



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

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CITY COMMISSIONER

August 27, 2008

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

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing Paul D. Ragosta, of 15 Lotus Place, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the Board of Licenses to fulfill the current vacancy that exists on the Board for a term to expire in January 2011, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Mr. Ragosta will replace Stephen Daniels, whose term expired January, 2008.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline  
Mayor, City of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE APPROVED.

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Paul D. Ragosta  
Attorney at Law  
1 Turks Head Place, Suite 1450  
Providence, Rhode island 02903**

### **Personal Profile**

Paul D. Ragosta is a lifelong Rhode Island resident. He is 52 years old and resides at 15 Lotus Place, Providence, Rhode Island with his wife of 29 years, Debra and their two daughters, Sara and Stefanie. He is the son of Superior Court Judge Vincent A. Ragosta and Carmela C. Ragosta. Paul D. Ragosta has three brothers, Vincent F. Ragosta, a practicing attorney, Dominic L. Ragosta, a Certified Public Accountant, and Peter J. Ragosta, a Registered Pharmacist.

### **Education**

Paul D. Ragosta is a 1985 graduate of New England School of Law in Boston, MA, where he earned the degree of Juris Doctor, with Honors. In his first year of law school, he received a Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence, and was ranked number six in academic rank out of the entire first year class.

In 1978, he graduated from Suffolk University, College of Business earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Accounting. In 1976, he received an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Community College of Rhode Island.

Paul D. Ragosta is the product of the Providence public school system. In 1974, he graduated from Classical High School, recognized nationally as a leading college preparatory high school.

### **Bar Admission**

Paul D. Ragosta was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1985. In 1986, he was admitted to the United States District Court for Rhode Island, and the United States First Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the American Bar Association.

## **Professional Profile**

### **General:**

Paul D. Ragosta has been a practicing attorney for 23 years, having been admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1985.

Upon graduating Suffolk University College of Business Administration in 1978, he went to work as an accountant for the Office of Rhode Island General Treasurer. In 1979, he was hired as an auditor for the Office of the Rhode Island Auditor General, where he rose to the position of Senior Auditor. His audit career at the Office of the Auditor General involved the planning and execution of financial, operational and performance audits of state agencies and federal programs administered by the state.

While employed full time, Mr. Ragosta attended law school in the evening division of New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. Upon admission to the Rhode Island Bar in 1985, he was appointed to the part time position of Legal Counsel to the Rhode Island Auditor General, where he has continuously served in that position to this date. As Legal Counsel, he advises the Auditor General and top level staff on a broad range of government issues.

### **Law Practice Overview:**

In addition to his position as Legal Counsel to the Auditor General, Attorney Ragosta has been engaged in the private general practice of law for 23 years. He maintains a general civil law practice at 1 Turks Head Place in the City of Providence, concentrating in civil litigation, real estate law, probate law, contract law, and business transactions. He has an extremely active District Court litigation practice where he represents major institutional landlords, developers, and property management companies. He has extensive experience dealing with federal and state rent subsidy programs, more commonly known as "Section 8" programs. Attorney Ragosta has vast experience litigating housing disputes in both the Rhode Island District Court and the Rhode Island Superior Court.

### **Institutional Client Representation:**

Attorney Ragosta has represented the Postal Employees Regional Federal Credit Union as general counsel since 1990 on a broad range of matters. In 1990, he guided the credit union through the well-known "credit union crisis". With his guidance the credit union re-opened shortly after the Governor ordered the credit unions closed. He also assisted the credit union in obtaining a federal charter under the National Credit Union Administration, and advised the credit union on its merger with a Massachusetts credit union.

Attorney Ragosta has represented a major regional investment firm in securities litigation administered under the auspices of the National Association of Securities Dealers - a self-regulatory organization that oversees member brokerage firms. His representation of this firm has involved litigating broker/dealer and public customer disputes in private binding arbitration before three member panels.

For nearly 18 years Attorney Ragosta has served as legal adviser to the Providence Building Sanitary and Educational Association, a non-profit entity that owns Wiggin Village, a major housing community located in the west side of Providence. As legal adviser to the entity, Attorney Ragosta has advised the board on the implementation of major initiatives to improve housing for hundreds of low and moderate income families, and provide educational opportunities through the Dr. Chase Wiggin Scholarship Fund to residents of Wiggin Village.

Attorney Ragosta has represented the Providence Housing Authority for the last 4 years in housing matters before the Rhode Island District Court and the Rhode Island Superior Court.

#### **Court Appointed Panels:**

Attorney Ragosta has qualified for placement on court appointed panels for service as a commissioner for real estate, and guardian ad litem. He is frequently appointed to serve as guardian ad litem in probate court matters. Early in his career, prior to shifting the focus of his practice to civil law, Attorney Ragosta served as court appointed defense counsel in District Court criminal matters.

#### **Government Experience:**

Mr. Ragosta has extensive experience in state government. He serves as Legal Counsel to the Rhode Island Auditor General and has been affiliated with the Auditor Generals' Office for nearly 30 years. He advises the Auditor General and top level staff on a broad range of government issues. Mr. Ragosta has drafted major legislation relative to the fiscal oversight of state and municipal government. Attorney Ragosta has been involved in recovery plans designed and implemented by the Auditor General for the fiscal recovery of financially distressed municipal governments, including the City of Cranston, and the Town of Johnston. Prior to his appointment as Legal Counsel, he was a senior auditor for that agency, conducting financial, operational, and performance audits of major state agencies, as well as compliance and financial audits of federal programs administered by state government.

#### **Community Involvement and Fraternal Organizations**

**Federal Hill House:** Mr. Ragosta volunteered for over 10 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Hill House, a community social services agency located in the City of Providence. As a board member, Mr. Ragosta participated in the

oversight of countless social service programs designed to help low and moderate income individuals and families improve their quality of life. He served as a member of various committees, including the personnel and property committees. On occasion, he donated his legal expertise to the executive director on various operational matters. He is currently affiliated with Federal Hill House as a member of its Advisory Board.

**National Liver Foundation:** Attorney Ragosta has been affiliated with the National Liver Foundation, serving on the committee for the Rhode Island Chapter. He worked closely with former Executive Director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Liver Foundation, Barbara DeCesare on a variety of fund raising activities for the Rhode Island Chapter, helping to raise awareness of liver disease.

**Providence Building, Sanitary, and Educational Association:** Attorney Ragosta has been a sponsor and supporter of the National Night Out Campaign, a community initiative of the Providence Building, Sanitary, and Educational Association, a non-profit housing entity established to provide affordable housing to the low and moderate income residents of Providence. The campaign is designed to mitigate crime, educate youth, stem criminal drug activity, and improve the quality of life in the community.

**Sons of Italy:** Paul D. Ragosta has been a member of the Sons of Italy, an Italian American fraternal organization, for 29 years.

**American Bar Association:** Mr. Ragosta is a member of the American Bar Association.

**RI Bar Association, District Court Bench / Bar Committee:** Mr. Ragosta has served for many years on the Rhode Island District Court Bench/Bar Committee.

**New England School of Law Alumni Association - Founders Club:** Mr. Ragosta is a member of the New England School of Law Alumni Association, and the New England School of Law Founders Club. The mission of the Founders Club is to attract support for law school programs designed to enhance the quality and level of educational opportunities for students through fund raising.