
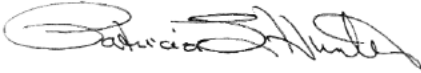




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Adrien G. Leavitt</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Community Police Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<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 type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Community Police Commission</i>	Date Appointed: <i>3/22/2023</i>	Term of Position: * <i>1/1/2021</i> to <i>12/31/2023</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Madrona</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Adrien Leavitt is an attorney at the King County Department of Public Defense. He graduated magna cum laude from Seattle University School of Law. Through his experience representing over a thousand individuals charged with all levels of crime—including adults and juveniles—he has gained a nuanced insight into the role of policing in marginalized communities. He was the first attorney to represent a family under King County’s updated inquest process. Outside of this work, he has devoted his time and expertise to issues impacting the transgender community, providing free legal services through a long-standing community legal clinic for trans and gender non-conforming people.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Joel C. Merkel</i> <i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i>	
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Reverend Patricia Hunter</i> <i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i>	

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

Adrien G. Leavitt (he/him)

EDUCATION

Bar Admission

Member of Washington State Bar Association, WSBA Bar #44451

Seattle University School of Law

2011

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude

- Dean's List, 2010-2011
- CALI Award for highest grade in class: Race, Racism, and the Law (Spring 2011), Federal Indian Law (Spring 2011), Family & The State (Fall 2010)
- Finalist for Mark Reutlinger Scholarship for Excellence in Legal Writing Award: *Youth Prison Abolition* (Spring 2011), *Queering Jury Nullification* (Spring 2011), *More Harm Than Good* (Spring 2011)
- Student organizations: Outlaws, Street Youth Advocates of Washington

Smith College

2004

Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics.

- Dean's List, 2002-2003, 2003-2004

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

King County Department of Public Defense

2010 – present

Northwest Defenders Division (formerly Northwest Defenders Association), Staff Attorney

2012 – present

- Represents adults charged with felony offenses, and juveniles charged in adult court with serious felony offenses
- Qualified to handle all classes of felony cases (A, B, & C), including homicide cases and cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct
- Specialized expertise representing young adults charged with serious felony charges, including representing juvenile clients charged in adult court, juveniles pending “decline” hearings, as well as 18 and 19 year old clients charged in adult court
- Represented family throughout the first inquest proceeding under King County's newly revised inquest process
- Litigated appellate cases before the Court of Appeals and Washington State Supreme Court
- Completed over thirty jury trials, winning over ten not guilty verdicts and over five dismissals during trial
- Argued over 100 motion hearings, resulting in over 20 dismissals

Directors Office, Interim Assistant Criminal Practice and Policy Director

2018 – 2019

- Appointed by Director of the Department of Public Defense to serve in policy position, focused on identifying and implementing internal and external policy positions of DPD related to criminal practice
- Authored model briefing for attorneys for new legal issues and to assist in their practice, including widely used briefing to address delays in competency restoration and briefing to support release arguments
- Engaged with stakeholders in criminal legal system in King County Superior Court, District Court, and Seattle Municipal Court to address systemic issues affecting our clients

Associated Counsel for the Accused (now Associated Counsel for the Accused Division, King County Department of Public Defense)

April 2010 – April 2012

- Represented youth during civil and criminal proceedings, and adults subjected to dependency actions

University of Washington School of Law

Associate Instructor

2022 - present

- Instructor of seminar-level law course, Transgender Rights & the Law, for 2L and 3L law students
- Drafted original syllabus for first course at University of Washington School of Law focused on legal issues impacting transgender people

PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle University School of Law

Immigration Law Clinical Intern

Spring 2011

- Secured Legal Permanent Resident status for client a Ukrainian immigrant in deportation proceedings while detained at the Northwest Immigration Detention Center

QLaw's LGBT Legal Clinic

Summer Intern, QLaw Foundation

2009

PUBLICATIONS

Queering Jury Nullification: Jury Nullification as a Tool to Fight Against the Criminalization of Queer and Transgender People

Seattle Journal For Social Justice, 2012

10 Seattle J. Soc. Just 709, 2012.

AWARDS & LEADERSHIP

Washington Leadership Institute, University of Washington School of Law / Washington Bar Association 2019

National LGBT Bar Association, 40 Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40 award 2018

South Seattle Emerald, Transgender Awareness Week Community Leader 2018

LEGAL PROJECTS & SERVICE

Ingersoll / QLaw Legal Clinic

Organizer & Attorney Volunteer

2016 –present

- Oversee, organize, and run monthly legal clinic at Ingersoll Gender Center, offering free civil legal services to transgender and gender non-confirming people

Black & Pink National

Board Member

2021 - 2022

- Black & Pink National is a prison abolitionist organization dedicated to abolishing the criminal punishment system and liberating LGBTQIA2S+ people and people living with HIV/AIDS who are affected by that system through advocacy, support, and organizing.

QLaw Foundation

Board Member

2016 – 2021

- The QLaw Foundation of Washington promotes the dignity and respect of LGBTQ+ Washingtonians within the legal system through advocacy, education, and legal assistance.

Community Advocacy

- Coalition advocating to improve the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention's treatment of transgender people, 2020 - 2022
- Coalition for Trans Prisoners, 2019 - 2020
- Trans Health Law Pro Bono Project, 2017 - 2019
- Informed Consent For Access to Trans Health (ICATH), 2011 - 2013

Selected speaking engagements

- *Sexual Deviancy Evaluations CLE*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2022
- *Public Defense 201: All About Inquests CLE*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2021
- *Discoverability of Attorney and Expert Communications CLE*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2020
- *Submitting Comprehensive and Case Specific Trial Briefs CLE*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2019
- *Effectively Working with Young Adults to Improve Communication, Comprehension and Case Outcomes*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2019
- *Litigating Competency Post-Hand CLE*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2019
- *Release Arguments CLE*, King County Department of Public Defense, 2019
- *Transgender 101 CLE*, Ingersoll Gender Center, 2018
- *The Overcriminalization of the LGBTQ+ Communities: A Public Defense Perspective*, National LGBT Bar Association Annual Conference, 2018

INTERESTS

- Photography, visual art, reading, amateur bird watching

Community Police Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to 125315, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3

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

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F		1.	Member	Lars Erickson	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	Patricia L. Hunter	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	City Council
			3.	Public Defense	Adrien Leavitt	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
2	F		4.	Member	Suzette Dickerson	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	Vacant	1/1/21	12/31/23		City Council
			6.	Civil Liberties	Lynne Wilson	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
	F		7.	Member	Raven Nicole Tyler	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
			8.	Member	Mary Ruffin	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
4	M		9.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		CPC
2	F		10.	Member	Harriett Walden	1/1/19	12/31/21	3	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joel Merkel	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
7	M		12.	Member	Amante (Monty) B. Vizcaya	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	CPC
9	F		13.	Member	Vacant	1/1/22	12/31/24		Mayor
			14.	Member	Le'Jayah Washington	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	City Council
2	M		15.	SPOG	Mark Mullens	1/1/23	12/31/25	3	CPC
			16.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		Mayor
3	NB	3	17.	Member	Alina Santillan	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	City Council
			18.	SPMA	Anthony Gaedcke	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	CPC
			19.	Member	Jeremy Wood	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
			20.	Member	Tascha R. Johnson	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	City Council
2	F		21.	Member	Erica Newman	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	CPC

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor		5				2		2					2
Council	1	1	1			2	1						1
Other	4	2			1	2			1	1	1		
Total	5	9	1		1	6	1	2	1	1	1		3

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.