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**MURIEL BOWSER**  
MAYOR

OCT 13 2017  
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 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 2 of the Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, effective March 14, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-106; D.C. Official Code § 3-1441), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Ryan L. Jones  
222 Farragut Street NW Unit #104  
Washington, DC 20011  
(Ward 4)

for appointment as a public voting member of the Commission on African-American Affairs, replacing Lydia Sermons, for a term ending April 19, 2018, and for a new term to end April 19, 2021.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing Mr. Jones' experience, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel 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 appointment of Mr. Ryan L. Jones to the Commission on African-American  
Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "Commission on African-American Affairs Ryan L. Jones,  
Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

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

Mr. Ryan L. Jones  
222 Farragut Street NW Unit #104  
Washington, DC 20011  
(Ward 4)

as a public, voting member of the Commission on African-American Affairs, pursuant to section  
2 of the Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, effective March  
14, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-106; D.C. Official Code § 3-1441), replacing Lydia Sermons, for a term  
ending April 19, 2018, and for a new term to end April 19, 2021.

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.

## Ryan L. Jones

### EDUCATION

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The George Washington University Law School, *Washington, DC*

LL.M., Intellectual Property, Fall 2014

Activities: GW Munich Intellectual Property Summer Program 2014, *Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property*  
Law School intramural basketball team member, winning two championships

Southern Illinois University School of Law, *Carbondale, IL*

J.D., December 2011, *early graduate*

Activities: Intellectual Property Society, *Member*  
International Law Society, *Member*  
Black Law Student Association, *President*

Honors: Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Award 2011

Stony Brook University, *Stony Brook, NY*

B.A., Psychology, May 2007

Activities: Men's Varsity Basketball Team

Honors: Honor Roll, 2005-2006

2005 All-Academic Team for the Southern Conference, while at Elon University

Admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia

### EXPERIENCE

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Ryan L. Jones Law, LLC

January 2014 — present

*Principle*

Founded a full service law firm in order to provide counsel to individuals and burgeoning businesses confronted with various legal issues. The practice focuses on intellectual property and business affairs counsel for small companies. The practice represents start-up companies, established businesses, athletes and artists. The practice also provides trial and appellate litigation counsel. Successfully registered copyrights and trademarks for clients. Successfully negotiated a settlement for breach of contract on behalf of a professional-athlete. Successfully resolved a probate matter on behalf of an estate.

Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment

April 2016 — July 2017

*Director of Legislation and Policy, Washington, D.C.*

Drafted and revised legislation that governs cable television regulation and film and television office duties. Corresponded with the Council and Office of the Mayor to promote the goals of the agency through legislation. Monitored legislation from the District Council in order to advise the agency. Assisted with internal legal counsel on legislative and policy matters that confront the agency. Prepared agency for Performance and Budget Hearings before District Council. Advised the agency on internal and external policy matters for the administration of programming for the television stations and film related activities.

Litigation Attorney

January 2014 – April 2016

*Attorney, Washington, D.C.*

Conducted numerous eDiscovery and document review matters, while working at several large law firms via legal staffing agencies. Coordinated all aspects of the electronic discovery including document preservation, collection, responsiveness, privilege review, and production. Drafted multiple privilege logs. Conducted reviews for quality control of documents reviewed. Worked closely with counsel and associates regarding witness preparation and case fact development in anticipation of litigation and production to administrative agencies. Litigation included matters regarding Product Liability, FCPA, Pharmaceuticals, Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Healthcare and Insurance, Antitrust, Mergers and Acquisition, Securities, and Shareholder Actions. Proficient using various litigation software programs.

American Psychiatric Association

July 2013 – December 2013

*Law Clerk, Office of Legal Counsel, Arlington, VA*

Reviewed and edited contracts and licensing agreements between the association and vendors wishing to distribute the association's published works. Researched various bodies of law (using standard and alternative methods), including but not limited to health care, intellectual property, employment and real property in order to draft legal memoranda analyzing issues germane to the association's purpose. Compiled and summarized federal law, state law, and regulations for the purpose of having effective governmental relations including research of the Affordable Care Act in concert with other public health laws. Researched and summarized case law for drafting complaints, motions, and briefs for litigation, at various stages where the association was bringing cases on behalf of its members. Assisting in management of internal legal affairs of the association.

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Summer 2011

*Extern, Office of the Administrator for Policy and External Affairs, Alexandria, VA*

Participated in weekly and daily developments within the legal group to educate other parts of the USPTO and foreign bodies. Wrote a memorandum for the Advisory Committee on Enforcement for the World Intellectual Property Organization. Researched and drafted a memorandum of regulations regarding counterfeit pharmaceuticals. Edited a summary of Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement treaty provisions.

Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, LLP

Summer 2010

*Summer Associate, International Trade, Customs, and IP Litigation, Washington, DC*

Researched and drafted legal memoranda analyzing international trade law, intellectual property law, issues confronting the U.S. International Trade Commission and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. During litigation, provided quality control and analysis of exhibits, composition of exhibit descriptions, revisions to exhibit lists, and monitoring of admitted evidence at International Trade Commission hearings. Conducted research on legal trends at International Trade Commission.

### JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

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The Honorable Glynnis D. Hill, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas

October 2012- January 2013

*Judicial Fellow, Criminal Division, Philadelphia, PA*

Assisted in proposing motions, opinions, orders, appellate briefs, memoranda, and Post-Conviction Relief Act rulings. Assisted with pre-trial preparation discussions of relevant motions, orders, and facts. Observed court sessions, prepared notes, and reviewed pending cases. Held conference with his honor to educate the staff on issues.

The Honorable Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, District of Columbia Court of Appeals

April 2012- May 2012

*Judicial Intern, Washington, DC*

Assisted in proposing opinions and drafted memoranda summarizing appellate briefs. Conducted legal research of rules relating to federal and state law. Observed appellate hearings, prepared notes, and participated in discussions of pending and concluded hearings.

The Honorable Anita Josey-Herring, District of Columbia Superior Court

Summer 2010

*Judicial Intern, Civil Division, Washington, DC*

Assisted in drafting an order ruling on pre-trial motions in a wrongful death case. Assisted with pre-trial preparation by assembling binders of relevant documents including motions and orders. Observed court sessions, prepared notes, and participated in discussions of pending cases.

**PERSONAL**

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Author of a copyrighted screenplay and children's book; also a huge advocate of health, wellness, and travel.



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## Ryan L. Jones



Ryan L. Jones is the Principle of Ryan L. Jones Law, LLC.

After college graduation, he returned to the District where he worked for the WIC State agency and US Patent and Trademark office. It was here that he decided to attend law school. During the summers of law school, Mr. Jones was a law clerk for Adduci, Mastriani, & Schaumberg LLP, an intern for Judge Anita Josey-Herring, and an extern for the USPTO. After graduation, he interned for Chief Judge Eric T. Washington. While living in Philadelphia, Mr. Jones was a Judicial Fellow for Judge Glynnis Hill before returning to the District to attend The George Washington University Law School for his Master of Laws in Intellectual Property.

As a professional, Mr. Jones has worked for the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME). After leaving the APA and before joining OCTFME, he developed his own firm in 2014, while also working on contract for larger firms in Washington. His firm focuses on intellectual property counseling and business counseling. Since devoting his full attention to his practice, it has expanded to trial and appellate litigation. Mr. Jones is also an author, having published his first novel in 2017, a children's book entitled Dream Forever.

A Ward 4 resident, Mr. Jones obtained a Bachelor of Psychology from Stony Brook University, a Juris Doctor from Southern Illinois University Law School, and a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property from The George Washington University Law School.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** September 29, 2017  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Dr. Niambi M. Carter and Ryan L. Jones to the Commission on African-American Affairs.

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**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 me at 202-724-7681.

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

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Elizabeth Cavendish