



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

January 10, 2023

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 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 appointing Brendan F. Ryan, Esq. of 105 Arbor Drive, Providence, RI 02908, to the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 02 2023

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

Jina L. Mastromanni CLERK

Brendan F. Ryan, Esq.

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BAR ADMISSIONS: Rhode Island; Massachusetts; Federal District of RI; Federal District of MA

EDUCATION

Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2014

GPA: 3.57, Rank: 15/173 (top 10%)

Honors:

- Presidential Scholarship Recipient (merit based)
- Public Interest Summer Stipend Award recipient, 2013
- CALI awards for highest grade in Legal Methods II, Environmental Advocacy and Drafting, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Housing Law and Policy, and Law and Literature

Activities:

- Law Review, Assistant Editor
- Honors Program participant
- Research Assistant for Professor Michael Burger (Spring, '13)

Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts in English, May 2011

Activities:

- Assistant Editor at the Brownstone Journal
 - Intern at the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers
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LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Adler, Pollock & Sheehan, P.C., Providence, RI

Sept 2021 – Present

Associate, Labor and Employment

- Litigating at large, full service business law firm, including strategizing for all components of case management including trial, arbitration, and administrative proceedings, drafting and arguing pleadings and motions, and managing complex discovery.
- Advising business clients on corporate, labor, and employment decisions, including drafting operating agreements, corporate resolutions, employee handbooks, and employee severance agreements.
- Conducting research and drafting on numerous legal issues as needed.

Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Providence, RI

Nov 2017 – Sept 2021

Senior Legal Counsel

- Responsible for advising management regarding personnel and labor issues, including representing the Department during employment grievance and appeals process, investigating employee misconduct and issuing discipline, and coordinating with the Department of Administration's Human Resources staff.
- Assisting in litigation and alternative dispute resolution matters involving the Department; responsibilities include researching and drafting legal pleadings and briefs, presenting oral arguments in Court; acting as a litigation liaison for the Department's outside counsel.
- Other responsibilities include coordinating responses to Access to Public Records Act requests, responding to internal requests for legal review, negotiating, drafting and reviewing legislation, memoranda of understanding, contracts and other agreements, supervising subordinate attorneys, interns, and support staff, and other tasks as needed.

Rhode Island Supreme Court Law Clerk Department, Providence, RI July 2016 – Aug 2017

Law Clerk, Civil Motion Calendar

- Conducted research and drafted bench memoranda for the civil dispositive motion calendar for Providence and Bristol counties. Other responsibilities included coordinating assignments among law clerks, preparing draft decisions on a wide variety of civil matters, and observing courtroom proceedings.

Lawrence & Associates, Inc., Warwick, RI

Jan 2015 – July 2016

Associate Attorney

- Litigated at a general practice law firm, drafting pleadings and discovery, appeared before Rhode Island Superior, District, Family, and Probate Courts, and Massachusetts District Court, performing legal research, writing and advocacy, assisting with client intake.
- Areas of practice included landlord-tenant disputes, contract disputes, criminal defense, personal injury claims, domestic relations, debt collection, and wills and trusts.

City of Providence Law Department, Providence, RI

Jan 2014 – April 2014

Extern

- Drafted briefs, motions, and research memoranda for litigation related to appeals from Providence Zoning Board decisions and a constitutional challenge to a major urban redevelopment project.

The Honorable Brian P. Stern, RI Superior Court, Providence, RI

Aug 2013 – Dec 2013

Judicial Extern

- Drafted and edited opinions, and conducted legal research for business calendar cases, criminal cases, the administration of the insolvent Central Coventry Fire District, and a dispute between the Town of North Kingstown and its Firefighters' union.

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge, MA

May 2013 – Aug 2013

Student Attorney, Housing Law Team

- Represented indigent clients facing eviction from public and other rent-subsidized housing as a Rule 3:03 student attorney under the supervision of Harvard Law clinical staff attorneys.
- Drafted motions and agreements, negotiated with opposing counsel and with state and local agencies, argued motions in Boston Housing Court, and assisted with client intake.

City of Providence Law Department, Providence, RI

June 2012 – Aug 2012

Intern

- Researched and produced legal memoranda on a variety of municipal law issues including labor relations, taxation, and the Providence Nuisance Task Force's management of the City's blighted and abandoned houses.

OTHER WORK

Elsevier - Social Science Research Network

July 2014 – Nov 2017

Classifier

- Categorizing law review articles according to subject matter for an online scholarly journal distribution network.