



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

January 3, 2023

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

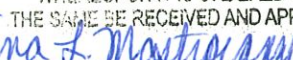
Dear Honorable Members:

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 Ryan Holt of 11 Astral Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, as a member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Mr. Holt replaces Mr. Strother who has resigned.

Sincerely,


Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 19 2023

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

Ryan J. Holt

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced public policy and government relations attorney with a proven track record of successfully counseling clients and elected officials to achieving their goals in legislative and regulatory settings. Skilled at researching, drafting, negotiating, and advocating for the passage and enactment of statutes and regulations in the public and private sectors. Passionate about learning about new issues and industries.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Capitol City Group/Harrington & Vitale, Ltd., Providence, RI

October 2021 – Present

Managing Director of Government Relations/Senior Counsel

- Advise and advocate for clients in the higher education, healthcare, cannabis, broadband, banking, and communications industries by meeting with legislators, the Governor's Office, regulatory agencies, and key staff.
- Draft, track, and negotiate legislation on behalf of clients.
- Analyze and provide guidance to clients on the potential impact of legislative and regulatory proposals.
- Draft public comment to legislation and proposed regulations and provide public testimony before legislative and regulatory committees.
- Serve as legal counsel to two quasi-state agencies in Rhode Island.
- Draft regulations and respond to public comment as necessary.

State of Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, Providence, RI

January 2019 – October 2021

Director of Legislative Affairs, Special Assistant Attorney General

- Advised the Attorney General on legislative and public relations strategy as a member of the senior staff.
- Successfully drafted, negotiated, and advocated for the passage of several key legislative initiatives including a first-in-the-nation Statewide Body Camera Program, an overhaul of the state Consumer Protection Statute, Student Loan Borrower's Bill of Rights, a ban on undetectable firearms, amendments to the Hospital Conversion Act, and funding and employee allotment increases to a nearly \$37M annual budget.
- Served as the Office's primary contact for legislators, legislative staff, the Governor's Office, regulatory agencies, and outside interest groups.
- Provided public testimony on legislative and regulatory matters to advance the Attorney General's public policy priorities.

DarrowEverett, LLP/Capitol Communications Group, Providence, RI

February 2017 – January 2019

Attorney and Government Relations Professional

- Advised clients on the rapidly changing statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure and participation in the medical and recreational Cannabis industries in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
- Successfully drafted and negotiated dozens of pieces of legislation annually for a diverse range of clients in the health care, cannabis, financial services, and public safety industries.
- Served as legal counsel to meetings for the Central Falls Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Redevelopment Agency.
- Provided public testimony and drafted written comments to legislative and regulatory bodies.

Ascensus College Savings, Newton, MA

July 2014 – February 2017

Corporate Counsel

- Drafted and negotiated complex contracts with State Treasurers offices, various investment managers, and vendors.
- Drafted several successful responses to Requests for Proposals from several State Treasurers generating over \$20B in new assets under administration for the company.

- Successfully drafted and advocated for changes to proposed financial regulations before the U.S. Treasury Department.

Analysis Group, Boston, MA

April 2013 – July 2014

Conflicts and Compliance Analyst

- Drafted and revised contracts to minimize business risk and simplify compliance.
- Performed due-diligence corporate research to mitigate potential financial, ethical, and legal risks.

Obama for America, Chicago, IL and Philadelphia, PA

May 2012 – November 2012

Deputy Voter Protection Director, Pennsylvania

- Ran the out-of-state attorney election monitoring program for Pennsylvania and managed a team of six.

Vetting and Compliance Associate, Obama Victory Fund

- Extensively examined the backgrounds of major donors and public aspects of campaign fundraising.

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, *Juris Doctor*, May 2012

Providence College, Providence, RI, *Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Business Studies*, May 2009

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Licensed to Practice Law – Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2013

Licensed to Practice Law – State of Rhode Island, 2013