



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 William P. Rampone, Esq., of 35 East Lantern Road, Smithfield, RI 02917 as Chief Justice of the Providence Housing Court, for a term to end January 3, 2022, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J-O-E", followed by 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  
*Jana L. Mastromeo* CLERK  
ACTING

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**WILLIAM P. RAMPONE, ESQUIRE**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**ATTORNEY WILLIAM P. RAMPONE**

#### **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, PROVIDENCE HOUSING COURT**

February, 2005 – Present

- Preside over cases filed by the City of Providence against homeowners, landlords and/or tenants of property, both residential and commercial for violations of the City's minimum housing codes and building codes. Also, preside over cases filed by the City for lead-related violations. The Housing Court follows the Rhode Island District Court Rules of Procedure and disposes of cases through pre-trial conference-negotiations or trial on the merits.

#### **PRIVATE PRACTITIONER**

November, 1992 to Present

Engaged in the private practice of law, concentrating in the areas of civil, and to a lesser degree, criminal, litigation.

- Civil litigation representation includes representation of both Plaintiffs and Defendants in the areas of personal injury, construction, contract disputes and land use. Representation includes individuals and commercial clients and/or corporations.
- Presently, sit as an arbitrator in Superior Court Annexed cases, private arbitrations and uninsured/underinsured motorist cases. Total cases decided through arbitration in excess of 1,000.
- Sit as mediator in private litigation cases. Mediated in excess of 500 cases.
- Court-Appointed Guardian Ad Litem on behalf of minor plaintiffs whose settlements exceeds \$10,000.00. Duties include interviewing parent(s) and minor plaintiff, reviewing all medical records, police report, if applicable, and structured settlement agreements, where applicable. Draft Guardian Ad Litem Report. Appear in Superior Court, Formal and Special Cause Calendar, for hearing on approval of minor's suit. Appointed as Guardian Ad Litem in over 800 cases.
- Briefed and argued cases, both civil and criminal, before the entire Supreme Court. Also have appeared before individual justices for pre-briefing conferences.
- Presently, my criminal litigation practice is primarily in the District Courts and Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. I also represent clients in Superior Court on felony charges and clients involved with state and federal Grand Jury investigations.
- November, 1996 to 2001 - Represented Providence Fire Fighters Union, Local 799 on various grievance issues and contractual issues, including arbitration and mediation of same.



- Represented East Providence Fraternal Order of Police No. 1 on all contractual grievance and arbitration issues from April, 1995 through February, 1997 at which time they joined the International Brotherhood of the Police Officers which supplied their own legal counsel.

June, 2010 to April, 2016 – Board Member, Rhode Island Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel  
 June, 2006 to January, 2016 – Board Member, Rhode Island Legal Services  
 January, 1992 to Present – Court Appointed Guardian Ad Litem, Providence Superior Court  
 January, 1991 to Present – Appointed to Superior Court Annexed Arbitration list  
 April, 1999 to August, 2009 – Member of the Rhode Island Judicial Nominating Committee  
 April, 1994 to 2002 – Board Member, Narragansett Bay Commission  
 April, 1995 to 2002 – Member of Finance Committee - Narragansett Bay Commission  
 July, 1980 to Present – Justice of the Peace

## **STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

### **BAIL COMMISSIONER - SIXTH DISTRICT COURT**

July, 1988 to February, 2005

- Responsible for conducting special sessions of the Sixth Division District Court at the Providence Police Department and various Rhode Island State Police Barracks during evenings, holidays and weekends for the purpose of setting and taking bail from defendants charged with misdemeanors and/or felony crimes. Responsibilities also include signing and issuing arrest warrants.

### **LAW OFFICES OF JAMES V. MURRAY**

**INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA/CIGNA  
 ONE OLD STONE SQUARE, PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02903**

### **STAFF COUNSEL**

July, 1990 to November, 1992

- Civil litigation attorney responsible for defense of all third party claims brought against our insureds. Suits vary in nature from contractual disputes to personal injury. Duties included preparation of cases and trial before the Rhode Island District and Superior Courts. In addition, cases were prepared and tried pursuant to Rhode Island Superior Court-Annexed Arbitration Rules. Also provided representation to Cigna insureds before the Workers' Compensation Court.

## **LOVETT, SCHEFRIN, GALLOGLY & HARNETT, LTD.**

### **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

July, 1988 to August, 1990

- Associate attorney concentrating in the area of worker's compensation litigation. Responsibilities included preparation of cases, and trial before the Rhode Island Worker's Compensation Commission; conducting depositions of doctors whose specialties range from orthopedics to psychiatry. Other responsibilities include negotiations of settlements for worker's compensation clients. The Commission became a court in 1991.

## **CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

### **ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR**

July, 1987 to July, 1988

- Responsible for the prosecution of all misdemeanor cases in the Sixth Division District Court, for the City of Providence.

### **LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD TALLO**

January, 1987 to July, 1987

- Responsibilities included preparation of civil and criminal cases for trial in the Rhode Island Superior and District Courts; attendance before the Superior and District Court motion calendars; deposing witnesses in preparation for trial. Other responsibilities included title examinations and preparation of documents for real estate closings.

## **RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

### **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL - CRIMINAL DIVISION**

August, 1985 to December, 1986

- Responsible for the supervision of a criminal trial team consisting of three (3) attorneys, a paralegal and a secretary. Involved in the presentation of cases to the grand jury, and trial of felony cases.

### **SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

April, 1983 to August, 1985

- Responsible for the prosecution of felony cases in Providence, Kent, Washington and Newport Counties. Tried through jury verdict approximately fifty (50) cases charging individuals with murder, robbery, child molestation, sexual assault, burglary and various drug offenses. Briefed and argued five (5) cases before the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

### **SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL - DRUNK DRIVING UNIT**

January, 1983 to April, 1983

- Responsible for the prosecution in Providence Superior Court of all District Court drunk driving appeals heard before then Superior Court Presiding Justice, Anthony Gianinni. Cases disposed by way of trial and plea negotiation.

### **SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL - DISTRICT COURT**

October, 1982 to January, 1983

- Responsible for representing the Department of Attorney General in criminal trials, pre-trials, forfeiture proceedings and bail hearings in the various District Courts of Rhode Island.

### **PARALEGAL – CRIMINAL DIVISION**

September, 1980 to September, 1982

- Worked full time while attending New England School of Law in the evening. Duties included legal research and writing, assisting in answering Rule 16 Discovery

Requests and Requests for Production of Documents and interviewing witnesses in preparation for trial.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Admitted to the Rhode Island Bar, October, 1982

Admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, December, 1982

### **EDUCATION**

J.D. NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF LAW (Evening Division) Boston, MA  
June, 1982 Deans List

B.A. PROVIDENCE COLLEGE Providence, RI  
June, 1977 – Political Science Deans List

### **PERSONAL**

Married to Donna M. Rampone - 37 years  
Two sons: Matthew (age 36) Michael (age 33)