



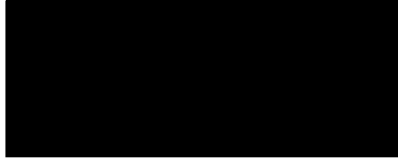
City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Medhanit A. Abebe		
Board/Commission Name: Immigrant and Refugee Commission		Position Title: Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 7/31/2018	Term of Position: * 2/1/2017 to 1/31/2019 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: District 4	Zip Code: 98195	Contact Phone No.: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
Background: <p>Medhanit A Abebe is an attorney from Ethiopia, and currently a doctoral student at University of Washington School of Law. She has been named the 2018 Mack-Mayerfeld Fellow by the Center for Human Rights at University of Washington. Medhanit has more than 10 years of experience in international development, academia, and private sector. She has been a social justice activist and blogger.</p> <p>Her most notable achievement was instituting Ethiopian National Women’s Land Rights Task Force – a task force composed of legislators, judges, politicians, activists, business owners, and attorneys to lobby for gender equity and women’s equal rights when legislations are enacted and amended.</p> <p>Medhanit has two children, Amerti, age 8 and Nibana, age 8 months. She holds Master of Laws in Sustainable International Development Law; Master of Arts in Gender and Women’s Studies, and Bachelor of Law (LLB).</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle

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*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

MEDHANIT ADAMU ABEBE



Education

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA 2020
PhD in Law (currently Student)

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA 2012
Master of Law (LLM) Sustainable International Development Law

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

University of Oviedo, Oviedo, Spain 2011
Master of Arts (MA) in Gender and Women's Studies

Haramaya University School of Law, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia 2007
Bachelor of Law (LLB)

Work Experience:

Consultant to Immigration Attorney January 2016 – Present
Review and comment on immigration related documents for
Immigration Attorney
Prepare immigration forms: I-730; I-130; I-589; I-765
Translate immigration documents from Amharic or Oromo to English
Collaborate with immigration attorney to prepare asylum application;

The Law Offices of David Roth, Seattle, WA January – March 2017
Project Assistant
Organize documents
Follow up with Insurance companies and medical providers
Assist the attorney and para-legal when needed

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA
Project Associate January – June 2016
Mentored and guided students with their researches
Prepared presentations for lectures
Led discussion sections
Reviewed and organized literature

USAID-Tetra Tech International Developments, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Gender Specialist & Assistant Property Rights Lawyer April 2013 – July 2015

Performed USAID/LAND project's Gender Analysis and Action Plan (GAAP) in collaboration with Landesa Rural Development Institute to

ensure that gender is thoughtfully and meaningfully considered at all stages of a project's life cycle
Reviewed and analyzed federal and regional land laws, family law, civil code, and international laws;
Collected and analyzed gender disaggregated data in multiple projects to identify gender issues tenure insecurity, large scale land based investments and climate change
Served as gender advisor to the Federal Drafting Committee established to amend Ethiopian Federal Land Administration and Use Proclamation
Prepared the gender work plan and reviewed project plans to ensure gender integration

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle

Research Assistant

January – April 2013

Reviewed international literature on legislative activities to address gender and climate change in East Africa, India, and China
Reviewed research papers in areas of sustainable development, food security, climate change, migration, property rights, land rights of women, human rights and human security
Prepared the funding proposal and managed logistics and reporting for an international conference on climate, migration, local conditions and law
Presented a research paper on climate change, gender inequality, and migration in East African Countries

Landesa Rural Development Institute, Seattle

Research Assistant

August 2012 – February 2013

Conducted social science and legal research and analysis on questions related to land tenure, climate change and gender inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa, including:
Reported on sustainable development plans adopted in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Ghana
Country specific reports on the projects undertaken by non-profit organizations in Africa concerning land laws, sustainable development, gender equality and climate change policies
Identified and proposed funding sources for projects on human rights in education and rural women's rights to own land in Africa

Amlena Environment and Development Consulting Plc, Addis Ababa Ethiopia

Legal Advisor, Gender Expert and Researcher

January – March 2011

Prepared gender impact assessment and reviewed entire assessment report on road construction project

Advised the CEO on policy and legal issues of the projects
Developed summary of national policies in areas of land rights,
women's rights and natural resource preservation
Reviewed project proposals submitted by investors from the point of
view of women's rights and environmental implications

Haramaya University School of Law, Dire Dawa Ethiopia

Assistant Lecturer October

2008 – September 2009

Taught different courses such as constitutional law, insurance law,
natural resource laws and gender and law
Prepared a teaching module for Gender and women studies and
constitutional law I & II
Worked with different committees to prepare project proposals
especially to help female students from remote rural areas
Mentored and tutored female and minority students at the law school

Language

Amharic, Oromo, English

Reference:

1. Louis Wolcher
Charles I. Stone Professor of Law
Emeritus Professor of Law
University of Washington School of Law
4293 Memorial Way Northeast
Seattle, WA 98195



2. Silje Sodal



Immigrant and Refugee Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinances 12822 and 120345 and SMC 3.14.545*, [all] members subject to City Council confirmation, [14 [have 2-year terms, (1) Get Engage Member has 1 year term:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	M	N/A	1.	Member	John Mark Galang	1/25/17	1/31/19	1	Council
2	F	6	2.	Member	Jessica Yu	1/25/17	1/31/19	1	Council
5	F	2	3.	Member	Medhanit A. Abebe	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Mayor
3	F		4.	Member	Jeniffer Calleja	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Mayor
			5.	Member		8/1/17	7/31/19	1	Council
3	M	3	6.	Member	Luis Ortega	8/1/17	7/31/19	2	Mayor
3	F	3	7.	Member	Marilena Morales	8/1/17	7/31/19	1	Mayor
			8.	Member		2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
			9.	Member		2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
2	F	2	10.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	2/1/16	1/31/18	1	Mayor
3	F	7	11.	Member	Michele E. Ramirez	2/1/16	1/31/18	1	Mayor
8	F	3	12.	Member	Kianoush Naficy	8/1/18	1/31/20	2	Council
1	F	7	13.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadhyay	4/30/16	7/31/18	1	Mayor
			14.	Member		8/1/16	7/31/18	1	Council
1	M		15.	Get Engaged Member	Batkhaan Namshir	9/1/17	8/31/18	2	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	6			2	1	3		1			1	
Council	1	2			1	1						1	
Other													
Total	3	8			3	2	3		1			2	

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
 - **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
 - RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A
- Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*