



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

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January 14, 2011

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 603 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 Jeffrey M. Padwa, Esq. of 25 Margrave Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, to the position of City Solicitor, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras
Mayor

AT/gc

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB - 3 2011

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

BIOGRAPHY – JEFFREY M. PADWA

Jeffrey M. Padwa was born in Madison, Wisconsin. He grew up in Buffalo, NY and Atlanta, GA. He attended The Nichols School of Buffalo, NY, and graduated from Westminster High School in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1981. Padwa received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985 from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, in 1992 from Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts. Padwa was an editor of the Suffolk Transnational Law Review.

Following law school, Padwa joined the Providence law firm of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair, later renamed Mandell, Schwartz, Boisclair & Padwa. In 2006, he founded the law firm of Padwa Law. His law practice is devoted to the safety, protection and well-being of elderly persons.

Padwa is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He has lectured on Trial Practice, Nursing Home Litigation and Law Office Management and has written numerous published articles. He authored a book entitled, "How to Keep You Loved Ones Healthy and Safe in Nursing Homes" that was released in May 2009. Padwa wrote a legal column for a senior living publication, *Prime Time Magazine*, for several years (2006 – 2008).

In April 2010, Padwa organized an advocacy group called the Passionate Participants for the Elderly™ whose mission is to assure the safety, protection and well-being of our elders and making sure that older persons are treated with care, dignity and respect. Through the Passionate Participants group, Padwa teaches families how to advocate for loved ones in nursing homes and has taught workshops in libraries, senior centers, churches and community service organizations throughout Rhode Island.

Padwa is a Past-President of the Rhode Island Association for Justice (formerly known as Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association) (2006-2007), after serving as President (2006-2007), President-Elect (2005-2006) and Board Member (2002-present). He is a Past President of the New Lawyer's Division of the American Association for Justice ("AAJ") (formerly known as ATLA) (2002 - 2003), and Chaired the Small Office and Sole Practice Section (2007-2008). He was elected by the AAJ Board to serve on the AAJ PAC Board of Trustees (2009 – 2011), and in the past has served on AAJ's Executive Committee (2003-2004), Board of Governors (2003-2005; 2006-present) and numerous committees, including, CEO Search Committee (2004-2005), AAJ PAC Task Force Committee (2001-2005), Judicial Independence Committee (2004-present) and Publications Committee (2003-2006). Padwa is a two time recipient of AAJ's Wiedemann Wysocki Award for his significant contributions to AAJ and the Civil Justice System (2003 and 2005).

Padwa served as the Rhode Island Finance Co-Chair for the Presidential Campaign of Barack Obama (Feb. 2007 – Nov. 2008) and has also raised campaign contributions for numerous members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

His local community service activities include serving as 1st Vice President of the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island (2007-present), JSA Treasurer (2008 – 2010), JSA Executive Committee (2005-present), and Chairperson of the Shalom I and II Oversight Committee (2005-present). Through the JSA, he visits residents in nursing homes throughout the year. He served as a member of the Board of Directors the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (1998-2001), was elected as Assistant Secretary of

the JCC (2000-2001), chaired the JCC's Pre-School Committee (1999-2001), and Co-Chaired the JCC Golf Tournament (2007-2010). In 2001, Padwa received the JCC's Volunteer of the Year Award. In 2007, Padwa and his family traveled to Senchi Ferry, Ghana, Africa, where they taught the local children and helped build a new classroom to the village schoolhouse.

Padwa has also been actively involved with Rhode Island youth sports programs. He coached in the Fox Point Eastside Little League (1998-2005) and served as Vice-President of the Fox Point Eastside Little League (2002-2004). Padwa coached youth soccer teams for Capital Youth Soccer in Providence as well as the Eastside Soccer League and also coached with Brown Youth Hockey.

Padwa lives in Providence, Rhode Island with his wife, Jill Glashow Padwa, and their two sons, Joshua and David.

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STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 36-14-6

I, **Samuel D. Zurier**, holding the position of **Member, Providence City Council**,
hereby under oath depose and say:

A matter involving **The Providence Water Supply Board** is presently before **The Providence City Council Finance Committee**:

Docket Items:

10. Appointment of Jeffrey Padwa, Esq. to position of City Solicitor.

I have the following interest in the matters noted above:

I am engaged as litigation counsel for the Providence Water Supply Board for a specific matter pending in the Providence County Superior Court and Rhode Island Supreme Court.

[Please select one of the following]:

- (x) A. In compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-6(1), I hereby recuse from participating in the discussion of or taking official action relating to said matter. (This does not prohibit participation as a member of the public in an open meeting, pursuant to Commission Regulation 7003.)
- () B. In compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-6(1), I hereby state that despite the interest described above, I believe I am able to participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding said matter for the following reasons:

Signed under the penalties of perjury this 27th day of January, 2011.



Signature



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January 26, 2011

The Honorable John Iglizzi
Chairman, Finance Committee, Providence City Council
Providence City Hall, Room 310
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing in support of Jeffrey Padwa for the position of the City Solicitor of the City of Providence.

At the outset, I can say that in the course of my legal career which has spanned nearly four decades, I have had numerous interactions with people who have served the City as its City Solicitor and I am well aware of the talents needed for and the importance of this position. I also cannot write about this office without thinking of our dear friend Joseph Fernandez whose untimely passing last month shocked us all. With Joe in mind, I can comfortably say that Jeff Padwa will discharge his responsibilities as City Solicitor with great distinction.

I have known Jeff for approximately ten years. I have had the opportunity to witness him professionally, socially and as a community leader.

First of all Jeff has outstanding legal skills and a reputation for first-class professionalism. His peers in the Rhode Island trial lawyer community elected him their President. He has been rising in the ranks of trial lawyer organizations on a national level.

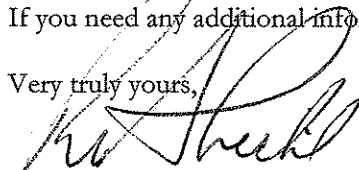
As a person he has demonstrated great integrity and ethical sensitivity. He is a devoted husband and father. I have even witnessed him caddying in extreme heat for his son in golf tournaments.

I have sat on a board with him which I chaired. I recognized his talents and asked him to assume greater leadership roles and he never shirked from assuming responsibility. Jeff is a caring individual and his advocacy, particularly on behalf of the elderly has been exceptional.

I know Jeff will conduct himself with distinction and fairness and commitment to the highest principles of the law and public service. It is without hesitation that I give Jeff my highest recommendation. And I know, Mayor Taveras and the Providence City Council can rest assured that they have made a wise decision.

If you need any additional information from, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Richard A. Licht, Director
Department of Administration

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cc: Members, Providence City Council

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January 24, 2011

Honorable John Igliozi
Chairman, Finance Committee
Providence City Council
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street, Room 310
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Igliozi:

I am writing to you on behalf of the appointment of Jeffrey M. Padwa to be the Providence City Solicitor.

Jeffrey worked in my law firm for approximately ten (10) years. I had the opportunity to observe his work daily. He made every effort to complete each task assigned to him thoroughly, professionally and ethically. I found Jeffrey to be easy to work with and highly motivated to succeed. He has a very positive and cooperative personality. I believe he is well intentioned in all he does.

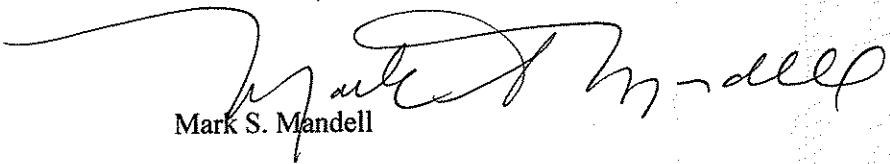
I believe Jeffrey was highly competent. He was willing and able to undertake any task given to him. He was very diligent and would work long hours to be sure he completed his work.

I found Jeffrey to be a man of very high integrity. I never questioned his honesty, candor or trustworthiness.

I know Jeffrey has been involved in the community in numerous volunteer activities. He has devoted much time and effort to the Jewish Community Center and to work on behalf of the elderly.

I recommend Jeffrey without any reservation whatsoever.

Very truly yours,
MANDELL, SCHWARTZ & BOISCLAIR



Mark S. Mandell

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cc: Members of the Providence City Council

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Ref: Attorney Jeffrey Padwa

Dear Mr. Igliozi:

Please accept this letter in support of Jeffrey Padwa, Esquire, for the position of Providence City Solicitor.

I have known Jeff Padwa personally and professionally for the better part of six years since my appointment as Executive Director of the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island.

Jeff is a member of our Board of the Directors, is currently serving on our Executive Committee and chairs the Board's Oversight Committee for Shalom Apartments, a 158 unit, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) building of senior independent living apartments located in Warwick, Rhode Island. In addition, Jeff has served as the corporation's Treasurer for two terms and is currently Vice President of the Board of Directors.

Jeff has brought his wise counsel and intellect to the Board and is held in high esteem by his colleagues. He has been fully engaged in issues relating to seniors and has been an advocate for quality health care in nursing homes, in addition to his involvement in other community causes and advocacy.

In my interactions with Jeff, I have found him to be of high moral character, ethical, and a true professional in all respects. He is family oriented and has been involved in organizing and coaching youth sports programs in Providence.

Without hesitation, I highly recommend Attorney Jeffrey Padwa for the position of City Solicitor of Providence. His professionalism, counsel, and administrative acumen, I believe, will be a major attribute for the city.

Most sincerely,

Paul R. Barrette
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Executive Director
Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island

Cc: Members, Providence City Council

January 21, 2011

Hon. John Igliazzi
Chairman, Finance Committee
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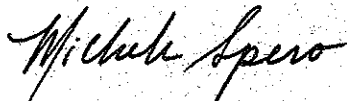
Dear Councilman Igliazzi,

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jeff Padwa for over five years. I first met Jeff when he was referred to me to represent my father's estate in a wrongful death action against a local nursing home. During the painfully slow and exceedingly emotional process of this action, Jeff demonstrated a combination of skills and character that I have yet to find in another attorney; and I have known and worked with many throughout the course of my professional and private life. Jeff skillfully dealt with the case's legal and negotiating realities, while displaying an amazing capacity to remain sensitive to and help my family cope with the case's emotional effects. In my estimation, Jeff sets a very high standard that other members of the legal profession should strive for.

While Jeff worked tirelessly to earn my family's trust and provide the best possible outcome for our case, he was also deeply involved and committed to efforts to prevent the very situations, like my father's, that led people to seek his services. Anyone who knows Jeff realizes his passion for giving back to his community and especially protecting the safety and dignity of our elderly. I am fortunate to be able to continue to work alongside Jeff and his lovely wife Jill, as a member of Passionate Participants for the Elderly™, a young, not-for-profit group that emerged from Jeff's ongoing advocacy on behalf of the elderly.

The Providence City Council's web page states that "Providence has vast cultural, artistic, and historical assets, which the Council seeks to enhance as we move forward, conducting the business of the people with integrity, transparency, and efficiency." It is without reservation that I support Jeff as Providence's Solicitor. Jeff will bring the legal acumen, reasoning ability, negotiating skills, compassion and integrity needed to further the Council's mission.

Respectfully,



Michele Spero
President

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January 24, 2011

Hon. John Iglizzi
Chairman, Finance Committee
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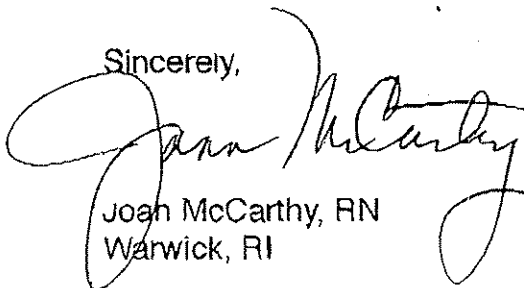
Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Jeffrey Padwa, who I met in 2003 when he was at the Law Firm of Mark Mandell. Jeff was the lawyer representing my father in the wrongful death suit against the nursing home that he had been in. During the next three years I came to appreciate the man that I could see was genuine in his commitment to his work on my fathers behalf. He showed patience while listening to the details of this case many times. He displayed excellent legal skills and guided me with quiet strength during the most difficult times in the courtroom. I could not have asked for better support and my father could not have had a more dedicated advocate than Jeff.

Jeff also has shown great compassion for the elderly, this can be seen with his work in the community. He began an organization called Passionate Participants for the Elderly. The group is led by Jeff to provide information to anyone concerned about their loved ones that are in, or about to go into a Nursing Home and what they should be looking for in order to make informative decisions. He is respected by myself and many others in the group due to his tireless efforts to bring information to the public regarding the elderly population of this state.

In closing, I cannot say enough about the many exceptional qualities of Jeffrey Padwa. He is truly skilled lawyer, a genuine advocate for the elderly, and a person of great integrity and ethics.

Sincerely,



Joan McCarthy, RN
Warwick, RI

cc: Members of the Providence City Council