



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

January 11, 2019

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended; Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence; and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Diony Garcia of 176 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 2, Providence, RI 02907 as an Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court, for a term to end January 2, 2023, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Mr. Garcia replaces Ms. Labinger whose term has expired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Elorza", written over a horizontal line.

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 21 2019

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

Jina R. Mastipian CLERK

ACTING

DIONY GARCIA

LICENSED IN RHODE ISLAND

EDUCATION

Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI

Juris Doctor, May 2012

Activities: President, Multicultural Law Student Association; President, Latino Law Student Association; and Student Teacher, Street Law.

University of Rhode Island, North Kingston, RI

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History, minor in Justice, Law and Society, May 2008

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha – The National Political Science Honor Society; Dean's List, multiple semesters

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Law Offices of William J. Conley, Jr., Providence, RI

Associate Attorney

July 2018 – Present

Engaged in various municipal litigation matters on behalf of the Towns of Westerly and Johnston. Engaged in a number of civil litigation matters on behalf of defendants and plaintiffs. Engaged in criminal defense cases. Providing coverage for various city solicitors on criminal prosecution of misdemeanor offenses in district courts for the Towns of Central Falls, Westerly, and Johnston.

Rhode Island Department of Attorney General, Providence, RI

Special Assistant Attorney General

September 2013 – June 2018

Prosecuted bail/probation violators in the 6th District Court, 4th District Court, Providence County Superior Court, and Washington County Superior Court. Prosecuted misdemeanor offenses in the 6th and 4th District Courts. Prosecuted felony offenses in the Providence and Washington County Superior Courts. Prosecuted Chemical Refusal violations in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

The Providence City Solicitor's Office, Providence, RI

Assistant City Solicitor

February 2013 – September 2013

Participated in and helped manage aspects of the Nuisance Task Force that focused on abandoned and problematic properties in order to reduce blight and public safety concerns in Providence neighborhoods. Represented the City of Providence in Providence Municipal Housing Court, 6th District Court, and Superior Court in Providence County.

Criminal Defense Clinic, Roger Williams University School of Law, Providence, RI

Student Attorney

January 2012 – May 2012

Assigned clients charged with misdemeanors in District Court. Appeared in court, interviewed clients, assessed their case, conducted research and investigations, advised clients of their legal options and represented clients in court.

Committee for Public Counsel Services, New Bedford, MA

Legal Extern, Rule 303 Student Attorney

August 2011 – December 2011

Participated in ongoing criminal cases by assisting public defenders in research and analysis. Interviewed clients and represented clients in bail hearings, motions to suppress, and arraignments. Wrote legal memos for the suppression of evidence, and for motions to dismiss.

The Office of the RI Attorney General, Providence, RI

Legal Intern, Rule 9 Student Attorney

April 2011 – August 2011

Handled a probation violation hearing on behalf of the state of Rhode Island. Called the daily calendar in courtroom 9 of Superior Court on behalf of the RI Attorney General. Argued motions to expunge, motions to seal, and motions to quash and destroy in Superior Court. Briefed judges on the factual circumstances of probation and bail violations.

The Office of the RI Attorney General, Providence, RI

Intern, Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit

June 2010 – August 2010

Conducted legal research and case analysis for various pending felony cases. Wrote legal memos for said cases and recommended courses of action. Observed judicial proceedings and took part in law enforcement and victim interviews.

SPECIAL SKILLS: Bilingual: English and Spanish. LexisNexis, and Westlaw.

DIONY GARCIA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Latino Policy Institute (LPI), Roger Williams University, Providence, RI

Chair of Advisory Board /Board Member

February 2013 – Present

Joined the LPI Advisory Board as a general board member. Advised the Executive Director, assisted in creating a strategic plan, and helped disseminate the information being produced by the organization. Took part in the search for a new executive director in 2017-2018. Ultimately, became Chair of the LPI Advisory Board in September of 2018, and managed the searched for the new executive director. Will be tasked with growing the LPI Board, assisting in the fundraising, and assist in resetting the organization's mission through strategic planning.

Millennial Rhode Island (MRI), Providence, RI

Co-Founding Member/Vice President

June 2014 – December 2018

Helped found Millennial Rhode Island, formerly known as the Millennial Professional Group of Rhode Island. Assisted in organizing and recruiting other board members, and general board members. Assisted in the strategic planning and establishing the organizational structure of the organization. Assisted in developing and implementing events and programming geared towards establishing a network for emergent professionals to seek fellowship, mentorship, and counseling in Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island Hispanic Bar Association (RIHBA), Providence, RI

Co-Founding Member/Interim President

June 2014 – Present

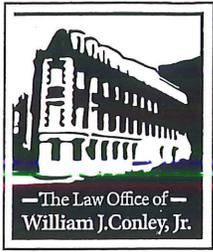
Helped found RIHBA to advance the Latino community by cultivating strong leadership through professional development, mentorship, and communal support encouraging Latinos to recruit and participate in law schools, law firms, government and other legal enterprises and related activities. Recruited board members and general members. Organized numerous networking and volunteer-oriented events.

The Rhode Island Political Action Committee (RILPAC), Providence, RI

Volunteer Legal Counsel

October 2018 – Present

On a strictly volunteer basis I have assisted in advising the RILPAC board on legal questions related to their day to day operations.



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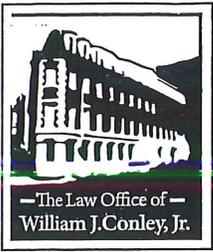
Re: Approval of Providence Housing Court Judge Appointment

Esteemed Members of the Providence City Council,

I respectfully submit this letter after being appointed by Mayor Elorza to be an associate judge in the Municipal Housing Court of the City of Providence, in order to introduce myself and seek your approval pursuant §8-17 of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Providence is my home and it is where I grew up. I have resided in the City of Providence since my parents moved here in the early 90s and have remained a resident of this city to the present day. I recall attending the Temple Head-Start located in the former Urban League building on Prairie Avenue. I attended Laurel Hill Elementary School for kindergarten, and subsequently was enrolled in the Webster Avenue Elementary School from the first grade to the fifth grade. I was enrolled in Nathaniel Greene Middle School from 6th to 8th grade and graduated from Classical High School in 2004. Even after I graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2008 and ultimately graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law in 2012, I never stopped calling Providence home.

My first job ever was working for my father, who was the first Latino licensed master electricians in the State of Rhode Island, who owned his own company as an electrical contractor. While working with my father I entered businesses and homes in various stages of construction or repair throughout this State of Rhode Island. In doing so, between the ages of 13 to 18, I grew up around contactors, tradesmen, homeowners, and businessmen.



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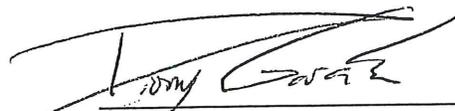
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I pursued a legal career as an attorney because I knew it was the career that would become my passion. My first job out of law school was with the Providence City Solicitor's Office under Mayor Angel Taveras' administration as an Assistant City Solicitor. This was a tremendous honor and responsibility that I took very seriously. I was part of the city's Nuisance Task Force, and, among other things, covered the Providence Housing Court calendar.

I reluctantly left my position with the city to serve the State of Rhode Island in the Department of Attorney General as a Special Assistant Attorney General to pursue other areas of interest in legal field. For the following five years I spent nearly every day litigating in court rooms in the 6th and 4th District Courts and in Providence and Washington County Superior Courts as a criminal prosecutor. Currently I am employed with the Law Office of William Conley, Jr. where I am an associate attorney covering a litany of civil litigation matters, including municipal matters for the Towns of Johnston, and Westerly.

If approved by this council, I commit to being fair and impartial to everyone before me. I **commit to being sympathetic to the burdens of homeowners, and business owners;** while continuously taking into consideration the best interests of every resident of the City of Providence, whether they be **a tenant or neighbor, who are entitled to the basic requirements** afforded to them through the minimum housing standards established by the state and municipal ordinances. I am extremely humbled to be nominated for this position and hope that I will be approved by this body.


Diony Garcia, Esq. (8913)

Date: 2/11/19