



Mayor of Providence  
David N. Cicilline

September 21, 2009

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

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 603(a) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing Ms. Adrienne G. Southgate, of 22 Rosedale Avenue, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806, as the City Solicitor of the City of Providence for a term to expire on the first Monday in January 2011, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Pending the approval of this appointment by the City Council, I hereby appoint Ms. Southgate as Acting Solicitor for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Ms. Southgate will replace Mr. Joseph Fernandez, who has resigned from the position.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline  
Mayor, City of Providence

DNC: ljp

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 15 2009

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

**ADRIENNE G. SOUTHGATE**  
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Providence, Rhode Island 02903  
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### Career Summary

Public service lawyer with significant regulatory and corporate experience. Seasoned administrator, including responsibility for budgets and HR. Strengths in municipal law, administration, complex business transactions, telecommunications, energy and environmental law, economic policy, and Brownfields redevelopment. Mentor. Excellent communications skills; numerous publications and invited lectures.

### Selected Accomplishments

#### CITY OF PROVIDENCE LAW DEPARTMENT

Deputy City Solicitor

2004-

Corporate and Regulatory Counsel

2003-2004

- ❖ Provided advice and counsel to the Providence City Council and its standing committees; City Clerk, Parks Department, Department of Planning and Development, Department of Public Works; and boards and commissions including the Board of Park Commissioners, City Plan Commission, Historic District Commission, and Downcity Design Review Commission
- ❖ Designated as the Law Department's principal point of contact in two forensic audits, as well as providing confidential review of various officials' electronic communications in a number of controversial situations
- ❖ Developed new City Code of Conduct with the Mayor's Ethics Task Force, charged with implementing dramatic shift in corporate culture following conviction of mayor and several top aides, and began departmental training to guide employees on Ethics and Open Government issues
- ❖ Defeated KeySpan's attempts to expand deliveries of liquefied natural gas at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and in the District of Columbia Circuit
- ❖ Resolved multi-year dispute with regulated utility companies, establishing policies on street restoration which are being adopted as a statewide standard
- ❖ Crafted management agreement with the Rhode Island Zoological Society, to the mutual benefit of the parties
- ❖ Revamped tax stabilization policy to include guidelines for WMBE hiring, affordable housing, and local training programs
- ❖ Managed \$2.8MM budget, including a team of seventeen attorneys and seven support staff

RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Counsel

2001 - 2003

- ❖ Established and managed cross-functional, multi-agency State Brownfields Team, touted as “national model” by United States Environmental Protection Agency, generating 40% of loan volume in USEPA Region 1, qualifying for supplementary funding of \$700,000 and \$3,000,000 in additional capitalization; nominated for 2002 Sen. John H. Chafee Heritage Award
- ❖ Created Smart Building Initiative, United States Economic Development Agency-funded program, to bring broadband capacity to Class B office space in the State
- ❖ Instrumental in passage of major economic development initiatives

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

General Counsel

1989 -2001

- ❖ Served as acting agency director (1999-2000)
- ❖ Demonstrated ability to handle rate filings and financing hearings for electric, gas, telecommunications, and water utilities
- ❖ Provided expert counsel to Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board for numerous power plants, gas transmission pipelines, and electrical substations
- ❖ Designated as Rhode Island Superior Court certified arbitrator and American Arbitration Association arbitrator

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Assistant Director and Chief Legal Counsel

1987 - 1989

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

1987 - 1988

Adjunct Professor, Semester-in-Practice Program

CARROLL, KELLY & MURPHY

1985 - 1987

Associate

CHARFOOS, CHRISTENSEN & ARCHER

1981 - 1985

Associate

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

1979-1981

Law Clerk to Justice G. Mennen Williams

**EDUCATION:**

2007 Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government,  
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
J.D., Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan  
B.A., Psycholinguistics, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Rhode Island Bar Association: Government Lawyers Committee, 1993- (Chair, 2005-  
2008); Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee, 2008- ; Energy and  
Environmental Law Committee, 2009-  
Rhode Island Bar Foundation, Fellow  
Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Council, 2001- 2003  
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Staff Subcommittee on  
Law, 1989-2000  
Governor's Insurance Development Task Force, 2001- 2003

**BAR ADMISSION AND RATINGS STATUS:**

United States Supreme Court  
United States Courts of Appeals:  
First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth,  
Eleventh, Federal, Armed Forces and District of Columbia Circuits  
United States District Courts:  
Eastern District of Michigan  
District of Rhode Island  
Michigan Supreme Court (admitted 1979)  
Rhode Island Supreme Court (admitted 1985)  
Martindale-Hubbell "a v" rating (Rhode Island and Michigan)