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All Member of Atlanta City Council

COPY TO: Ms. Rhonda Johnson

SUBJECT: Beltline TAD Appointment

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Sincerely,

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Howard Shook, District 7

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Aaron Watson, Post 2 At-Large

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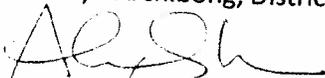
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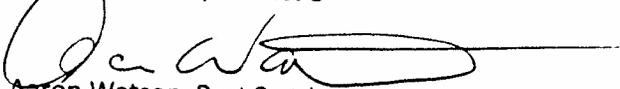
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Jenifer Novella Keenan

EXPERIENCE

ALSTON & BIRD, Atlanta, Georgia

Products Liability Group

Associate: 2001 – 2006; Counsel: 2007 – present

- Conduct recalls involving a wide-range of consumer products, including toys, pool and spa products, children's clothing, sporting goods, housewares, sports equipment, electronics, and other products; successfully negotiated with the CPSC to narrow the scope of several recalls.
- Advise clients on complaints submitted to the CPSC's SaferProducts.gov database and submit objections and responses to complaints.
- National Coordinating Counsel Team for asbestos litigation for Genuine Parts Company and the National Automotive Parts Association
 - National coordinator of all asbestos written discovery;
 - Co-lead counsel for deposition preparation of company corporate representative witnesses and development of new company witnesses;
 - National coordinator of company asbestos documents and asbestos document repository;
 - Liaison with local counsel on company specific-facts, discovery, affidavits for motions for summary judgment, and responses to discovery motions.
- Represent manufacturers of raw asbestos, asbestos-containing automobile parts, polyurethane products, cellular phones, pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices and lead paint in class actions and individual products liability cases throughout the Southeast, including Georgia, Florida and Alabama.
- Obtained dismissal and summary judgment with prejudice in pharmaceutical wrongful death cases filed in state court in Texas; summary judgment affirmed after oral argument before the Texas Court of Appeals.
- Primary drafter and chief strategist of venue mandamus petition and reply brief on behalf of all defendants in consolidated toxic tort cases involving 1,675 plaintiffs; defendants' victory at the Alabama Supreme Court resulted in the transfer of all plaintiffs from Bessemer to Tuscaloosa more than five years after the cases had been filed.
- Primary drafter of briefing that resulted in a significant *Daubert* victory and summary judgment for a medical device manufacturer in *Milam, et al. v. Synthes North America, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action File No. 4:02-CV-0092-HLM (M.D. Ga. 3/8/04).
- Lead counsel for the world's largest beverage company on its Reports to the Federal Trade Commission on 2006 and 2009 Marketing to Children and Adolescents; supervised team of nine lawyers that conducted over 200 interviews with company employees.
- Draft product instructions, warnings, and warranties for various consumer goods.
- Second-chaired medical malpractice trial, argued motions, and took over 50 depositions.
- Interview summer associate and lateral candidates, serve as associate contact and mentor to summer associates, and coordinate products liability group's summer program.

KING & SPALDING, Atlanta, Georgia

Associate, Tort Litigation Practice

1999 – 2001

- Member of trial teams representing automobile, cigarette, and tire manufacturers in products liability cases throughout the Southeast.
- Prepared expert and fact witnesses for all aspects of trial testimony, drafted direct examination outlines, and prepared demonstrative exhibits.
- Drafted motions for summary judgment and complex motions in limine, including motions to exclude experts under *Daubert*.
- Drafted brief that resulted for summary judgment for cigarette manufacturer in Florida tobacco trial.

SHOOK, HARDY & BACON, Kansas City, Missouri

Associate, National Products Liability Section

1996 – 1999

- Member of trial team representing cigarette manufacturers in the first individual secondhand smoke case to go to trial. Six week jury trial resulted in defense verdict for all defendants on all claims.
- Represented cigarette manufacturers in nationwide products liability cases and cases brought by parties seeking contribution and indemnity for healthcare expenses allegedly attributable to smoking.
- Drafted pleadings, interviewed fact witnesses, attended depositions and hearings, drafted substantial briefs, comments to regulatory agencies, and memoranda.

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, Missouri

Juris Doctorate, May 1996

Class Rank: Top 15%

High Pass (Top 10%) Legal Research and Writing

Highest Grade (99/100) Employment Law

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, May 1993

G.P.A. 3.6/4.0 (*cum laude*)

First Honors, Fall 1992; Second Honors, Spring 1993; Dean's List Fall 1990/91 & Spring 1992

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Secretary, Neighborhood Planning Unit F (Morningside, Virginia-Highland, Piedmont Heights)
- Board Member, Virginia-Highland Civic Association
- Board Member, Garrison Afterschool Program
- Vice Chair, Consumer Goods Section of the Defense Research Institute's Products Liability Committee
- Admitted to Georgia Bar, October 1999
- Admitted to Missouri Bar, October 1996