

# MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

May 10, 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 D.C. Official Code § 25-201(a), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Ryan L. Jones Galloway Street, NE Washington, DC 20011 (Ward 5)

for appointment as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, filling a vacant seat formerly held by Rafi Crockett, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end May 7, 2027.

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,

Muriel Bowser

hairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA To confirm the appointment of Ryan L. Jones to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board. RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board Ryan L. Jones Confirmation Resolution of 2024". Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of: Mr. Ryan L. Jones Galloway Street, NE Washington, DC 20011 (Ward 5) as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, established by D.C. Official Code § 25-201, filling a vacant seat formerly held by Rafi Crockett, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end May 7, 2027. 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.

# EDUCATION

#### The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

LL.M., Intellectual Property, Fall 2014

Activities: GW Munich Intellectual Property Summer Program 2014, Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property

Law School intramural basketball team member, winning two championships

Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL

J.D., December 2011, early graduate

Activities: Intellectual Property Society, Member

International Law Society, Member Black Law Student Association, President

Honors: Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Award 2011

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

B.A., Psychology, May 2007

Activities: Men's Varsity Basketball Team Honors: Honor Roll, 2005-2006

2005 All-Academic Team for the Southern Conference, while at Elon University

Admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia, the District Court for the District of Columbia, the Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, and The Supreme Court of the United States.

# EXPERIENCE

#### District of Columbia, Office of the Attorney General

January 2023 — November 2023

Associate Attorney General, for Special Projects, Washington, D.C.

Provided counsel to the Attorney General and Chief Deputy Attorney General on matters germane to the operations of the Office of Attorney General and on matters of legal significance to the District of Columbia, its Residents, the Mayor, and Council of the District of Columbia. Responsibilities required interface with Civil Litigation, Office of Solicitor General, Personnel Labor and Employment, Public Advocacy, Public Safety, Legal Counsel, and Commercial Divisions. Appeared as counsel, representing an agency in a civil litigation matter. Provided legal counsel to teams within the front office and Divisions. Operated in a supportive role with Community Engagement and the Violence Reduction Unit. Works with Deputy Attorneys General and Assistant Attorneys General on matters pending with the Office where strategizing effective resolutions are critical to office duties.

### Ryan L. Jones Law, LLC

January 2014 — January 2023

Atorney, Washington, D.C.

Provided legal counsel to a large business community organization, and its membership, regarding employment and labor related matters. Led the Employer Advocacy Program sponsored by the DC Chamber, by providing counsel to Employers and representation of Employers before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Also provided legal updates to the business community in quarterly seminars. The law practice operated as a full-service law firm providing counsel to individuals, burgeoning businesses, and governments when confronted with various legal issues. The practice focused on litigation and transactional matters in intellectual property and other business affairs counseling and provided administrative, trial, and appellate litigation counsel.

### Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment

April 2016 - July 2017

Director of Legislation and Policy, Washington, D.C.

Drafted and revised legislation that governs cable television regulation and film and television office duties. Corresponded with the Council and Office of the Mayor to promote the goals of the agency through legislation. Monitored legislation from the District Council to advise the agency. Assisted with internal legal counsel on legislative and policy matters that confront the agency. Prepared agency for Performance and Budget Hearings before District Council.

## Litigation/Discovery Attorney

Attorney, Washington, D.C.

January 2014 - April 2016

Conducted numerous eDiscovery and document review matters while contracting with law firms via legal staffing agencies. Coordinated all aspects of the electronic discovery including document preservation, collection, responsiveness, privilege review, and production. Drafted privilege logs. Conducted reviews for quality control of documents reviewed. Worked closely with counsel and associates regarding witness preparation and case fact development in anticipation of litigation and production to administrative agencies. Litigation included matters regarding Product Liability, FCPA, Pharmaceuticals, Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Healthcare and Insurance, Antitrust, Mergers and Acquisition, Securities, and Shareholder Actions. Proficient using various litigation software programs.

# **American Psychiatric Association**

July 2013 - December 2013

Law Clerk, Office of Legal Counsel, Arlington, VA

Reviewed and edited contracts and licensing agreements between the association and vendors wishing to distribute the association's published works. Researched various bodies of law (using standard and alternative methods), including but not limited to health care, intellectual property, employment, and real property in order to draft legal memoranda analyzing issues germane to the association's purpose. Compiled and summarized federal law, state law, and regulations for the purpose of having effective governmental relations including research of the Affordable Care Act in concert with other public health laws. Researched and summarized case law for drafting complaints, motions, and briefs for litigation, at various stages where the association was bringing cases on behalf of its members. Assisting in management of internal legal affairs of the association.

### **United States Patent and Trademark Office**

Summer 2011

Extern, Office of the Administrator for Policy and External Affairs, Alexandria, VA

Participated in weekly and daily developments within the legal group to educate other parts of the USPTO and foreign bodies. Drafted a memorandum for the Advisory Committee on Enforcement for the World Intellectual Property Organization. Researched and drafted a memorandum of regulations regarding counterfeit pharmaceuticals. Edited a summary of Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement treaty provisions.

# Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, LLP

Summer 2010

Summer Associate, International Trade, Customs, and IP Litigation, Washington, DC

Researched and drafted legal memoranda analyzing international trade law, intellectual property law, issues confronting the U.S. International Trade Commission and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. During litigation, provided quality control and analysis of exhibits, composition of exhibit descriptions, revisions to exhibit lists, and monitoring of admitted evidence at International Trade Commission hearings. Conducted research on legal trends at International Trade Commission.

# JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

The Honorable Glynnis D. Hill, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas

October 2012- January 2013

Judicial Fellow, Criminal Division, Philadelphia, PA

Assisted in proposing motions, opinions, orders, appellate briefs, memoranda, and Post-Conviction Relief Act rulings. Assisted with pretrial preparation discussions of relevant motions, orders, and facts. Observed court sessions, prepared notes, and reviewed pending cases. Assisted in proposing opinions and drafted memoranda summarizing appellate briefs. Conducted legal research of rules relating to federal and state law. Observed appellate hearings, prepared notes, and participated in discussions of pending and concluded hearings.

### The Honorable Anita Josey-Herring, District of Columbia Superior Court

Summer 2010

Judicial Intern, Civil Division, Washington, DC

Assisted in drafting an order ruling on pre-trial motions in a wrongful death case. Assisted with pre-trial preparation by assembling binders of relevant documents including motions and orders. Observed court sessions, prepared notes, and participated in discussions of pending cases.

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

### Georgetown University - School of Continuing Studies

August 2022 - present

Adjunct Professor - Sports law, Contracts, Negotiations, Washington, D.C.

Teaches a course on law as it relates to sports, contracts, and the power of negotiation. The course gives an in-depth understanding of how litigation, transactional work, law making, and unionization affects athletes, leagues, and sports franchises alike. The course aims to prepare students to enter the professional world or continue their academic pursuits with a better understanding of the interconnection of these concepts.

# Candidate for District of Columbia's Office of Attorney General

April 2021 - June 2022

Candidate, Washington, D.C.

The Ryan Jones for AG Campaign experienced successes other than the ultimate success. The campaign completed each stage required to open, obtain matching funds as a Fair Elections Candidate, and terminate the campaign account after an audit by the Office of Campaign Finance. The campaign gathered the most petition signatures in order to appear on the 2022 Primary ballot, and won Ward 8. The campaign earned the endorsement of Run For Something, and two elected officials, and other community members.

### PERSONAL

District of Columbia Mayor's Commission for African American Affairs. Author and huge advocate of health, wellness, and travel.



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### Ryan L. Jones



Mr. Ryan L. Jones is a DC-based attorney and litigator specializing in intellectual property law. Mr. Jones is the founder and principal of Washington, D.C.-based Ryan L. Jones Law, LLC, a law firm where he represents clients who need legal assistance for a variety of needs—including sports and entertainment. He has successfully filed trademarks before the USPTO and copyrights with the U.S. Copyright Office.

Mr. Jones served as an Associate Attorney General for Special Projects with the D.C. Office of the Attorney General, providing counsel to Attorney General Brian Schwalb. Before Mr. Jones served in the

Attorney General's office, he served as Director of Legislation and Policy at the D.C. Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment, as well as a Law Clerk with the American Psychiatric Association.

A Ward 5 resident, Mr. Jones earned his Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Stony Brook University, his Juris Doctor from Southern Illinois University School of Law, and his Master of Laws from George Washington University Law School in Intellectual Property 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

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From: Betsy Cavendish Date: April 18, 2024

**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Ryan L. Jones and Teri

Janine Quinn as members of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis 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.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish