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**CITY OF ATLANTA**

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November 1, 2013

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 **Samika Nicole Boyd** to serve as a member of the Civil Service Board on behalf of the City of Atlanta. Ms. Boyd 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 Samika Boyd will serve the City of Atlanta and the Civil Service Board with integrity and dedication. A copy of his qualifications is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kasim Reed', written over a printed name.

Kasim Reed

# SAMIKA NICOLE BOYD

## EDUCATION

### **University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA**

J.D., May 2010

*Honors:* Jessup International Moot Court Competition – Pacific Region’s Book Award (briefs ranked in top 1/3) (2009-10); National Black Law Student Association’s Most Outstanding Student (2009-10, 2008-09); First-Year Moot Court Advocacy Award (excellence in writing and oral advocacy skills (2007-08).

*Activities:* Board of Advocates (Jessup International Moot Court Team); Teaching Assistant (Legal Research & Writing Program); *Berkeley Journal of African-American Law and Policy* (Senior Articles Editor).

### **Howard University – The Graduate School, Washington, DC**

M.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science (Concentration: American Government), May 2007

*Honors:* Candidate Exemplar for the Social Science Division (top honor).

### **Howard University – The College of Arts & Sciences, Washington, DC**

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science (Concentration: American Government; Minor: English), May 2005

*Honors:* *Phi Beta Kappa*; High Departmental Honors; Dean’s List (every semester); Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship (intern in the Office of U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton); Arts & Sciences Honors Program; Hilltop Scholarship (full tuition for all four years for being high school class valedictorian).

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Bondurant Mixson & Elmore LLP, Atlanta, GA**

Nov. 2012-

*Associate*

Practice consists primarily of complex commercial litigation cases.

### **U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, GA**

Sept. 2011-Sept. 2012

*Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Clarence Cooper*

Perform legal research; prepare draft orders for the Court’s calendar; assist judge with proceedings before the Court.

### **Bernabei & Wachtel, PLLC, Washington, DC**

Aug. 2010-Aug. 2011

*Litigation Fellow*

Conducted legal research on employment law issues; investigated facts; interviewed witnesses; drafted complaints, demand letters, memoranda, motions, discovery requests and responses, briefs, and a mediation statement; participated in litigation strategy meetings; second chaired a mediation and depositions.

### **U.S. Attorney’s Office, Civil Division, Atlanta, GA**

June 2009-July 2009

*Legal Intern*

Conducted legal research on immunity, immigration, and sexual harassment issues; drafted a legal memorandum, a *Touhy* motion, and a response to a *habeas corpus* petition; assisted with trial preparation.

### **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA**

Jan. 2009-Apr. 2009

*Judicial Extern to the Honorable John T. Noonan, Jr.*

Conducted legal research on criminal, employment, and constitutional law issues; drafted bench memoranda.

### **New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, New Orleans, LA**

June 2008-July 2008

*Summer Law Clerk*

Interviewed clients displaced or otherwise affected by Hurricane Katrina; investigated facts and performed legal research pertaining to fair housing, complex probate matters, and notification prior to tax sales; drafted pleadings used by staff attorneys in state and federal court appearances.

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State Bar of Georgia (December 2010); District of Columbia Bar (November 2011).

## PERSONAL

Love to play dominoes, to compete in tennis, and to read about current events in the newspaper and on the Internet.