



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 22, 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 203 of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.03), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Darrin P. Sobin
26th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
(Ward 2)

for reappointment as a member of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, for a term to end July 1, 2030.

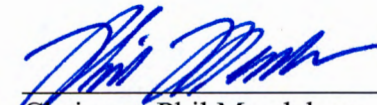
Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

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 Darrin P. Sobin to the Board of Ethics and Government
Accountability.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the “Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Darrin P. Sobin
Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Mr. Darrin P. Sobin
26th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
(Ward 2)

as a member of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, established by section 202
of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics
Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official
Code § 1-1162.02), for a term to end July 1, 2030.

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.

DARRIN P. SOBIN

Member District of Columbia Bar and Maryland Bar

Admitted: United States Supreme Court; United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Legal Experience
Jul. 2017- Present
D.C. BAR
Chief Programs Officer for the D.C. Bar (105,000 member, mandatory bar) with oversight of three departments: Regulation Counsel (Legal Ethics Committee, Attorney Client Arbitration, Client Security Fund, Lawyer Assistance Program and Practice Management), Continuing Legal Education Program, and Communities (formerly Sections). Management responsibility for fifty employees and an annual budget of 9.25 million dollars (FY 2017-18').

BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dec. 2012- Jul. 2017
Director of an Independent Agency of the District of Columbia Government. The Office is responsible for providing ethics training, binding advice and enforcement with respect to the District's ethics laws as applied to District government employees and all elected officials. The Office is also responsible for administering and enforcing Financial Disclosure Filing by District employees, as well as oversight of all D.C. registered lobbyists and lobbying activity.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dec. 2003 - Dec. 2012
Assistant Attorney General in the Legal Counsel Division handling Legal Ethics, Government Ethics, Public Safety and a variety of other issues arising from District of Columbia law and governance. Appointed as Government Ethics Counselor for the District Government and its 34,000 employees in April 2012.

DOVE TAYLOR & SOBIN, P.C.

VA

May 2002 - Dec. 2003
Partner in a Real Estate/Real Property and general practice firm. Practice areas included legal ethics, contracts, subdivision approvals, zoning appeals, residential sales, acquisition development loans, title disputes and effects, title insurance issues, boundary disputes, roadway easements/rights of way.

BODE & GRENIER, LLP

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sept. 2000 - May 2002
Litigation associate at a general litigation firm. Practice areas included legal ethics, commercial property, intellectual property (internet) law, international banking law and transactions, energy law and Civil Rights (wrongful death) litigation.

HON. JUNE L. GREEN – U.S. DISTRICT COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

1995-2000
Law Clerk to Judge June L. Green (deceased), United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Select cases included tobacco litigation, SEC actions, Clean Water Act, Fair Labor Standards Act and Sherman Act matters.

OFFICE OF BAR COUNSEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(Currently Office of Disciplinary Counsel)

1991-1995

Conducted preliminary reviews of attorney misconduct under Bar Counsel Leonard H. Becker. Previously, law clerk to Elizabeth A. Herman, Deputy Bar Counsel (1991-92).

Education

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW

WASHINGTON, D.C.

J.D. 1992 – cum laude

Law Review; President Moot Court Association (1991-92); clinical programs included Family Law Clinic, Public Entitlements Clinic and the Housing and Consumer Clinic.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

B.A. 1988 – Political Science

Other

- **National Association of Attorneys General - Training and Research Institute**
- Former Legal Ethics and Trial Advocacy Trainer.
- **National Association of Bar Executives** – Member
- **Council on Government Ethics Laws** - Member

Publications:

- **Ethics Manual, The Plain Language Guide to District Government Ethics (2014)** –
Darrin P. Sobin, Director of Government Ethics
- **Taking the Stand: The Dawn of Ethics Reform in the District of Columbia Government**, Washington Lawyer Magazine (April 2015) - *Robert J. Spagnoletti and Darrin P. Sobin*
- **Civil Alternatives: How Ethics Boards Deter and Punish Corrupt Behavior**, National Association of Attorneys General: Anti-Corruption Manual -
Darrin P. Sobin (expected publication date December 2017)

References Available Upon Request



Executive Office of the Mayor – Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

Darrin P. Sobin



Mr. Darrin P. Sobin is Chief Programs Officer for the District of Columbia Bar and a current member of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA).

Mr. Sobin joined the DC Bar with extensive experience in legal ethics, commercial and intellectual property law, international banking law, and wrongful death litigation.

As the District’s first Director of Government Ethics, he managed the day-to-day operations of the Office of Government Ethics, which, under the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, has oversight and enforcement authority over nearly 34,000 District government employees.

Mr. Sobin also served as a counselor of government ethics and legal ethics in the office of the DC Attorney General. He has clerked for Judge June L. Green of the US District Court, where he worked on cases involving tobacco litigation, Securities and Exchange Commission actions, the Clean Water Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Mr. Sobin also has experience conducting preliminary reviews of attorney misconduct for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the District of Columbia.

A Ward 2 resident, Mr. Sobin earned his Bachelor of Science from The George Washington University and his Juris Doctor from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke 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: May 13, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Felice Smith and Darrin Sobin as members of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

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.

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Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish