




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Sherry Collier		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Renters' 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: 7/20/2017	Term of Position: * 3/1/2017 to 2/28/2018
Residential Neighborhood: Columbia City	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: N/A
<p>Background: <i>Sherry Collier is a practicing family law attorney providing legal advice and sompassionate support to clients in civil legal matters related to divorce, paternity, child support, child custody, and domestic violence. As a Seattle native, the managing attorney of a minority- and woman-owned small business based in the city, and a resident of Seattle's Columbia City neighborhood, Ms. Collier has deep ties to the Seattle area.</i></p> <p><i>Although she stays quite busy in private practice, giving back to the local community has always been a priority for Ms. Collier. She is a mentor for Powerful Voices, a Seattle-based organization that works with at-risk, school-age girls to encourage choices that lead to patterns of success. She has been a volunteer with various political campaigns; as a tutor working with elementary-aged children; for the Seattle Parks Department and Garfield Community Center; and as a supporter of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, First Thursday Seattle, and Columbia City Beatwalk.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Collier earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Washington before completing a Juris Doctorate at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. She is a current member of the King County Bar Association and the Washington State Bar Association, and is a past president of the Barbara C. Jordan Chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.</i></p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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

Sherry Collier

Compassionate, integrity-driven **MANAGING ATTORNEY** with a proven ability to apply excellent communication skills and expert legal knowledge to advocate for clients facing a diverse range of legal challenges. Combines legal expertise with a deeply ingrained dedication to individual and community well-being. Balances creative and critical thinking to efficiently solve problems in and outside of the courtroom.

Key Strengths

- Legal Advocacy
- Family Law
- Civil Litigation
- Trial Court Proceedings
- Legal Research & Documentation
- Client Needs Assessment
- Community Leadership
- Relationship-Building
- Objectivity
- Collaborative Problem-Solving
- Effective Communications
- Open-Minded Thinking

Work Experience

COLLIER LAW OFFICE, Seattle, WA

Owner, Managing Attorney, 01/2010 to Present – *Provide legal advice and compassionate support to clients in civil legal matters related to divorce, paternity, child support, child custody, and domestic violence. Advocate for client interests in trial court and during alternative dispute resolutions. Perform legal research and reconcile client billing and invoices.*

- Leverage strong, trust-based relationships with clients to build a robust referral network, increasing business revenue over the past seven years while maintaining an excellent trial record
- Consistently praised by clients for providing unparalleled legal guidance and moral support during lengthy, complex, and stressful court proceedings

For client reviews, please see avvo.com.

TAUB AND ASSOCIATES, Tacoma, WA

Family Law Associate, 08/2008 to 01/2010 – *Handled an average of five cases monthly as a new attorney by conducting client interviews, assessing legal needs, drafting and filing motions, scheduling client meetings, and conducting legal research.*

KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, Seattle, WA

Family Law Court Coordinator, 08/2007 to 07/2008 – *Supported the timely resolution of 25 pending cases monthly by assessing trial readiness and assigning confirmed motions to the appropriate courtrooms and commissioners. Oversaw court logistics during trials and hearings and ensured proper drafting of court orders.*

- Managed courtroom scheduling related to contempt of court, family law, and domestic violence hearings
- Prioritized and scheduled courtroom dates in accordance with local regulations and deadlines

Civil Case Specialist, 11/2006 to 07/2007 – *Facilitated a “one judge, one family” approach within the United Family Court (UFC) program in support of efficient, ethical, and well-informed handling of family court cases by judicial officers.*

- Drafted summary reports for trial; coordinated communications for involved parties, including arrangement of interpreters
- Supported effective family law trial assignments by collaborating weekly with the chief UFC judge and preparing weekly trial brokerage spreadsheets

THE NADLER LAW GROUP, Seattle, WA

Legal Secretary, 08/2006 to 10/2006 – *Supported complex environmental law litigation by preparing legal correspondence, conducting document review, and organizing legal documents through discovery to trial.*

Community Involvement

Powerful Voices, Mentor for Young Women, 2017

Seattle Parks Department, Volunteer, Father’s Day Event, 2016

Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, President of Barbara C. Jordan Chapter, 2015 to 2016

New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, Youth Academic Tutor, 2012 to 2015

Various Political Campaigns, Volunteer

Professional Affiliations

King County Bar Association, Member, 2017 to Present

Washington State Bar Association, Member, 2008 to Present

Education

Juris Doctorate, Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, 2003 to 2006

Negotiations Team Member

BS in Political Science, University of Washington, 1999 to 2001

Dean’s List, Spring 2001

Seattle Renters' Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125280*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, one-and-two year terms for initial round of appointments, two-year terms thereafter:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed (one Get-Engaged Member)
- 2 Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	NB	1	1.	Member	Jessie Jacobs	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Council
3	M	6	2.	Member	Michael Padilla Ocampo	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Council
6	F	4	3.	Member	Jessica Westgren	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Council
2	M	2	4.	Member	Clifford C. Cawthon	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Council
1	NB	3	5.	Member	Laurie Rocello Torres	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Council
9	M	7	6.	Member	L. Curtis Blankinship	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Council
2	F	2	7.	Member	Beverly Aarons	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Mayor
6	T	7	8.	Member	S.H "Jack" Barker	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Mayor
2	F	4	9.	Member	Sherry Collier	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Mayor
3	F	6	10.	Member	Daniela Lopez	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Mayor
2	M	3	11.	Member	David W. Mooney	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Mayor
9	NB	3	12.	Member	ChrisTiana ObeySumner	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Mayor
			13.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Commission
			14.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Commission
			15.	Get Engaged Member		9/1/17	8/31/18	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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

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.*