



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 6, 2024

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 305 of the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 2-1374), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Niranjana Adhikari
Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005
(Ward 5)

for reappointment as a public voting member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development, for a term to end April 17, 2026.

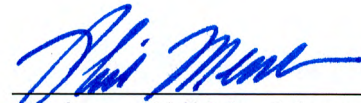
Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

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,

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

Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Niranjana Adhikari to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development Niranjana Adhikari Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Mr. Niranjana Adhikari
Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005
(Ward 5)

as a public voting member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development, established by section 305 of the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 2-1374), for a term to end April 17, 2026.

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.

NIRANJANA ADHIKARI

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Master of Laws (LL.M.), also received a Certificate in International Law, May 2010

Activities: Research Assistant to Professor David D. Caron; Associate Editor, *Berkeley Journal of International Law*; member, International Law Society, Berkeley Energy & Resources Collaborative, Student Organization for Advanced Legal Studies, Boalt Hall Committee for Human Rights.

Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B. honors), June 2008

Activities: team member, 2007 Jessup International Moot Court Competition (Washington DC) and team-coach for the 2008 team; competitor, 6th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition on International Humanitarian Law; Editor-in-Chief, University Journal, 2007; President, International Law Society; Secretary-General, Student Association of University.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

- Directed Studies on Private International Law, Hague Academy of International Law, the Netherlands. July 2009
- Summer Program on International Law, Xiamen (Asia) Academy of International Law, China. July 2008
- Communicating Freedom Workshop, Mumbai, India. August 2007
- Summer School on Multinational and Transnational Corporations and Human Rights, Empower through Law of the Common People (ELCOP), Dhaka, Bangladesh. December 2005
- International Workshop on Cross Border Migration and Protection of Human Rights among Neighboring Countries in the South Asia, organized by International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR), Dhaka, Bangladesh. December 2005

EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Rakesh Mehrotra, Reston, VA

Ongoing since July 2012

Legal Analyst/ Research Associate

- Research, draft and submit immigration and non-immigrant petitions of large and medium corporations to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Office of Foreign Labor Certification of the U.S. Department of Labor.
- Research the legal developments in the area of immigration and nationality law by closely following legislative proposals, bills and agency's rule making.
- Make a plan and draft the law firm's fortnightly newsletters to clients and general subscribers.
- Research and draft legal alerts to clients, memo to firm's corporate clients on the issues compliance.
- Draft legal documents for serving large, medium and small size corporate clients, and high skilled individuals.
- Handle immigration and compliance matters for one of the major clients of the firm and regularly draft memos and interact with senior lawyers on legal and regulatory issues related to that client and provide legal updates to client.
- Regularly engage, communicate and establish outreaches of the firm with government agencies, the U.S. Congress, public and private sectors, and maintain general external relations of the firm.

International Development Institute, Washington D.C

January 2011- June 2012

Program Officer (October 2011 to June 2012)

Consultant (Part time, January- May 2011; Full time from June- September 2011)

- Successfully developed, planned and implemented capacity building and institutional strengthening programs for Institute's client (foreign governments, development agencies, international organizations, U.S. government agencies and international corporations).
- Coordinated the international training programs in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dubai, Cairo, Toronto, Ottawa.
- Worked as the chief program coordinator for training program on reforming court's information and data management in Atlanta, and reform issues on judicial administration, Washington, D.C.

- Develop compliance policies and program activities to comply with externally funded programs.
- Attended meetings with high ranking government officials and executives from various countries, and took part in meetings to establish strategic cooperation with other corporations and firms.
- Helped in the development of business strategies and greater use of online and social networking tools.

American Antitrust Institute, Washington D.C.

June 2010- May 2011

Research Fellow with a fellowship from Antitrust Law Section of the American Bar Association

- Worked on a research project concerning the issues relating to third party financing of class action law suits, and recent trends and businesses of the government and private enforcement of antitrust laws in the U.S.
- Researched and prepared case analysis memoranda on number of antitrust cases in which a monetary recovery of approximately \$50 million or more was made.
- Researched the competition issues involved with the proposed merger between United and Continental Airlines, and attended the hearing when AAI President. Mr. Albert Foer later testified before the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Attended Institute's weekly roundtables in which distinguished personalities in the field of antitrust law were invited.
- Involved in the preparation of the invitational symposium on "Prediction and Antitrust" and 11th Annual Conference on "Public and Private: Are the Boundaries in Transition? "; and prepared a report about the break-out session on telecommunication industry.

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley

January- May 2010

Graduate Student Researcher (Part-time)

- Worked as a research assistant for a professor and contributed in preparing teaching materials, writings and number of presentation for conferences.
- Researched and drafted memoranda relating to the United Nations and international law, and the arbitration.

Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands

September- December 2008

Intern

- Researched and drafted a report on various issues confronted by operational divisions of the Office, including Court's institutional structure and governance, which was presented at the 2008 Annual Assembly of State Parties.
- Researched and drafted memoranda concerning field operations and prosecutorial investigations abroad, criteria for assessing witness reliability, rules governing witness questioning, and legal and factual aspects of continuous crimes.
- Drafted *case matrix* and research report for the ICC *Legal Tools Project*.
- Assisted in managing legal training programs of the Office and organizing weekly forum of the ICC.

Ministry of Law & Justice of Nepal, Kathmandu

August 2007- February 2008

Intern

- Researched and drafted memoranda for the Ministry of Finance and other government agencies on equity and loan financing deals.
- Drafted an international contract for international disarmament program under the auspices of UN Mission to Nepal.
- Drafted legal opinion for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on mutual legal cooperation with government of Australia.

Center for Civil Society, New Delhi, India

October 2005

Research Intern

- Researched, analyzed and wrote a report on Comparative Study of Governance System of London, Johannesburg, and Colombo vis-à-vis New Delhi. The Center published this report.

BAR ADMISSIONS, LANGUAGES, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, & TECH SKILLS

- Admitted to the Nepal Bar; and have passed the New York State bar examination and expecting to get admitted in next few months.
- Fluent in English, Nepali, Hindi, conversant in Sanskrit, Urdu and Punjabi, and beginner in French (A-2).
- Member- American Bar Association.

- Computer and Database Skills: Advanced Microsoft Applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher, OneNote); TRIM Database management; beginners on HTML, CSS and Java Script; Advanced Website Content Management System; Internet & E-mail applications; and Social Media Applications.

PUBLIC INTEREST & PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

- Contributed labor along with members of Energy Bar Association for improving landscapes of National Aquatics Park, National Parks Service, November 15, 2014.
- Volunteered for Take Back Your Home, a grass-root campaign of an NGO to provide legal and outreaches services to homeowners whose houses are publicly advertised for foreclosures in state of Maryland, January 2013.
- Volunteer Judge for the International Rounds of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, DC since 2010- present.
- Involved in the Habitat Building for poor families of Washington, D.C. and Tree Planting drive of Energy Bar Association, 2010- present.
- Organized outreach events in Nepal for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice of the NYU School of Law, 2008.
- Single-handedly obtained bail order from First Class Judicial Magistrate of Nedumkandam, Kerala, India on behalf of migrant workers with the help of local lawyers and prison officer, July 2007.
- Won a favorable judgment from the Supreme Court of Nepal in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) case related to arbitrary recruitment of senior staffs at a state owned enterprise, Nepal Telecom, April 2007.
- Organized a public forum entitled "Education Policy of Nepal in the Future" (held aftermath of unprecedented democratic transition in Nepal) June 2006, Kathmandu.
- Jointly filed a PIL case against Government of Nepal seeking a ban on use of tear gas (riot control agent) and lethal use of force against peaceful democratic movement and also sought a judicial review of Public Security Act, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

- Published article, Economic Development and Promotion of Rule of Law Internationally through Reforms in Commercial Law, Social Science Research Network (SSRN), November 19, 2010.
- Published a dissertation, Policy and Legal Frameworks on Foreign Investment in Hydropower Energy in Nepal, Kathmandu School of Law, June 27, 2008.
- Presented conference paper, Protection of Rights of Victims in International Justice System: Redress Mechanisms, The Edict Conference, Pune, India, August 2006.

TRAVEL & EXTRACURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Traveled Abu Dhabi, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Qatar, Thailand, the U.S.
- Trekked Annapurna, (10th highest mountain in the world, 26,545 ft., one of the most dangerous expedition) in an elevation of 17,769 (5, 416 m) without Oxygen, November, 2005; Captain of high school soccer team, 1996- 2000.



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Niranjan Adhikari



Mr. Niranjan Adhikari is the Managing Attorney with Adhikari Law PLLC.

Mr. Adhikari represents businesses and individuals on the matter of immigration and nationality law and international law while also representing large multinational corporations, domestic corporations, foreign corporations seeking business expansion in the U.S., entrepreneurs, and relatives of U.S. citizens and permanent residents. He is actively engaged in community development, writes on current issues, and advises on immigration policy changes through his publications and public events.

Mr. Adhikari is a member of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Asian Pacific American Bar Association-District of Columbia (DC), American Bar Association (Section of International Law and the India Committee), American Society of International Law, South Asian Bar Association, Network of South Asian Professionals (NetSAP), and American Immigration Lawyers Association among others.

A Ward 2 resident, Mr. Adhikri earned his Bachelor of Laws from Kathmadu School of Law in Nepal and a Master of Laws from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: April 30, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Sina Uipi, Niranjana Adhikari, Jennifer Anderson, Jennifer Hara, Karen Kwok, Jeffrey Le, Artisha Naidu, Anesha Bhat, Halaevalu Vakalahi, Mike Park, Moh Sharma, Martha Watanabe, and Yilin Zhang as members of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

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 Erika Satterlee, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or 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 A. (Betsy) Cavendish