



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

JAN 17 2020

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

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY
2020 JAN 17 PM 3:00

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2214 of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, approved April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321; D.C. Official Code § 38-1802.14), 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:

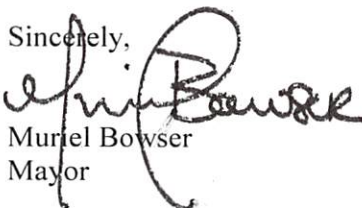
Mr. James Sandman
1391 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. #501
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

for reappointment as a member of the Public Charter School Board, for a term to end February 24, 2024.

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,


Muriel 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 reappointment of James Sandman to the Public Charter School Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Public Charter School Board James Sandman Confirmation Resolution of 2020".

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

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as a member of the Public Charter School Board, established by section 2214 of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995, approved April 26, 1996 (110 Stat. 1321; D.C. Official Code § 38-1802.14), for a term to end February 24, 2024.

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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

JAMES J. SANDMAN



SUMMARY

Broad leadership experience as President of a national non-profit corporation, Managing Partner of a leading international law firm, General Counsel of a major urban school district undergoing dramatic transformation, President of the District of Columbia Bar, and officer/board member of non-profit organizations. Frequent speaker and panelist on issues affecting the administration of justice, the legal profession, diversity, and pro bono programs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – Present **President**
Legal Services Corporation

Chief executive officer of the non-profit corporation established by Congress to provide funding for civil legal services for low-income people. LSC is the largest single funder of civil legal aid programs in the United States, making grants to 133 programs with more than 800 offices serving every state.

- Oversee budget of \$410 million and manage staff of 108 employees
- Approve all grants
- Represent LSC in dealing with Members of Congress and their staffs
- Work closely with eleven-member Board of Directors appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate

2007 – 2011 **General Counsel**
District of Columbia Public Schools

Chief Legal Officer for a 45,000-student, 8,000-employee public school system under the leadership of Chancellor Michelle Rhee

- Member of Chancellor Rhee's senior management team
- Responsible for all legal issues arising in the school system, including labor and employment matters, policy development, administrative litigation, and compliance with federal and local law
- Managed an office of 18 lawyers and six staff

1977 - 2007 **Managing Partner, Partner, and Associate**
Arnold & Porter LLP

Arnold & Porter is a leading international law firm based in Washington, DC.

- Elected by the partnership to five two-year terms as Managing Partner (1995-2005)
- Firm revenue tripled during tenure as Managing Partner
- Opened and served as Managing Partner of Los Angeles office, 1991-92
- Practice areas: risk management and avoidance, product liability litigation, complex litigation, antitrust counseling and litigation
- Elected member of the firm's Policy and Partner Compensation Committees
- Appointed member of the firm's Management, Hiring, New Partners, Diversity, and Charitable

Contributions Committees

- Resident in the firm's Washington (1977-82, 1992-2007), Denver (1982-91), and Los Angeles (1991-92) offices

1976 – **Law Clerk to the Honorable Max Rosenn, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**
1977

EDUCATION

1973 - **University of Pennsylvania Law School**

1976 *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

J.D., cum laude

- Order of the Coif (top ten percent of class)
- Executive Editor, Volume 124, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*
- Associate Editor, Volume 123, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*

1969 - **Boston College, College of Arts and Sciences**

1973 *Chestnut Hill, MA*

[REDACTED] *summa cum laude*

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Durcan Commencement Award (outstanding history student)
- Honors Program
- Four-Year Presidential Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Albany Law School

- Member, Board of Trustees, 2015-present

American Bar Association

- Member, House of Delegates, 2007-07
- Member, Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, 2007-08
- Member, Commission on the Future of Legal Services, 2014-16
- Member, Advisory Council, ABA Center for Innovation, 2016-present

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

- Elder/Trustee, 2011-14

College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY

- Member, Board of Trustees, 2014-present

Colorado Lawyers Committee

- Member, Board of Directors, 1984-1991

D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

- Chairman of the Board and member of the Board of Directors, 2012 –present

District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission

- Member, appointed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2014-present

District of Columbia Bar

- President, 2006-07 (elected by the Bar membership)
- Board of Governors, 2003-08 (elected by the Bar membership)
- Pro Bono Committee, Chair, 2009-2014; Vice Chair, 2008-09; Non-Profit and Small Business Subcommittee, 2017-present
- Chair, Pro Bono Program Strategic Assessment Task Force, 2014-15
- Chair, Pro Bono Initiative Working Group, 2007-08
- Chair, Committee on Multijurisdictional Practice, 2001-05
- Chair, Screening Committee, 2004-05
- Co-Chair, Law Practice Management Section, 1998-2000, 2001-02; member, Section Steering Committee, 1998-2003
- Pro Bono Initiative Working Group, 2000-01
- Special Committee on Multi-Disciplinary Practice, 1999-2005
- Task Force on Sexual Orientation and the Legal Workplace, 1995-99

District of Columbia Circuit Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services

- Chair, 2013-18; Co-Chair, 2010-13; member, 2007-18

District of Columbia Government

- Facilitator (unpaid volunteer), Deputy Mayor's Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force (on collaboration between District of Columbia Public Schools and charter schools), 2015-present

International Senior Lawyers Project

- Board of Directors, 2007-11

The Meyer Foundation

- Chair, 2018-present
- Vice Chair, 2017-18
- Board of Directors, 2007-present
- Audit Committee, 2008-18; Chair, 2015-18
- Governance Committee, 2016-18

Minority Corporate Counsel Association

- Lloyd M. Johnson, Jr., Scholarship Selection Committee, 2005-07

NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education

- Board of Trustees, 2005-08
- National Advisory Board, 2003-05

Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC

- Board of Directors, 2000-05
- Secretary, 2001-05

Pro Bono Institute

- Law Firm Pro Bono Project Advisory Committee, 1998-present

Steptoe & Johnson LLP

- Diversity Advisory Board, Chair, 2015-present; member, 2011-present

Tahirih Justice Center

- Board of Directors, 2014-present

Tzedek DC

- Advisory Council, 2017-present

United States Civil Rights Commission

- District of Columbia State Advisory Committee, Chair, 2014-16; member, 2008-16

University of Pennsylvania Law School

- Inaugural Board of Advisors, Penn Law Center on the Future of the Profession, 2019-present
- Board of Overseers, 1998-2007
- Capital Campaign Executive Committee, 2004-12

Washington Performing Arts Society

- Board of Directors, 1996-present
- Executive Committee, 2008-present
- Vice Chairman, 2008-18
- Chair, Audit Committee, 2010-18
- Co-Chair, Education Committee, 2014-18

Whitman-Walker Clinic

- Chairman of the Board, 2008-09
- Board of Directors, 2003-09
- Co-Chair, "Going the Extra Mile" Benefit, 2002-06

Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA

- Board of Trustees, 2002-08

Women's Bar Association Foundation, Washington, DC

- Member, Board of Directors, 2011-14

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Louis Stokes Paragon Award, 2017
- Rutgers Law School, Commencement Speaker, 2017
- University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, Commencement Speaker, 2017
- District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights, Cornelius Alexander Humanitarian Award, 2016
- Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Hugh M. Johnson Award, 2016
- District of Columbia Bar, William J. Brennan Jr. Award, 2015
- Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Wiley A. Branton Award, 2014
- Villanova University, Medallion Award and Law School Commencement Speaker, 2014
- McGlothlin Leadership Fellow, College of William & Mary, 2014
- College of Saint Rose, Commencement Speaker and Honorary D.H.L. Recipient, 2013
- Council for Court Excellence, Justice Potter Stewart Award, 2013
- Washington Council of Lawyers, Presidents' Award, 2012
- Fellow, College of Law Practice Management, 2012-present
- University of Pennsylvania Law School, Howard Lesnick Pro Bono Award, 2011
- Tahirih Justice Center, Wings of Justice Award, 2011
- DC Law Students in Court, first annual Celebration of Service Award, 2011
- "90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years," *Legal Times*, 2008

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, Alumni Award of Merit, 2007
- "Star of the Bar," Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 2006

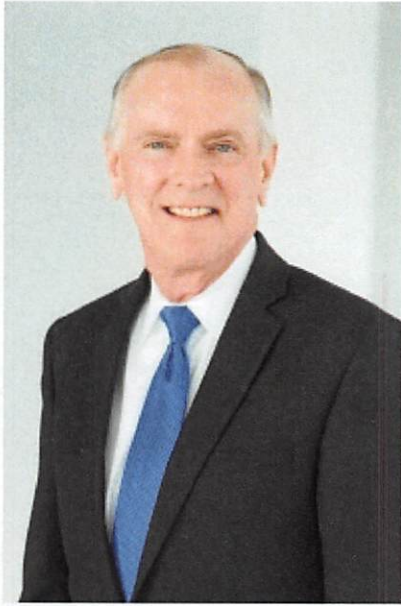
BAR ADMISSIONS

- Colorado (inactive)
- District of Columbia
- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fifth, Tenth, and District of Columbia Circuits
- United States District Courts for the Districts of Columbia and Colorado



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James Sandman



James Sandman is an accomplished attorney and a current member of the Public Charter School Board.

Mr. Sandman has been President of the Legal Services Corporation since 2011. The Legal Services Corporation has a budget of \$415 million and is the largest funder of civil legal aid programs in the United States, supporting 132 programs with more than 840 offices serving every state and territory.

Mr. Sandman practiced law for 30 years with the international, Washington-based law firm of Arnold & Porter. He served as the firm's Managing Partner for ten years. Immediately prior to joining the Legal Services Corporation, he served for three years as General Counsel of the District of Columbia Public Schools. He is a past President of the 100,000-member District of Columbia Bar.

Mr. Sandman is very involved in his community in Washington, DC. He is currently Chairman of the Boards of the Meyer Foundation and of the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a member of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, and a member of the boards of Washington Performing Arts and of the Tahirih Justice Center, which provides legal assistance to immigrant women and girls fleeing violence.

A Ward 6 resident, Mr. Sandman received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Boston College and his Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Executive Editor of the Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Ronan Gulstone, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: January 12, 2020
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating James Sandman as a member of the Public Charter School Board

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 black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Cavendish