

AMENDMENT FORM

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DATE: **10/06/08**

INITIALS: _____

By adding to the Mayor's appointment letter, after the sentence, "This appointment is for a term of two (2) years", the following:

"scheduled to expire on May 1, 2010."

So that when so amended, said sentence shall provide as follows:

"This appointment is for a term of two (2) years scheduled to expire on May 1, 2010."



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August 20, 2008

08- C-1712

President Lisa Borders and
Members of the Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Contract Compliance Hearing Officer Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to re-appoint Shera' Grant to serve as Contract compliance Hearing Officer for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years.

I am confident that Ms. Grant will continue to serve with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

EXPERIENCE

Assistant District Attorney, September 2004-Present
DeKalb County District Attorney's Office, Decatur, GA

- Conduct preliminary hearings on felony charges in Magistrate Court
- Attend detention and arraignment hearings and make recommendations to the court as to whether a child should be held or released, and if released, under what specific conditions.
- Conduct adjudicatory hearings, ensuring that proper witnesses are subpoenaed and present for trial. Negotiate with defense attorneys and try cases when a plea cannot be reached.
- Screen cases for the intake department of the court and make recommendations as to how the case should be initially handled. Decide whether there is probable cause to draw a petition, and ensure that it is drawn correctly.
- Coordinate with the probation department of the Juvenile Court, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Family and Children's Services, and with mental health providers to make sure treatment plans and probation requirements are appropriate.

Assistant City Solicitor, November 2002-September 2004
Office of the City Solicitor, Atlanta, GA

- Held bench trials and negotiated pleas for city offenses
- Served as sole solicitor in Domestic Violence court where cases, when appropriate, were monitored for family counseling for an extended period of time. Other more severe cases were upgraded to felonies and preliminary hearings were held to bound case over to Fulton or DeKalb Superior Court.
- Coordinator for the Young Adult Development Initiative (YADI), a program that gave offenders between the ages of 17-25 an alternative to prosecution. In lieu of prosecution, these young offenders were given an opportunity to take classes that consisted of Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, and AIDS education. Community service was also required, and random drug tests were conducted throughout the program.
- Partnered with social workers in Community Court, a court designed for substance abusers and prostitutes, to ensure that defendants complied with the Court's mandated treatment programs. If not, defendants were prosecuted on charges.
- Researched case law using Lexis-Nexis and prepared legal briefs in response to defendants' demurrers

Assistant Solicitor General, January 2003-June 2003
Fulton County Solicitor's Office, Atlanta, GA

- Worked as sole prosecutor in the newly developed mental health court, Treatment Diversion Court, where duties included properly evaluating defendants to determine whether or not they were appropriate for treatment, making sure defendants complied with conditions of the court by legal mandates and coercive interventions, and worked closely with discharge planners and psychiatrists in order to make sure defendants were properly placed in treatment facilities that were suitable to their mental health needs.
- Conducted first appearances and preliminary hearings for misdemeanors in Fulton County and felonies occurring in unincorporated Fulton County.
- Drafted accusations to formally charge defendants and input information into Banner, Fulton County's case management software.

EDUCATION

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Juris Doctor, May 2002

Bachelors of Civil Law, May 2002

- Chancellor's List, Spring 2002
- Wex Malone American Inns of Court student member, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
- Career Services Student Advisory Committee, Fall 2000-Spring 2002
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, Spring 2000-Spring 2002

Université d'Aix-Marseille III, Aix en Provence, France

Faculté de Droit et de Science Politique

Visiting Law Student, June 2000-July 2000

Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL

B.S. Computer Information Systems, May 1999, Summa Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Georgia State Bar
- United States District Court - Northern District of Georgia
- Alabama State Bar
- Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

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Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

08-C-1712

REAPPOINTING SHERA' GRANT TO SERVE AS
A CONTRACT COMPLIANCE HEARING OFFICER
REFER COC

YEAS: 11
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 1

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REGULAR SESSION

08-C-1712

REAPPOINT.SHERA' GRANT TO SERVE AS A
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE HEARING OFFICER
REFER AS AMEND

YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 4
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 2

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