



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

November 20, 2023

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day re-appointing Nicole Verdi, Esq. of 21 Lynde Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a general citizenry category member of the City Plan Commission for a term to end January 31, 2029, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett P. Smiley,".

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 04 2024

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna L. Mastrianni" followed by the word "CLERK".

NICOLE M. VERDI, ESQ.

Providence, Rhode Island 02908

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SENIOR LEVEL LEADERSHIP | ENERGY POLICY EXPERTISE

Proven success leveraging energy policy and legal experience to provide strategic guidance for private and government sectors. Delivers political and policy strategy and drives decision making with key stakeholders. Skilled at navigating complex regulatory systems and processes. A strong communicator who uses an effective, personable style in collaborating with internal teams, external clients and state bodies to achieve results. Expertise working with senior level government officials to drive clean energy policy across the New England region. Experience building and supporting strong teams to drive progress and realize successful outcomes.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Leadership | Strategic Planning | Executive-level Advisor | Problem Solving | Project & Team Management | Energy & Environmental Policy | Regulatory Permitting | Contract & Legislative Drafting | Government Relations | Business Representation | Critical Thinking | Legal Research & Writing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Orsted Americas – New England, USA

2022 – Present

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & POLICY, NEW ENGLAND

- Leads the New England Government Affairs and Policy team within Orsted Americas' Government Affairs and Market Strategy team, responsible for setting and shaping Orsted's legislative and regulatory agenda to support the offshore wind market in the region.
- Assists the Revolution Wind, Sunrise Wind and Southfork Wind offshore wind projects by providing strategic leadership, oversight and advice on regulatory and permitting matters and in advancing opportunities for risk reduction.
- Develops and maintains relationships with the New England Congressional delegation, governors' offices and state and local officials to advance Orsted's offshore wind deployment and achieve Orsted's offshore wind policy goals.
- Represents Orsted at public forums.
- Manages and coordinates Orsted's team of external affairs consultants.

Office of the Senate President – Providence, RI

2021 – 2022

CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL

- Head of the Senate legal department, responsible for managing all full and part-time attorneys and overseeing the Senate's outside legal counsel.
- Special Advisor to the Senate President on all energy and environmental issues to inform decisions on legislation.
- Drafted, reviewed and approved policies and procedures, legislation, and other legal documents.
- Represented the Senate President at public forums.
- Convened and negotiated with stakeholders to drive consensus, resolve problems and facilitate action.

Governor Gina M. Raimondo – Providence, RI
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

2019 – 2021

- Member of Governor’s senior leadership team, provided strategic guidance, oversight and collaboration with the State’s public safety, energy, environment and transportation agencies to promote Governor’s Office policy priorities and drive progress.
- Engaged and negotiated with key stakeholders, analyzed potential implications and challenges and advised the Governor to solve problems and inform decision-making.
- Evaluated and assisted in preparation of the State’s budget.
- Managed a team of policy advisors in conducting research, developing communications, overseeing priority projects, and providing legislative support.
- Managed a COVID-19 government readiness response team to ensure the State was prepared by coordinating with agency directors and municipal leaders and creating response plans and guidance for State agencies, transit, travel and outdoor recreation.

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. – Providence, RI
LITIGATION ASSOCIATE

2015 – 2019

- Represented clients in litigation and regulatory proceedings, focusing on civil legal matters including energy, environmental, public utilities and water transportation.
- Managed permitting processes to obtain land use entitlements before planning and zoning boards.
- Counsel for the Rhode Island State Investment Commission, negotiating terms, drafting contracts and advising on legal investment issues.
- Advocated for clients before the General Assembly, Rhode Island and Massachusetts courts and administrative bodies throughout Rhode Island.

The Honorable Maureen McKenna Goldberg – Providence, RI
SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

2014 – 2015

- Provided legal support to Justice Goldberg on cases appealed to the Rhode Island Supreme Court.
- Drafted judicial opinions and orders and researched legal issues.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (JD) – Roger Williams University School of Law, 2014
Graduated magna cum laude

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Legal Studies & Political Science - Roger Williams University, 2012
Graduated summa cum laude

AWARDS & VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS

Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly – Excellence in the Law Awardee – 2020
Providence Business News – 40Under40 – 2022

Commissioner – Providence City Plan Commission
Vice Chair – RENEW Northeast
Board Member – New England Council, Inc.

Chapter Lead – New England Women in Energy & the Environment (NEWIEE)
Chair of Nominating & Governance Committee – Providence After School Alliance (PASA)
Former Chair of Board of Directors – Youth In Action (YIA)

Past President – Roger Williams University School of Law Alumni Association
Founding Board Member, Former Executive VP – Millennial Professional Group of Rhode Island