



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

**HAND-DELIVERED**

January 7, 2011

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 re-appointing William P. Rampone, Esq., of 35 East Lantern Road, Smithfield, RI 02917, as an associate justice of the Providence Housing Court, for a term to end December 31, 2013, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angel Taveras".

Angel Taveras  
Mayor

AT/gc

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEB - 3 2011**

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECORDED AND APPROVED  
A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the City Clerk.  
CLERK

**COUNCILMAN**  
**MIGUEL C. LUNA**  
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## City of Providence, Rhode Island

### COMMITTEES

Claims & Pending Suits

### BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Park Commissioners

Special Commission on  
Public Education

January 25, 2011

Councilman John J. Igliozi  
Chairman  
Finance Committee  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Igliozi and Members of the Committee:

It is my sincere pleasure to write this letter supporting William P. Rampone's re-appointment as an Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court.

As Associate Justice, he has proven himself to be fair, compassionate and understanding of the issues facing people today, especially in terms of housing. He has served the community with dedication and commitment and I am confident that he will continue to be a dynamic and productive addition to the court system.

I strongly urge the Finance Committee to recommend his re-appointment to the full City Council and I give my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Miguel Luna".

Miguel Luna  
Councilman—Ward 9

ML:cw

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**WILLIAM P. RAMPONE, ESQUIRE  
35 EAST LANTERN ROAD  
SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND 02917**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

ATTORNEY WILLIAM P. RAMPONE  
ONE TURKS HEAD PLACE, SUITE 1450  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

#### **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 Rhode Island Department of Health for lead violations against parties as set forth above. 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. On average, my case load for each session is approximately 30 to 40 cases.

#### **PRIVATE PRACTITIONER**

November, 1992 to Present

- Engaged in the private practice of law, concentrating in the areas of civil and criminal litigation. Presently, my criminal litigation practice is 80% in the District Courts. I also represent clients in Superior Court on felony charges and clients involved with state and federal Grand Jury investigations.
- 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.
- Prepare to conference and/or argue briefs and pre-briefing statements before the Rhode Island Supreme Court and/or individual justices.
- Sit as an arbitrator in Superior Court Annexed cases, private arbitrations and uninsured/underinsured motorist cases. Sit as mediator in private litigation cases. Total cases decided through arbitration in excess of 1,000. Mediated over 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 700 cases.
- 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 Present – Board Member, Rhode Island Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel

June 2006 to Present - 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

## **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 including murder, robbery, child molestation, sexual assault, burglary and various drug offenses. Briefed and argued five (5) cases before the Rhode Island Supreme Court.
- I prosecuted my first murder case in November, 1983, State vs. Agin, before Ms. Justice Corrine Grande. Representing the Defendant was then Rhode Island Public Defender, William Reilly, and sitting second chair was now Rhode Island Public Defender, John Hardiman. After a two-week trial, the jury returned a verdict of Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree. After the trial and before the jury was dismissed, Ms. Justice Grande complimented both sides for our professionalism in trying the case.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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  
June, 1982

Boston, MA.  
Deans List

B.A. PROVIDENCE COLLEGE  
Political Science

Providence, R.I.  
Deans List

### **PERSONAL**

Married to Donna M. Rampone  
Two sons: Matthew (age 30) Michael (age 27)