



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 9, 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 12 of the Department of Forensic Sciences Establishment Act of 2011, effective August 17, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-18; D.C. Official Code § 5-1501.11), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Laura Sudkamp
Eastover Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

for appointment as a scientist with experience in scientific research and methodology, who has published in peer-reviewed scientific journals member of the Science Advisory Board, filling a vacant seat formerly held by John Paul Jones II, for a term to end April 18, 2025.

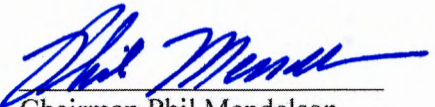
Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

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 appointment of Laura Sudkamp to the Science Advisory Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Science Advisory Board Laura Sudkamp Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Ms. Laura Sudkamp
Eastover Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

as a scientist with experience in scientific research and methodology, who has published in peer-reviewed scientific journals member of the Science Advisory Board, established by section 12 of the Department of Forensic Sciences Establishment Act of 2011, effective August 17, 2011 (D.C. Law 19-18; D.C. Official Code § 5-1501.11), filling a vacant seat formerly held by John Paul Jones II, for a term to end April 18, 2025.

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.

Laura Brookbank Sudkamp
Forensic Management Strategies, LLC

Summary

- A thirty-five year record of excellence in Forensic Science including bench work, research, grant writing and administration, laboratory management, and human resource experience in a state government system
- Prior to 12/32/2023 retirement, was an active member of multiple state and national forensic science initiatives and organizations
- Proficient speaker in Forensic Science with a knack for turning complex scientific subjects into easily understood explanations for juries, judges, press, law enforcement, and general public

Education

Bachelor Degree in Chemistry
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Forensic Management Academy
West Virginia University College of Business and Economics Center for Executive Education, Morgantown, WV/San Diego, CA

Career History & Accomplishments

Sole Proprietor, Forensic Management Strategies, LLC

- Post-retirement position offering consulting and other forensic management services

Current

Laboratory System Director, Division Director,

Kentucky State Police Division of Forensic Services

- Responsible for quality of work produced by the six laboratories and 145 employees of the Kentucky State Police Forensic Laboratory System. Six laboratory system includes Toxicology, Controlled Substances, Firearms/Toolmarks/Impression Evidence, Forensic Biology Casework and Database, and Trace Analysis including GSR, Arson, Hair, Fibers, Glass, General Unknowns/Material Characterization, etc.
- Responsible for decisions of where resources are to be directed to best meet the needs of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Requires balancing the needs of law enforcement, court systems, victims and their families, as well as what the bench level analysts require to competently work cases.
- Frequently requested to speak to judges, prosecutors, coroners, medical examiners, and law enforcement about forensic science in general as well as current issues the criminal justice community needs to be aware of and prepared to act. Frequently asked to host international tours interested in learning about forensic science in the United States.
- Provide statistics and other supporting data to provide concrete documentation of the needs of the forensic laboratories, law enforcement, and criminal justice system. Active resource to state and federal legislators as well as the state judicial branch in understanding the advances, limitations, advances, and requirements of forensic science issues.

*2010 to
December
31, 2024*

- Forensic Laboratory Manager, Kentucky State Police Central Laboratory Branch** *2004 to 2020 (Dual Role with Director Duties until April 2020)*
- Oversight of the various analytical functions of the Central Lab including Breath Alcohol, Toxicology, Controlled Substances, Firearms/Toolmarks/Impression Evidence, Forensic Biology Casework and Database, and Trace Analysis including GSR, Arson, Hair, Fibers, Glass, General Unknowns/Material Characterization, etc.
 - Oversight of the Administrative Sections including clerical staff, fiscal staff, and the QA/QC Supervisor
- Supervisor, Marijuana Research Laboratory, Kentucky State Police, Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area/Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia** *1998 – 2000*
- Assembled personnel and equipment for HIDTA research project on marijuana determination of origination.
 - Defended lab project to obtain future funding.
 - Created operating budgets and administered multiple grants.
 - Conducted chemical analyses and supervised other chemical and DNA analyses of marijuana samples. Patent awarded to DNA identification of Cannabis to Kentucky State Police
- Forensic Chemist I, Forensic Chemist II, Forensic Scientist Specialist, Kentucky State Police** *1990 – 1998*
- Received and analyzed solid dosage drug cases.
 - Was assigned exclusively to the law enforcement agency with the highest case submission and required to turn all cases over within 48 hours. Was able to accomplish this and work more than twice the number of drug cases than other drug chemists throughout the state.
 - Wrote reports and testified to conclusions when needed. Appeared and testified hundreds of times in State and Federal Courts.
 - Maintained chain of custody of all evidence
- Intern, Kentucky State Police, Addition/Validation of DNA** *Jan 16 – Sept 16, 1989*
- Extracted over 500 DNA samples and performed RFLP analyses to validate the addition of DNA analysis to the Kentucky State Police Laboratory. Resulting data and documentation, still utilized in audits and Discovery Motions.
 - During this time was initiated into the DNA theory as well as assisting in serological screening of evidence.
 - Was hired as a Chemist for the Drug Identification Unit and continued to assist DNA Section in validation studies for several additional months.

Current and Past Memberships & Affiliations

- Current Member, American Academy of Crime Laboratory Directors, Co-Chair of the Communications Committee
- Past Board Member and Past President, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors 2020-2023
- Past Board Member, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, 2008-2011
- Past Member, Midwestern Crime Laboratory Directors Association, 2004-2023
- Past Member, CJIS APB Rapid DNA Task Force 2009-2023
- Past Member, ASTM, Forensic Science, E 30
- Past Member, National Governors Association, DNA Roundtable
- Past Member, Kentucky Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee
- Past Board Member, Kentucky Violent Death Reporting System
- Past Member, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Forensic Science Committee Subject Matter Expert
- Past Member, Kentucky Governor's Executive Committee on Highway Safety



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Laura B. Sudkamp



Ms. Laura Sudkamp is the retired Director of the Kentucky State Police Forensic Laboratories.

Ms. Sudkamp started in 1989 in the Forensic Biology section as an intern then was hired as a Drug Chemist that same year. After working drug cases for 9 years, was promoted to Supervisor in 1998. Later she was promoted to Administrative Laboratory Manager writing grants and managing the \$11 million lab purchasing for four years. In the fall of 2004, she transitioned to the Operations Laboratory Manager for the Central Laboratory Branch and served as the System Director where she had direct oversight over the quality operations of the six KSP Laboratories. In October of 2019, she was promoted to Director of the Forensic Services Division for the Kentucky State Police.

Ms. Sudkamp has become active in Forensic Science activities at the national level. She served with the Board of Directors and the current President-Elect of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. She is also a member of the Midwest Crime Laboratory Directors. She sits on several Boards in Kentucky covering topics from Sexual Assault to Drugged Driving to Violent Death Reporting. She has served on the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board and was a subject matter expert on the Board’s Rapid DNA Task Force.

She was also a member of the Human Factors Subcommittee of the National Commission on Forensic Science. She has received multiple awards and commendations including the “Champion of Justice” award from the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs and the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence in 2016 and the 2018 Briggs J. White Award from American Association of Crime Laboratory Directors for excellence through leadership in Forensic Science management.

A Kentucky resident, Ms. Sudkamp earned her Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from the University of Kentucky at Lexington.



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: May 2, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Laura Sudkamp, Roger Kahn, Claudine Carter Periera, and Nicole Roehm as members of the Science Advisory Board

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 cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish