



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

JUN 13 2023

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(b)(3) of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-363; D.C. Official Code § 47-825.01a), which established the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission ("Commission"), I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment to the Commission:

John Woods Jr.
53 Michigan Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
(Ward 5)

as a part-time Commissioner of the Commission, for a term to end on April 30, 2023.

Enclosed you will find all biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, along 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, Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel E. Bowser".

Muriel E. Bowser
Mayor



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. John Woods Jr. to the Real Property Tax Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
resolution may be cited as the “Real Property Tax Commission John Woods Jr. Confirmation
Resolution of 2019”.

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

John Woods Jr.
53 Michigan Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
(Ward 5)

as a part-time commissioner of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, established by
section 2(b)(3) of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Act of 2010,
effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-363; D.C. Official Code § 47-825.01a), for a term to end
April 30, 2023.

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.

John L. Woods Jr., Esq.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION & CERTIFICATIONS

District of Columbia Bar (admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia), National Bar Association (Chair - Real Estate & Probate Law Section (September 2019), and Chair - International Partnerships Committee), American Bar Association (Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution)

EDUCATION

JD - Howard University School of Law (2008)
MPA - New York University (1995)
BA - State University of New York at Albany (1992)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

I. Real Estate Experience:

**JLW LODGING INC. (REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT),
HOLLYWOOD, FL. 2013 - 2018**

Principal/Chief Legal Advisor

Lead real estate acquisition and transaction efforts; directed and provided oversight concerning the legal departments activities (residential leasing & acquisition) in accordance with organization policies and standards as well as applicable federal, state, and local laws; drafted, reviewed, and negotiated rental and acquisition agreements; formulated, monitored, as well as provided legal guidance and/or ensured compliance with rules and/or policies concerning tenancy, zoning, eviction, habitable living conditions, and housing discrimination; and directed, provided oversight, and/or legal guidance concerning dispute resolution approaches and processes in response to tenant and property disputes.

II. Dispute Resolution & Administrative Hearings Experience:

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (FINRA), WASHINGTON, DC
2005 - present**

Arbitrator

Preside over administrative law hearings concerning securities disputes. Claims include: breach of duty - "suitability" claims, misrepresentation or failure to disclose material facts ("fraud" or "negligence"), as well as unauthorized and/or excessive trading for commissions ("churning" or "switching"). Duties include conducting prehearing conferences and issuing prehearing orders; receiving testimony and conducting examination of witnesses; deciding motions and evidentiary objections; determining remedies and sanctions; and issuing written decisions.

CITY OF BALTIMORE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

BALTIMORE., MD. 2011 – present

Appeals Hearing Officer

Preside over administrative law, appeal hearings (City of Baltimore employee disciplinary hearings). Apply pertinent facts to applicable city labor relations policies, applicable state laws, and collective bargaining agreements. Duties include conducting prehearing conferences and issuing prehearing orders; receiving testimony and conducting examination of witnesses; deciding

motions and evidentiary objections; determining remedies and sanctions; and issuing written decisions.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS,
NEW YORK, NY 2010 – present**

Arbitrator

Preside over administrative law hearings (teacher tenure disciplinary hearings) concerning charges pursuant to New York State Education Law section 3020-a, DOE-UFT collective bargaining agreement, and New York City personnel policies. Duties include conducting prehearing conferences and issuing prehearing orders; receiving testimony and conducting examination of witnesses; deciding motions and evidentiary objections; determining remedies and sanctions; and issuing written decisions.

**UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC),
WASHINGTON, DC. 2008-present**

Mediator & Federal Settlement Officer

Mediate and conduct settlement conferences to resolve employment discrimination cases filed with the EEOC alleging violations of the following federal statutes: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Genetic Information Nondisclosure Act of 2008. Duties include assisting parties in resolving employment disputes by analyzing and reviewing mediation statements; conducting pre-mediation sessions; facilitating the mediation process; employing mediation strategies (such as applying knowledge of the law through evaluative mediation strategies as well as analyzing and strategically applying pertinent evidence to facilitate communication); and drafting/writing settlement agreements.

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARYLAND, Baltimore, Md 2008-2016

Mediator

Mediated landlord-tenant disputes. Duties included assisting parties in resolving landlord-tenant disputes by analyzing and reviewing mediation statements; conducting pre-mediation sessions; facilitating the mediation process; employing mediation strategies (such as applying knowledge of the law through evaluative mediation strategies as well as analyzing and strategically applying pertinent evidence to facilitate communication); and drafting/writing settlement agreements.

III. Academic Experience:

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, WASHINGTON, D.C. 2014- present

Co-Director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program/Clinical Law Professor

Direct academic and externship programs; conduct legal research, deliver lectures, and/or draft legal analysis on dispute resolution (e.g., administrative hearings, arbitration, mediation) and real estate law; and conduct workshops on topics concerning ADR and/or real estate law to stakeholder organizations.



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John L. Woods Jr., Esq.



John L. Woods Jr., Esq. has over twenty (20) years of real estate and ADR/administrative hearings experience. He most recently served as the Principal of JLW Lodging a real estate acquisition and management company. His international ADR/administrative hearings practice includes serving as an arbitrator, mediator, and administrative judge in the following areas: real estate/land disputes, workplace, commercial, securities, and education. He currently serves as a panel arbitrator and/or mediator for a number of organizations including the United Nations (UN), the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA), Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Commerce, American Arbitration Association (AAA), U.S. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), New York City

Department of Education-United Federation of Teachers, and the City of Baltimore Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Woods is the Co-Director of the ADR Program and Clinical Law Professor at Howard University School of Law. He has also guest lectured at New York University, Cornell University, and the University of the West Indies. He is currently the Chairman of the National Bar Association's International Partnerships Committee and incoming Chairman of the Real Estate and Probate Division (September 2019).

A Ward 3 resident, Mr. Woods received a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law, a Master's degree from New York University, and a Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany.



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: February 7, 2019
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Stacie Scott Turner, Trent T. Williams, and John Woods Jr. to the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission

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'.

Elizabeth Cavendish