




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Blake Voorhees</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Realtor</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>	Term of Position: * 4/1/2020 to 3/31/2023 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Skyway</i>	Zip Code: <i>98178</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <i>Blake is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Bain where he specializes in residential sales. He also worked over 10 years as a litigation paralegal in firms such as Preston, Gates & Ellis, and Foster Pepper & Shefelman.</i> <i>Blake has a clear understanding of the challenges urban trees face as our city continues to grow. Blake's passion for trees, his experience working with builders and home buyers, and his legal background will bring a much-needed perspective and will be an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission</i> <i>He is being appointed to a term ending March 31, 2023.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):	Appointing Signatory: <i>Weston Brinkley</i> <i>Urban Forestry Commission Chair</i>	
Date Signed (appointed):	 <i>2/5/20</i>	

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



BLAKE VOORHEES

Summary

A strategic thinker, critical thinker at both big picture and detailed levels, proactive problem solver to enhance quality result. Driven and energetic real estate broker with a combined fourteen years experience in real estate sales, investment, property renovation and mobile escrow signings.

Highly adept at building excellent working relationships with, and trust among, industry professionals and consumers.

Prior litigation career delivers over a decade of paralegal skills, understanding of law, contracts, legal technologies and concepts of law.

Highlights

- Excellent communicator
- Excellent writer
- Social media savvy
- Featured writer CBBain regional blogs
- Experienced entrepreneur
- Expert pricing analysis
- Honest and ethical
- Highly professional
- Paralegal certificate UCLA
- Active broker's license
- Superior Word, Publisher, Excel skills, et al.

Experience

Broker March 2019 - June 2019
Coldwell Banker Bain - Pierce County Main Office, Tacoma, WA
 Residential sales.

Broker Feb 2015 to June 2018
Ewing & Clark, Madison Park, Seattle, WA
 Invigorated open house policy on multi-million dollar homes and successfully generated offers on luxury listings and iconic properties. Generated multi-million in sales with local and foreign investors.

Broker Oct 2013 to Nov 2014
Coldwell Banker Bain - Capitol Hill, Seattle, WA
 Successfully prevented foreclosure, negotiated short sale with two lenders and closed sale in under 60 days. Negotiated myriad of lien removals, including IRS, state and utility liens. Initiated marketing campaign increasing lead flow and market awareness. Featured writer for Washington and Oregon websites, authoring series, "Why Hire A Broker?"

Broker Mar 2012 to Sep 2013
Coldwell Banker Danforth, Seattle, WA
 Social media engagement secured \$4M in sales and excellent rapport with custom luxury builder.

Manager Jul 2009 to Aug 2011
Rocky Rochon Design, Seattle, WA
 Oversaw operations and administration of high-end interior design and architectural firm.

BLAKE VOORHEES (continued)

- Broker** Jul 2007 to Mar 2012
Windermere Real Estate Company - Sand Point, Seattle, WA
Demonstrated success with first-time home buyers to luxury property listings. Elevated to short-sale expert providing advice across Jacobi-owned Windermere offices.
- Real Estate Agent** Jun 2006 to Jul 2007
The Landmark Group, Seattle, WA
Residential sales and referral development.
- Senior Litigation Paralegal and Trial Technology Consultant** Aug 2003 to May 2005
Dorsey & Whitney, Seattle, WA
Litigation Trial Technology Consultant - Trial Group (3/04 to 5/05)
Consult trial teams on electronic discovery, fact gathering, data management, and trial prep. Launched and managed Summation and Trial Director databases for use by trial teams. Provided in-court multi-media delivery of evidence.
Senior Litigation Paralegal – Trial Group (8/03 to 3/05)
Recruited from FP&S by Chief Legal Officer to coordinate all phases of discovery collection and review, provide fact research, write discovery responses, and develop trial exhibits.
- Senior Litigation Paralegal - 1099 Contractor** Mar 2001 to Aug 2003
Foster Pepper & Shefelman, Seattle, WA
Conducted e-discovery on large class-action antitrust lawsuit and a high-profile SEC litigation.
- Senior Litigation Paralegal** Jul 1999 to Mar 2001
Preston Gates & Ellis, Seattle, WA
Recruited from Los Angeles to join Seattle litigation team. Conducted fact analyses and organized extensive document collections and review on several multi-million dollar cases. Introduce motions and orders before magistrates. Member of Paralegal Hiring Committee.
- Legal Assistant** Jun 1993 to Jun 1999
Howrey & Simon, Los Angeles, CA
Document review and discovery support within antitrust, environmental, and intellectual property practice groups. Conducted four-week document collection at abandoned mining facility to seek facts that successfully defended against \$23M EPA lawsuit.

Education

- Computer Forensics, Inc.** SEATTLE, WA
Certificate of Completion "Data Discovery Boot Camp." 2004
- University of Washington** SEATTLE, WA
English and comparative literature courses. 2001-2002
- University of California, Los Angeles** LOS ANGELES, CA
Attorney Assistant Training Program. Certificate in Litigation. 1998
- Santa Monica College** SANTA MONICA, CA
English emphasis. 1994-1996

Affiliations

- National Association of Realtors®, Pierce County Association of Realtors®**

Urban Forestry Commission

2-4-20

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Wildlife Biologist	Steve Zemke	12/1/16	3/31/20	2	Council
6	NB		2.	Urban Ecologist	Elby Jones	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M		3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	12/1/15	3/31/19	1	Council
6	F		4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Sarah Rehder	4/1/18	3/31/21	2	Mayor
6	M		5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	M		6.	Landscape Architect	Michael Walton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
6	M		7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Council
6	M		8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Steven Fry	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	M		9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Blake Voorhees	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Commission
9	F		10.	Get Engaged Member	Neeyati Johnson	9/1/18	8/31/19	1	Mayor
6	M		11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Whitman Bouton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	F		12.	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
2	F		13.	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Shari Selch	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council

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	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	3		Non-Binary						5			1
Council	5	1				1				5			
Other	1									1			
Total	8	4		1		1				11			1

Key:

*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)

**G List gender, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.