



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

December 16, 2008

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84 I am this day re-appointing Mr. John J. McConnell, Jr., of 750 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Providence Tourism Council for a term to expire in April 2012.

Sincerely,

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David N. Cicilline  
Mayor

DNC: ljp

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 8 2009

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED  
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CLERK

# JOHN J. MCCONNELL, JR.

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Providence, RI 02906-4900  
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Providence, RI 02903-7109  
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## **PERSONAL**

Born: May 9, 1958; Providence, Rhode Island  
Parents: John J. McConnell (deceased) and Mary Jane (Macioci) McConnell  
Spouse: Sara Shea McConnell  
Children: Catherine Shea McConnell (age 20)  
Margaret Shea McConnell (age 18)  
John Shea McConnell (age 11)

## **EDUCATION**

### **CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Cleveland, Ohio  
J.D., 1983

- Recipient: Martin Luther King, Jr. Award
- Instructor: Research, Advocacy, & Writing Program
- Member: Committee on Admission & Financial Aid

### **BROWN UNIVERSITY**

Providence, Rhode Island  
A.B., 1980;  
Concentration: Urban Studies and Political Science

- Recipient of the Class of 1952 Award
- William Randolph Hearst Foundation Scholar
- Brotherhood Award, National Conference of Christians & Jews
- Member, Faculty Committee on Admission & Financial Aid

## ***EMPLOYMENT***

### **MOTLEY RICE LLC**

Member; 2003 - Present

Member of the firm's Executive Committee; 2003 - Present

- One of the nation's largest plaintiffs' litigation law firms founded in 2003 concentrating in toxic torts, occupational disease, environmental, aviation, catastrophic injury, complex litigation and trials
- Lead trial counsel for the State of Rhode Island in its lawsuit against the members of the lead pigment industry; 2006

### **NESS, MOTLEY, PA**

**(f/k/a NESS, MOTLEY, LOADHOLT, RICHARDSON & POOLE**

**f/k/a Blatt & Fales)**

Partner; 1989 - 2003; Associate; 1986 - 1989

Member of the firm's Executive Committee; 1999 - 2003

- Represented thousands of workers nationwide injured by exposure to asbestos and other toxic substances
- Counsel for toxic torts to the Sheetmetal Workers International Association (SMWIA), the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union (OCAW)
- Counsel to 25 state Attorneys General in litigation against the tobacco industry
- Appointed Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York
- Appointed Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of North Dakota
- Counsel to numerous governmental entities in litigation against the lead pigment industry
- Appointed Special Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Francisco, CA

### **MANDELL, GOODMAN, FAMIGLIETTI & SCHWARTZ**

Associate; 1984-1986

### **RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT**

Law Clerk to Associate Justice Donald F. Shea; 1983-1984

## ***BAR ADMISSIONS***

- Supreme Court of Rhode Island; 1983
- Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts; 1984
- Supreme Court of South Carolina; 1987
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals; 1999
- Supreme Court of Ohio; 2004
- U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island; 1984

- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts; 1984
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; 2000
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; 1986
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; 1991

## ***PUBLICATIONS***

- “Genetic Disorders and Medical Malpractice,” *Dermatological Clinics*, January 1987
- “The Insurance Industry’s Crisis in Profitability,” *Rhode Island Bar Journal*, June/July 1987

## ***PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES***

- Trinity Repertory Theatre; Chairman of the Board, 2006 - Present; Board of Trustees, 2000 - Present; Chair of the Artistic Director Search Committee, 2005; Executive Committee, 2001 - Present; co-Chair of the Government Affairs Committee, 2000 - 2004; Chair of the Development Committee, 2003 - 2005
- Providence Tourism Council, appointed by Mayor David N. Cicilline; Chair, 2003 - Present
- Crossroads Rhode Island, Board of Directors; 2006 – Present; Vice-Chair 2007 – Present
- Roger Williams University, Board of Trustees; 2008 - Present
- RI State Coordinator, Public Justice Foundation; 2008 - Present
- WRNI Advisory Board; 2006 – 2007
- Children’s Environmental Health Center at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City, Board member; 2006 – Present
- Brandeis University Arts Council; 2008 - Present
- Women & Infants Hospital, Corporator; 2006 – Present
- Institute for the Study & Practice of Non-Violence, Development Committee; 2007 - Present
- Rhode Island Association for Justice (f/k/a Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association), Board of Directors; 2001 - Present
- The Academy of Trial Advocacy, elected to membership; 2007 – Present
- Director, York Resources, Inc.; 2008 – Present
- National Lawyers Guild; member; 2007- Present
- Genesis Center; Board of Directors; 2003 - 2006
- National College of Advocacy, Advocate; 2001 – Present
- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, member; 2007 - Present
- Guest Lecturer, *Torts*, Columbia Law School; October 21, 2008
- Adjunct Professor, University of Rhode Island, Department of Political Science, *American Legal System*; Spring Term 2000
- Invited Speaker; AAJ Justice Counts Seminar: 21st Annual “Weekend with the Stars”, New York City; December 2008

- Chair, Mealey's "Lead Litigation Conference," Boston, MA; June 2006
- Chair, Mealey's "Lead 101 Conference," St. Louis, MO; October 2000
- Providence Mediation Center; Advisory Board, 2000 - 2002
- Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island, Board of Directors; 1997 - 2001
- George Wiley Center; Board of Directors; 1985 - 1988
- Providence Division, Greater Providence YMCA; Board of Management, 1985 - 1986
- Instructor, American Institute of Paralegal Studies; 1985 - 1990
- Volunteer, Big Brothers of Rhode Island; 1984 - 1989

## ***POLITICAL***

- Treasurer, Rhode Island Democratic State Committee; 1995 - Present; member of the Executive Committee; 1995 - Present; member of the Board of Directors, 1995 - Present; Acting Executive Director, 1995 - 1997
- Chair, Cicilline for Mayor Committee; 2003 - Present
- Treasurer, Providence PAC, chaired by Mayor David N. Cicilline; 2004 - Present
- Treasurer, Rhode Island PAC, chaired by Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy; 1995 - Present
- Trustee, Democratic National Committee; 1996 - Present
- Member, Law & Judiciary Policy Committee, Obama for President Committee; 2008 - Present
- Member, Hillary Clinton for Senate National Finance Committee; 2004 - 2006
- Chair, Myrth for Governor Committee; 2001 - 2002; Finance Chair, Myrth York for Governor; 1997 - 1998; Member, Finance Committee, York for Governor; 1994
- Rhode Island Chair, Bill Bradley for President Campaign; 1999 - 2000
- Business Leadership Forum, Democratic National Committee; 1992 - 1996
- Rhode Island Coordinator, Americans for Mondale-Ferraro; 1984

## ***HONORS AND AWARDS***

- Mayor's Special Recognition Award, "A Celebration of Housing - Together We Achieve our Goals"; 2007
- *The Best Lawyers in America* - Mass Tort Litigation; 2007, 2008
- Childhood Lead Action Project "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" Award; 1998 and 2006
- R.I. Department of Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Award for Public Health Partnership; 2006
- R.I. Public Health Association, Bertram Yaffe Award for innovative leadership in the successful lead litigation; 2006
- Trial Lawyer of the Year finalist, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice; 2006
- Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, "Case of the Year Award;" 2006

- Hope Award, RI Democratic State Committee; 2006
- Trial Lawyer of the Year, *Lawyers USA*; 2006
- Top Attorneys in Rhode Island, Rhode Island Monthly, 2007
- *New England Super Lawyers*; 2008
- Outstanding Partner in Philanthropy; 2004
- National Association of Attorneys General "President's Award"; 1998
- R.I. Bar Association's "Dorothy Lohmann Public Service Award"; 1998
- Rhode Island Arc "Silver Bullet Award"; 1998
- Listed in *Who's Who in American Law*
- Listed in *Who's Who in America*
- Listed in *Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals*, Honors Edition, 2008-2009
- Cambridge *Who's Who Registry Among Executives and Professionals*, 2008-2009
- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory highest rating of av