, school truancy and dropping out of school, how to improve the foster care system and the handling of neglect and abuse cases in the judicial system, and how to promote increased adoptions of children when reunification with the biological family is no longer feasible. Appeared all over the country on behalf of the Children's Defense Fund as speaker and for other organizations as a participant panelist in seminars and at conferences on these issues. Have given frequent talks to junior and senior high school students in the District of Columbia to prevent juvenile delinquency, to encourage them not to be truant and to stay in school and to achieve good grades, and prepare for useful lives for themselves. Since 1994 have made several hundred presentations in D.C. Public, Charter, Private and religious schools in order to reduce juvenile delinquency and what would be criminal acts by adults and to encourage academic excellence and achievement.

Served as Adjunct Professor of Law in Trial Practice, Howard University School of Law, 1998 to 2011.

Served as Adjunct Professor of Law in Appellate Advocacy, Catholic University Columbus School of Law, 1997 to 2008.

Since August 1, 2004 to the present time I have participated as speaker and/or panelist in conferences and seminars dealing with drug usage and addiction, alcoholism, mental health and related juvenile delinquency and criminal conduct on the average of 4 or 5 times a month. During the past 3 years, I would conservatively estimate that I have made more than 250 - 300 presentations as the National Executive Director of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc. at conferences, seminars and meetings throughout this Nation. These presentations have placed an emphasis on a public health approach to drug treatment for the truly addicted and drug dependent, obtaining adequate resources for drug courts, assuring that the course of drug treatment is sufficiently intense to be effective, and promoting pretrial diversion and therapeutic sentencing for non-violent drug offenders whose crimes are directly tied to drug addiction as a disease. I have also placed heavy emphasis on an effective drug education and prevention program starting at the Third Grade in our schools coupled with an incentive rewards system for those youth who stay away from drugs and juvenile delinquency and do well in school academically and achieve according to the talents they have.

After taking Senior Judge status in 1998 to August 1, 2004 when not engaged in the multiple volunteer acts for the Bar or for the Children's Defense Fund, or serving as the Community Relations Liaison Judge for the Superior Court in the community, I sat as a

Senior Judge hearing Family Law cases, and specifically handling adoption cases, for a significant period of time amounting to six to eight months a year, a significant portion of which was without compensation, as under the law, a judge can be paid only up to 20% of what a regular associate judge receives, if he or she is receiving a retirement pension amounting to 80% of salary. In the Calendar Year 2001 I sat full-time just as a regular judge for the full year and handled the Adoption Calendar for the Superior Court at a time there was a threat to create a separate Family Court and my sitting was used as a counter argument that keeping the Family Court operations as a part of the Superior Court would permit the use of experienced Senior Judges dedicated to Family law and children issues. Ultimately, Congress accepted this argument and while it increased the powers of the Family Court, it was kept as a part of the Superior Court as a unified court system.

Recently authored a major law journal article observing that State Supreme Courts are giving greater emphasis under State Constitutions protecting individual rights of citizens than are the federal courts under the United States Supreme Court and its interpretation of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. See Arthur L. Burnett, Sr., *An Irony – Greater Protection of Individual Rights Now Found in State Courts*, Volume 22, Number 1, Criminal Justice Magazine, pp.20-27 (Spring 2007).

Published in 2008 article in Southwestern University Law Review on the use of Informants in Criminal Cases and how this frequently leads to injustices. See Burnett, Arthur L., *The Potential for Injustice in the Use of Informants in the Criminal Justice System*, 37 Southwestern U. L. R. 1079 (2008).



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The Honorable Arthur Burnett Sr.



Judge Arthur Burnett has a long list of professional and personal accomplishments in the District of Columbia, and is currently a member of the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys.

Judge Burnett commenced his law career in the Attorney General's Honors Program at the United States Department of Justice in the Criminal Division in June 1958. After specializing in fraud, obscenity and public integrity criminal cases, including serving as a special prosecutor in several cases for the U. S. Department of Justice, in April 1965 he became an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C. where he prosecuted for almost four (4) years all types of cases, including homicides.

In December 1968 Judge Burnett became the first General Counsel of the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia. On June 26, 1969 he was appointed the first African American United States Magistrate (now call United States Magistrate Judges) in the United States, in which capacity he served until December 1975. He then became the Legal Advisor for the United States Civil Service System and between 1976-1980 he served also as a legal advisor to the President of the United States on all civil service and personnel laws in the United States and as one of the President's chief representatives in dealing with all bills pending before the U.S. Congress dealing with the federal personnel system. In January 1980 Judge Burnett was appointed United States Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for the second time, where he served until appointed by the President to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in November 1987.

A Ward 4 resident, Judge Burnett has a Bachelor's in Political Science from Howard University and a Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lolita S. Alston
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: April 28, 2016
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of legislation reappointing members to the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Rob Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth Cavendish