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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

OCT 11 2016

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 4 of the Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006, effective March, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-243; D.C. Official Code § 24-1303), which established the Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs ("Commission"), re-designated by Mayor's Order 2012-31, dated February 12, 2012, as the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs, I am pleased to nominate the following person for appointment to the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs:

Stenise Rolle Sanders
601 Emerson Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Petrina L. Williams, for a term to end August 4, 2018.

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

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination 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,

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Muriel Bowser

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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 appointment of Stenise Rolle Sanders to the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs Stenise Rolle Sanders Confirmation Resolution of 2016”.

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

Stenise Rolle Sanders
601 Emerson Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)

as a member of the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs, established by section 4 of the Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006, effective March, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-243; D.C. Official Code § 24-1303), re-designated by Mayor’s Order 2012-31, dated February 12, 2012, as the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs, replacing Petrina L. Williams, for a term to end August 4, 2018.

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.

Stenise Rolle Sanders, Esq.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland College Park

College Park, MD

Director, Graduate Student Legal Aid Office

8/2013-Present

- Work in conjunction with Graduate Student Government, student affairs, and graduate student life on planning and programming to address the legal needs of more than 11,000 graduate students. Advise and represent students charged with academic integrity and student code of conduct cases by the Office of Student Conduct. Provide legal counsel in consumer goods, contracts, housing, tort, employment, family, Title IX, and criminal law cases. Develop program initiatives, manage daily operations, and implement organizational policies and procedures for legal aid office. Manage office budget and ensure compliance with university budget and fiscal reporting policies. Mediate and negotiate disputes. Provide legal instruction and facilitate legal workshops. Build professional networks for referrals and speakers for weekly legal workshop series. Initiate and direct outreach and educational efforts to increase awareness of available programs. Supervise and perform performance reviews for office staff. Oversee internship program.

Law Office of Stenise R. Sanders/WM Law Group

Washington, DC/Maryland

Partner/ Attorney

1/2011- Present

- Litigate and provide legal counsel and case analysis in contract, housing, personal injury, wrongful death, traffic, domestic relations, and employment disputes. Conduct jury and bench trials. Draft and argue motions. Prepare discovery responses and requests such as interrogatories and requests for production. Depose witnesses and opposing parties. Negotiate bodily injury and property damage claims with insurance companies and risk management departments. Perform electronic document review and critically review and analyze discovery material for relevance and privilege determinations. Manage caseload and operations of firm.

The Rolle Law Firm, PLC

Tallahassee, FL

Owner/Attorney

8/2006-12/2010

- Managed direction of cases and daily activities of staff. Litigated and provided legal counsel in personal injury, wrongful death, breach of contract, employment, and criminal matters. Developed case theories and trial strategy; Conducted legal research and investigations. Interviewed and deposed witnesses, victims, medical personnel and law enforcement officers. Reviewed, analyzed, and summarized witness statements, depositions, and evidence to determine admissibility, case strategy, and/or theories of liability. Reviewed contracts. Evaluated and negotiated personal injury settlements.

Drafted legal pleadings. Formulated and respond to discovery requests. Performed oral arguments and presented evidence at contested hearings and trials. Resolved cases with commercial carriers in cases with high exposure and significant damages. Drafted and prepared written correspondence. Trained and supervised staff.

Parks & Crump, LLC

Tallahassee, FL

Senior Associate Attorney

8/2002- 7/2006

- Supervised the personal injury/torts division and served as part of litigation team. Litigated complex Personal Injury Protection (PIP), bodily injury, premises liability, wrongful death and property damage cases complex against personal insurance companies and commercial carriers. Handled claims in excess of \$1 million dollars. Managed caseload of over 100 pre-litigation bodily injury cases. Provided litigation risk assessment. Critically reviewed and evaluated case facts, medical records, and investigation results. Deposed witnesses. Negotiated settlements with insurance companies and risk management departments. Researched case law and prepared legal analysis. Drafted and responded to appellate briefs, petitions, complaints, motions, decision memoranda and memoranda of law. Performed all phases of discovery. Developed Auto Tort Handbook and devised policies for the division. Trained and provided guidance to paralegals. Mentored new attorneys and law clerks.

VOLUNTEER & PROGRAMMATIC EXPERIENCE

Secretary, Board of Directors, Howard University Middle School for Math & Science, – Attend all board meetings. Take official meeting minutes. Draft and send board correspondence. **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.-** Previous Co-Chair Delta G.E.M.S. Mentoring Program. Plan programs and oversee implementation of program goals and objectives. **Veterans Pro Bono Consortium-** Provide pro bono legal services to veterans who have been denied disability benefits by the Board of Veterans Appeals. **District of Columbia Volunteer Lawyers Program (DCVLP)-** Provide pro bono family law services to low income DC residents. **Montgomery County Maryland Bar Foundation Inc. Pro Bono Program-** Provide pro bono legal services to low income Montgomery County residents. **People for the American Way Foundation-** Recruited, trained, and supervised pro bono attorneys and community volunteers on state elections law. Prepared presentations on voting laws and at seminars and public events.

EDUCATION

Florida A&M University

Tallahassee, FL

Master of Applied Social Science, *with honors*, August 2009

Concentration: Public Administration

University of Miami School of Law

Coral Gables, FL

Juris Doctor, May 2002

Honors: Dean's Honor Scholarship, MPLE Scholar, Society of Bar & Gavel

Activities: Advanced Moot Court, National Lawyers Guild/Juvenile Prison Project

Florida A&M University

Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, May 1999

Major: Economics **Minor:** Criminal Justice

Honors: Presidential Scholar, Golden Key Honor Society

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

ADMITTED: Florida Bar, United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, District of Columbia Bar, and Maryland Bar



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Stenise Rolle Sanders



Stenise Rolle Sanders is a lawyer in private practice and the Director of the Graduate Student Legal Aid Office at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she uses her passion for helping people by giving students the tools and resources they need to address legal concerns.

Ms. Sanders's legal career began at the law firm of Parks & Crump, LLC, in Tallahassee, Florida where she litigated complex wrongful death, personal injury, and premises liability cases. After several years, she began a solo practice focusing on civil litigation, criminal defense, and family law.

With 14-years of experience as an attorney, Ms. Sanders has represented both juveniles and adults who have been sentenced to long periods of incarceration. Through this experience, she gained firsthand knowledge of the effects of incarceration, particularly on juveniles and communities of color. Ms. Sanders has also served as a mentor to at-risk and incarcerated youth and volunteered with organizations that help citizens transition back into the community after a period of incarceration.

A Ward 4 resident, Ms. Sanders received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Applied Social Science degree from Florida A&M University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lauren C. Vaughan, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: September 22, 2016
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions appointing Al Hanson, Clarence Johnson, Corwin Knight, Esther Ford, Marcus Bullock, Paula Thompson, Stenise Sanders, Tanisha Murden, and Tony Lewis to the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Alana Intrieri, 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