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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
 2<sup>nd</sup>  1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  
Readings  
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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR KASIM REED:

RE-APPOINTING KWAME T. THOMPSON, ESQ. TO SERVE AS A PROCUREMENT APPEALS HEARING OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA. THIS RE-APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS RETROACTIVE TO MAY 04, 2011 AND EXPIRES ON MAY 04, 2013. THIS RE-APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

*Confirmed*

*8/15/2011*

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1<sup>ST</sup> ADOPT 2<sup>ND</sup> READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred: *7/18/11*  
Referred To: *Finance Exec + COC*  
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*Finance / Executive*  
Committee  
*7-27-11*  
Date  
*J. Adams*  
Chair  
Action  
 Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
Other  
Members  
*Telicia B. Moore*  
*[Signature]*  
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Committee  
*8/15/11*  
Date  
*Telicia B. Moore*  
Chair  
Action  
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Other  
Members  
*Malik Archibald*  
*[Signature]*  
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MAYOR'S ACTION



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## CITY OF ATLANTA

KASIM REED  
MAYOR

55 TRINITY AVENUE, S.W.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-0300  
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June 29, 2011

Council President Ceasar Mitchell  
and City Councilmembers  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Suite 2900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**Re: Re-Appointment – Kwame T. Thompson, Esq.  
Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer**

Dear President Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is my pleasure to re-appoint **Kwame T. Thompson, Esq.** to serve as a Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer on behalf of the City of Atlanta. Kwame T. Thompson, Esq. is a resident of the City of Atlanta and willing to serve in this capacity. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years retroactive to May 4, 2011. Attorney Thompson's appointment will expire on **May 4, 2013.**

Based on his experience and commitment to the community, I am confident that Kwame T. Thompson, Esq. will continue to serve the City of Atlanta and the seat of a Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer with integrity and dedication. A copy of his qualifications is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed



CITY OF ATLANTA  
OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CLERK

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**MEMORANDUM**

*Second Notice*

**TO:** *Mayor Kasim Reed*

**FROM:** *Rhonda Dauphin Johnson  
Municipal Clerk*

**RE:** *Appointment Required – Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer*

**DATE:** *June 8, 2011*

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Please accept this memo as notification of a certain position that requires an appointment to be made by you for a:

**Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer.**

- **Appointer(s): Mayor**
- **Term: Two-Year**
- **Maximum Consecutive Years of Service: Four Years**
- **Category: N/A**
- **Current Appointee: Kwame Thompson**
- **Initial Appointment Date: May 4, 2009**
- **Reappointment Status: Eligible (retroactive to May 4, 2011)**
- **Required Term Expiration: May 4, 2013**
- **End Service Date: May 4, 2013**

Please submit your appointment letter to me as soon as possible, but no later than June 29, 2011. It will be read into the record at the July 5, 2011 council meeting.

**Kwame T. Thompson, Esq.**  
206 Ormond Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30315  
(678) 446-1276  
kthompson@wtvlaw.com

**Education:**

Washington University, J.D., 1999  
University of Missouri-Columbia, A.B., 1995

**Experience:**

Wotorson Thompson & Okereke, P.A.  
Partner, 5/06 – present

Founding partner of a three person law firm with a general practice. Lead transactions attorney for the firm including areas of construction and real estate development. Represents several medium-sized and small construction companies in prosecuting and defending mechanic's liens and other construction claims based on delays, cost overruns and quality issues.

Organizes and performs discovery for construction and real estate clients. Creates privilege logs, propounds discovery and answers discovery request including electronic discovery for clients.

Drafts and negotiates contracts including joint venture agreements, owner (prime contractor) agreements, sub contractor agreements and purchase orders for various construction projects.

Represents clients in suits on account cases and also negotiates negotiable instruments including promissory notes, deeds to secure debt and other commercial paper.

Atlanta Technical College  
Adjunct Professor, 6/07 – present

Adjunct Professor in the Paralegals Studies Department for Real Estate Law and Civil Litigation Law. Teach a practical approach to real estate including settlement services and real estate closings, contract drafting, title searches, understanding negotiable instruments and drafting deed to transfer title and deeds to secure debt.

Civil Litigation instruction in the areas of: notice and summons, drafting pleadings, motions and docket management.

Kwame Building Group, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri  
General Counsel, 1/01 – 4/06

-Negotiated and documented construction documents including design, construction management, design/build, engineering and consulting contracts for major programs including: The Lambert-St. Louis International Airport Expansion, \$1.3 Billion total project cost; The New Bush Stadium, \$365 Million total project cost; Bi-State Development d/b/a Metro Cross County Metrolink Expansion, \$550 Million estimated total project cost; and other projects which Kwame Building Group, Inc. managed.

-Drafted related collateral documentation including easements and rights of way, collateral assignments and consents, disbursement and escrow agreements, and requests for bids and proposals.

-Secured debt and public financing for construction and development projects, including federal and state historic tax credits, environmental tax credits and

TIF financing.

-Counseled and advised regarding insurance, bonding and liability and risk management in connection with development design and construction, including performance, payment, maintenance and guarantee bonds, builder's risk and property insurance, OCIP, wrap-up and other project specific insurance programs and related indemnity.

-Analyzed laws, rulings and regulations as well as examined legal data to determine advisability of defending or prosecuting lawsuits. Acted as an agent in various transactions and represents the company in litigation and other legal proceedings including:

Land use and zoning regulation  
Building code enforcement issues  
Americans With Disabilities Act and other accessibility requirements  
Insurance coverage disputes  
Payment and performance bond claims  
Bid protests  
Mechanic's lien foreclosure actions  
Defective design and engineering  
Construction cost overruns  
Defective construction  
Construction product liability  
Delays, acceleration and interference claims

-Advised the corporation concerning transactions of business involving internal affairs, sole stockholder, directors, officers, and corporate relations with the general public; preparing business contracts; and administers other legal matters. Confers with the president to review achievement and discuss required changes in goals or objectives resulting from current status and conditions. Served as a member of the management committee and studied statutes, decisions, ordinances, and rules of quasi-judicial bodies to keep abreast of current laws.

Bryan Cave, LLP, St. Louis, Missouri

Associate, Business/Transactional Practice Area, 8/99 - 1/01

-Drafted memoranda on corporate compliance issues. Conducted 50 State Survey on State Blue Sky Laws.

-Participated in dispute resolution for construction, architectural and engineering companies.

-Wrote contract documents for construction programs including construction contracts, payment and performance bonds, consulting agreements and purchase orders.

-Negotiated favorable terms and conditions and other contract provisions for clients.

-Performed due diligence on complex real estate transactions.

-Drafted pleadings for litigation involving mechanics' lien, construction, and real estate contract disputes.

Missouri Attorney General, St. Louis, Missouri  
Law Clerk, Summer 1997

-Drafted memoranda and analyzed evidence regarding plaintiff actions.

-Participated in plaintiff interviews.

Licensure: Admitted to the Missouri State Bar, October 1999  
Admitted to the Georgia State Bar, October 2006

Activities: The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis  
Atlanta Bar Association  
American Bar Association  
Gate City Bar Association  
National Bar Association

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REGULAR SESSION

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COC COMMUNICATIONS 1-5  
1068, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1117  
CONFIRM

YEAS: 10  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 4  
EXCUSED: 1  
ABSENT 1

B Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Bond
Y Hall	Y Wan	NV Martin	NV Watson
Y Young	E Shook	Y Bottoms	Y Willis
Y Winslow	NV Adrean	Y Sheperd	NV Mitchell

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