




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Sarah Lippek</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Human Rights Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Term of Office: <i>Confirmation - 07/22/2017</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Downtown District</i>	Zip Code: <i>98104</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Legislated Authority: SMC 3.14.920, SMC 3.14.921, SMC 3.51.010, Ordinance 118392, Ordinance 120871, Ordinance 120325		
Background: <p>Sarah is a native Seattleite, raised in various neighborhoods around the city, who has also lived in New York City and Budapest. She is deeply concerned with issues of poverty, justice, and the creation of liberating, non-hierarchical systems. Sarah is an attorney with The Public Advocate, a nonprofit law firm, where she is a general practitioner with particular interests in immigration, civil rights, and prisoners' rights. She is a certified mediator and is involved in the restorative justice movement.</p> <p>Before becoming a lawyer, Sarah was active in the struggle against AIDS, doing underground needle exchange, implementing some of the first street-based HIV testing in Seattle, and working closely with homeless youth to design youth-centric medical programs at the 45th Street Clinic. Sarah also directed the University Youth Shelter. When she moved to New York City, she worked as a public defense investigator, and as a medical outreach worker for crack users who had HIV/AIDS. She was involved with the campaign for anti-overdose legislation in New York State. Sarah's proudest achievement in New York was spearheading the first needle exchange in the borough of Queens, an innovative program that is still thriving and serving thousands of drug users.</p> <p>Sarah holds a JD from the University of Washington School of Law, an MA in from Central European University's History Department, and a BA from City University of New York's Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies. She is also a proud alumnus of Seattle Central Community College.</p>		
Date of Appointment: <i>Confirmation</i>	Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Bruce Harrell Seattle City Council</i>

SARAH LIPPEK

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Public Advocate: Seattle

Launching Project Director, August 2013 – present

- General practice lawyering for low- and moderate-income clients, including immigration, employment, post-prison re-entry, and family law issues.
- Civil rights law, especially police and corrections accountability, prisoners' rights, and discrimination.
- Visioning, strategy, and organizational design for a new system reform project.
- Start-up legal planning: Incorporation, writing by-laws, designing decision-making procedures
- Outreach and relationship-building with ally organizations.
- Research on methodologies, legislative history, and best practices.

Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP): New York, Amman, Beirut, and Seattle

Northwest Chapter Director and Co-Founder, September 2011 - present

Legal Intern & National Policy Council Representative, June - September 2011

- Co-Founded the Northwest Chapter of IRAP: networked with local and national law firms to secure pro-bono attorneys and case funding; created governance structure and bylaws; recruited, trained and supervised student legal teams; coordinated translation services; and provided CLEs and other trainings.
- Represented extraterritorial refugees seeking resettlement as a member of the IRAP team
- Conducted legal research supporting impact litigation to establish refugee rights, including the right to retain counsel, during the resettlement application process
- Advocated for refugee access to counsel; federal compliance with Congressional visa processing mandates; and emergency measures to prevent the interruption of visa processing in situations of war or civil unrest.
- Interviewed refugee survivors of trauma and torture, and prepared them for future interviews with government officials; coordinated refugee document collection and helped create requests for reconsideration in resettlement cases.
- Investigated sex trafficking in Beirut; interviewed trafficked sex workers.
- Responded to media developments; wrote opinion editorials and press briefs; created promotional and fundraising materials.

Columbia Legal Services - Institutions Project: Seattle

Law Clerk, June 2012 – April 2013

- Defended the civil rights of incarcerated people through multi-forum advocacy.
- Reduced barriers to employment for people with criminal records by helping to pass the Jobs Assistance city ordinance (adopted by Seattle City Council in June 2013).
- Conducted legal research and legislative analysis to further state-level legislative reform of juvenile sentencing practices, and to leverage the provisions of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
- Provided legal advice to low-income clients in a community legal clinic.
- Investigated Washington County Clerks' debt collection practices for statutory compliance and fairness.

The Public Advocate: Seattle.

Director of Special Projects, 2009 – 2011

- Provided free and reduced-cost legal services for small businesses and vulnerable individuals.
- Orchestrated community organizing efforts in the Stillaguamish to create dialogue between farmers, tribes, and environmental groups.
- Promoted environmentally responsible farmland preservation through research projects and local outreach.
- Secured a grant from the Stillaguamish Tribe to fund technical assistance for the Flood Control District's development of restoration strategies.
- Conducted legal research on elder law issues, § 1983 Civil Rights Act violations, and tribal social service and membership policies.
- Offered case support for vulnerable individuals, including home visits.

AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC) – Syringe Exchange Program: New York City

Syringe Exchange Supervisor, 2004-2007

- Led the first needle exchange in the uniquely diverse borough of Queens County; created a peer-to-peer health education network among active injection drug users.
- Designed and implemented top-to-bottom service model innovations, including grant management and outcome measurement initiatives.
- Spearheaded outreach and engagement efforts with community members, religious congregations, police, neighbors, and local governments.
- Trained and supervised 4+ full-time staff, teams of peer outreach workers, and volunteers.
- Designed the curriculum for health education and harm reduction trainings.
- Advocated for improved drug policies as part of a citywide coalition, including direct outreach and issue advocacy with New York City Council members and state regulatory agencies.

45th Street Clinic – Homeless Youth Clinic: Seattle

Youth Clinic Assistant Coordinator/Outreach Lead, 1997-2003

- Piloted a street-based oral HIV testing program, providing counseling and testing services.
- Led peer-to-peer outreach team; coordinated the scheduling of volunteer medical providers.
- Represented the interests of homeless youth in interagency coalitions

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle

Juris Doctor, June 2013 | William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholar

University of Washington Extension, Seattle

Investigation certification, June 2010

Central European University, Budapest

Master of Arts in History, June 2009 | Graduated with Distinction (highest honors)

CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies, New York

Bachelor of Arts, June 2008 | Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List

SELECTED VOLUNTEERING AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Tenant's Union, volunteer legal researcher.

Publication Studio, featured author.

Washington Women Lawyers, member.

People's Harm Reduction Alliance, board member.

Health Care for the Homeless Network, advisory board member.

SAMHSA Federal HIV/AIDS services grant reviewer.

International Harm Reduction Conferences, presenter/moderator.

Harlem Community and Academic Partnership/ CUES/ New York Academy of Medicine, consultant.

free103point9, transmission arts organization, educator/coordinator of RadioLab.

Visual AIDS, arts organization, guest curator.

Service Links for Youth case-management program, consultant/trainer.

Seattle Human Rights Commission

August 2015

16 Members: Per SMC 3.14.920, Confirmed by the City Council, Serve a term of 2-years

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Appointed by Commission
- 1 Member Get Engaged Program Appointed by the Mayor and Confirmed by the City Council

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	1.	Member	Amy G. Huang	12/15/14	07/22/16	1 st	Mayor
6	F	2.	Member	Sarah Bishop	08/04/14	07/22/16	1 st	Mayor
1	M	3.	Member	Rich Stolz	05/06/14	07/22/16	2 nd	Mayor
1	F	4.	Member	Margaret Babayan	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	2 nd	Mayor
6	F	5.	Member	Ashley Miller	05/26/2015	07/22/16	1 st	Mayor
2	M	6.	Member	Ken Nsimbi	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	2 nd	Mayor
2	F	7.	Member	Edlira Kuka	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	2 nd	Mayor
2		8.	Member	Vacant - Marcel Baugh	Council Confirmation	07/22/16	1 st	City Council
6	M	9.	Member	Alex Becker	02/10/14	07/22/16	2 nd	City Council
6	F	10.	Member	Danielle M. Wallace	12/15/14	07/22/16	1 st	City Council
		11.	Member	Vacant – Julianna Tesfu	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	1 st	City Council
6	F	12.	Member	Sarah Lippek	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	2 nd	City Council
3	F	13.	Member	Alejandra Gonza	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	3 rd	City Council
6	F	14.	Member	Lara C. Diaconu	Council Confirmation	07/22/17	2 nd	City Council
2	M	15.	Member	Jason Poydras	02/10/14	07/22/16	1 st	Commission
2	F	16.	Get Engaged	Oyna Robertson	09/08/15	09/31/16	1 term	Mayor

Diversity Chart:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	5	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Council	1	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Comm	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GE	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	10	2	9	3	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	0