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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR KASIM REED:

APPOINTING MRS. ASHA PALMER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

CONFIRMED BY

AUG 20 2012

COUNCIL

- CONSENT REFER
  - REGULAR REPORT REFER
  - ADVERTISE & REFER
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> ADOPT 2<sup>ND</sup> READ & REFER
  - PERSONAL PAPER REFER
- Date Referred: 7/16/12
- Referred To: Fin Exec / Common Council
- Date Referred:
- Referred To:
- Referred To:

First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred To \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION  
 2<sup>nd</sup>  1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Readings  
 Consent  V Vote  RC Vote

Committee

Fin Exec / Common Council  
 Date 8/11/12

Chair

*Asha Palmer*

Action

Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
 Other

Members

*Asha Palmer*

Refer To

*CA*

Committee

Date

Chair

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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 AUG 20 2012  
 ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
*Ronald D. Spivey*  
 MUNICIPAL CLERK



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## CITY OF ATLANTA

KASIM REED  
MAYOR

55 TRINITY AVENUE, S.W.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-0300  
TEL (404) 330-6100

July 2, 2012

**CONFIRMED BY**

AUG 20 2012

**COUNCIL**

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

**Re: Civil Service Board Appointment**

Dear President Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is my pleasure to appoint **Asha Palmer** to serve as a member of the Civil Service Board on behalf of the City of Atlanta to replace the expired term of Hazel Jacobs. Mrs. Palmer is a resident of the City of Atlanta, and willing to serve in this capacity. This appointment is for a **term of three (3) years, to begin on the date of Council confirmation.**

Based on her experience and commitment to the community, I am confident that Asha Palmer will serve the City of Atlanta and the Civil Service Board with integrity and dedication. A copy of her qualifications is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed

# ASHA JENNINGS PALMER

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, GA**

*Associate*, September 2007 - current, *Summer Associate*, Summer 2006

- Work on complex litigation matters with a focus on consumer class actions and other complex commercial litigation in the areas of antitrust, contract disputes, fraudulent trade practices, securities and shareholder litigation, and employment matters.
- Draft, review, and argue motions in court; write and review client memorandums and contracts; trial preparation; pre-litigation counseling; research legal issues and regulatory requirements; and assist in the daily practice of law.
- Counsel clients on regulatory compliance, securities, and antitrust issues.
- Clients served include, but are not limited to, The Coca-Cola Company, Bank of New York Mellon, Progressive Casualty Insurance Company, Hospital Corporation of America, SunTrust, Piedmont Office Realty Trust, and SunTrust Bank.

#### Highlights include:

- Obtaining repeat dismissals for The Coca-Cola Company in a consumer class action alleging fraudulent practices and violations of various consumer fraud statutes in the marketing and sale of one of its beverage products.
- Obtaining summary judgment for Progressive in contract dispute arising from an intellectual property licensing agreement.
- Obtaining judgment requiring the enforcement of former high level employees' non-compete agreements for Bank of New York Mellon.
- Obtaining favorable settlement for SunTrust against a class action alleging breach of contract violations concerning the sale of certain certificates of deposits.
- Representing Hospital Corporation of America in a federal antitrust action against a competing hospital system and asserting claims under Section 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act and challenging certain anti-competitive practices by the dominant medical center in southwest Georgia.
- Defending a real estate investment trust in a securities class action surrounding their public disclosures during the internalization of its outside advisor.
- Defending national companies against Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charges based on race, gender, age, or national origin.

### **Best Best & Krieger LLP, Sacramento, CA**

*Summer Associate*, Summer 2005

- Assist partners and associates in the Municipal, School Districts, Special Education, Litigation and Business law practice groups.
- Research and drafted memos on substantive legal issues such as code enforcement, the duties of city attorneys, redevelopment, medical marijuana, and the rights of receivers in bankruptcy proceedings.
- Draft complaints for filing in the Sacramento Superior Court.

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## EDUCATION

**New York University School of Law**, New York, New York  
Juris Doctorate, May 2007

- Brennan Center Public Policy Advocacy Clinic
- Student Bar Association, Treasurer

**Spelman College**, Atlanta, Georgia

B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, May 2004

- Phi Beta Kappa (junior inductee)
- Student Government Association, President (2003-04) & Vice President (2002-03)

## MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Georgia
- American Bar Association
- Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys
- Gate City Bar Association

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- LEAD Atlanta Class of 2011
- Secretary, Board of YMCA at the Villages of Carver
- Candidate for Board Membership, Goodwill Industries of North Georgia
- LSAT Coordinator, Gate City Bar Association Justice Benham Law Camp
- Founder, I.M.A.G.E.S. (Igniting Media Accountability for Gender Exploitation Schemes).
- Led national protest against negative images of women in the media in 2004.

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# Civil Service Board Members

**AUTHORITY:**

Atlanta City Code, Section 114-79

**PURPOSE:**

The Board shall provide advice and counsel to the Mayor, the Council, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Director, and other officers of the City concerning the development, implementation and improvement of the Civil Service System.

The Board shall serve as the protector of the civil service system. The Board shall hold hearings when requested by an employee or an appointing authority on proposed demotions, suspensions, dismissals, or other adverse actions with reference to the classified service. It shall have power to make final determinations and dispositions in such matters.

**COMPOSITION & QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Board shall compose of **five (5) members** who shall be **appointed by the Mayor** and up to three (3) ad hoc hearing officers. All to be *confirmed by the Council*.

- **Members must reside in the City of Atlanta.**
- Experienced in Arbitration, Law and Personnel Administration.

**TERM:**

Three (3) years

**COMPENSATION:**

Officers shall be compensated, by case and not by day, at a rate established by the Human Resources Commissioner, not to exceed two cases per day per Hearing Officer.

**CONTACT:**

Yvonne Cowser Yancy, Commissioner  
Department of Human Resources  
(Serves as Administrative Officer of the Civil Service Board)  
(404) 330-6408 (office)

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8/20/12  
4:01 PM

Atlanta City Council

MULTIPLE

12-C-0973/0974/0975/0976/0978/0979/0981  
12-C-0982, 12-C-0982 AND 12-C-1000  
CONFIRM

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

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

MULTIPLE