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April 14, 2004

President Cathy Woolard and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Appointment

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Monica Owens to serve as a Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Monica Owens will serve the position of Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

MONICA R. OWENS, ESQ.

Office: Decker, Hallman, Barber & Briggs, P.C.
260 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Suite 1700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 588-2521

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Unit #704
Atlanta, Georgia 30312
(404) 521-9271

EDUCATION

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Atlanta, GA
Doctor of Jurisprudence, June 1997; Georgia Bar Certification, November 1997

- Certified Peer Mediator
- Who's Who: American Law Students
- Special Course in Business Planning
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Black Law Students Association- Chairperson of Alumni Affairs

SPELMAN COLLEGE, Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, *Cum Laude*, May 1994

- Dean's List and Honor Roll
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society
- Spelman College Judiciary Board
- Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.- Financial Secretary and Parliamentarian
- N.A.A.C.P.- Publicity Chairperson for Spelman College Chapter

EXPERIENCE

January 2003-
Present

DECKER, HALLMAN, BARBER & BRIGGS, P.C., Atlanta, GA
Associate- Litigation, Insurance Defense, Pesticide Litigation, Toxic Tort Defense, Workers' Compensation
Handling all aspects of civil litigation, including representing clients in civil jury trials and court hearings; drafting and filing court pleadings; taking and defending depositions; performing case management.

November 2001-
December 2002

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, Atlanta, GA

Office of the Regional Counsel- Southern Region

General Attorney

Representing the Agency in legal enforcement actions involving flight standards and security violations of the Federal Aviation Regulations; representing the Agency in labor and employment actions; conducting conferences with accused violators and Agency inspectors; rendering determinations regarding the adequacy of submitted evidence and the appropriate legal action; providing legal advice and interpretations on procedures, regulations, rules, and statutes affecting the Agency; representing the Agency in hearings before the Department of Transportation, National Transportation Safety Board, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Merit Systems Protection Board, and other federal tribunals and courts.

1998-November 2001

FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, Atlanta, GA

The Honorable Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, Chief Judge (7/98-6/00)

Staff Attorney

Reviewed civil, criminal, domestic, administrative appeal, and equity cases;

performed detailed case analysis in preparation for civil motions hearings and trials; performed legal research; drafted and reviewed court orders; assisted with case management and the scheduling of court hearings; corresponded with attorneys, pro se litigants, court staff, news media, and general public; advised litigants of court procedures; supervised court externs/interns; prepared materials for CLE seminars; attended court administrative conferences and meetings.

July 2000

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA, Atlanta, GA

Justice Robert Benham (former Chief Justice – 1995 to 2001)

Law Clerk Exchange

Prepared bench briefs and legal memoranda; performed legal research and analysis; observed oral arguments.

1998

JOHNSON, FREEMAN & PERKINS-HOOKER, P.A., Atlanta, GA

Associate- Commercial Litigation; Corporate; Commercial Real Estate

Prepared for civil jury trials and hearings; conducted civil jury trial for debt collection action; drafted and filed court pleadings; conducted deposition examinations; drafted and responded to discovery; represented clients in pre-trial conferences; obtained garnishments; performed case management; incorporated new business entities; drafted corporate by-laws, minutes, operating agreements, contracts, and resolutions; drafted real estate closing documents; drafted easement agreements; performed title examinations.

1997-1998

FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ADR PROGRAM, Atlanta, GA

Research Assistant

Reviewed case files; made recommendations as to which cases were appropriate for resolution through arbitration or mediation; prepared orders requiring parties' attendance at arbitration hearings or mediation sessions.

1994-1997

JOHNSON & FREEMAN, P.A., Atlanta, GA

Legal Intern- Commercial Litigation

Drafted and prepared complaints, answers, discovery, motions, and legal briefs; interviewed clients and witnesses; assisted in preparations for trials, court hearings, and arbitration hearings; performed case management for all personal injury cases.

Summer 1992

NATIONS, YATES & FREEMAN, Atlanta, GA

Legal Intern- Personal Injury

Assisted in managing case files; prepared legal memoranda; calculated losses and expenses for claims.

ADMITTED

State Bar of Georgia, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

- United Way Volunteer Initiative Program (Training for Board of Directors, Non-profit Organizations), Fall 1999
- Executive Board of Directors, Georgia Coalition of Black Women
- Literacy Volunteers of America, Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter
- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys
- Lawyers Club of Atlanta

**COMPUTER
SKILLS**

Proficient in Westlaw, PowerPoint, WordPerfect, and Word computer programs.

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A COMMUNICATION
BY MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN

A COMMUNICATION APPOINTING
MONICA OWENS AS A
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FOR HIRE HEARING OFFICER
FOR A TERM OF TWO
(2) YEARS. EFFECTIVE UPON
COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair _____
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Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)

Other

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Date Referred 4/19/2004
Referred To: PS-24 & C.O.C.
Date Referred
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MAYOR'S ACTION

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
 2nd 1st & 2nd 3rd
Readings
 Consent V Vote RC Vote

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