City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Brendan W. Donckers*		
Board/Commission Name: *Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission*		**Position Title:** *Member*
☐ **Appointment** ***OR*** ☒ **Reappointment**	**Council Confirmation required?** ☒ Yes ☐ No	
Appointing Authority: ☐ Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: *Fill in appointing authority*	**Date Appointed:** 1/23/2017	**Term of Position: *** 1/1/2017 **to** 12/31/2019
Residential Neighborhood: *Pioneer Square*	**Zip Code:** *98104*	**Contact Phone No.:** *(206) 652-8660*

Background:

Brendan W. Donckers *practices state and federal court litigation at Breskin Johnson and Townsend in Seattle. His practice focuses on consumer protection, civil rights, class actions, and appeals. Mr. Donckers volunteers regularly with the Northwest Justice Project and the King County Bar Association's Housing Justice Project. He is President of the Board of Directors for the Historic South Downtown Community Preservation and Development Authority and represented Pioneer Square on the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program's Advisory Committee on Tolling and Traffic Management. Mr. Donckers previously worked as a staff attorney in the Washington Supreme Court Commissioner's Office, provided policy counsel to the House Democratic Caucus on environmental issues, and worked on a global security initiative with the United Nations Foundation in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2007 and was the Valedictorian of Santa Clara University in 2002.*

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.*

Brendan W. Donckers

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Practice Areas

- State and Federal Court Litigation and Appeals

Practice Description

Brendan Donckers litigates civil cases and appeals in state and federal courts. His practice focuses on individual and class action consumer protection, civil rights, and employment litigation. He also represents individuals, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses in disputes involving real and personal property, contracts, public records, and nuisance. Brendan has argued several cases before the Washington Supreme Court and the Washington State Court of Appeals. He was second-chair to David Mann in a landmark FOIA case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Brendan is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Northwest Justice Project and he is President of the Board of Directors for the Historic South Downtown Community Preservation and Development Authority. In 2014, the Mayor of Seattle appointed Brendan to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission and he is presently the Vice-Chair. In 2013, Brendan was appointed by the Seattle City Council to serve on the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program's Advisory Committee on Tolling and Traffic Management. Brendan has also served on the boards of the King County Chapter of Washington Conservation Voters, the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Renton/Skyway Boys and Girls Club of King County.

Prior to joining Breskin Johnson & Townsend, Brendan was a litigator at Gendler & Mann. He previously worked as a staff attorney in the Washington Supreme Court Commissioner's Office and provided policy counsel to the House Democratic Caucus during the 2008 legislative session. Before law school, Brendan worked on a global security initiative with the United Nations Foundation in Washington, D.C. and served as an aide to U.S. Congressman Jim McDermott. Brendan received his J.D. with honors from Seattle University School of Law and was the Valedictorian at Santa Clara University.

Publications

- "Hague Convention on International Child Abduction: A Child's Return and the Presence of Domestic Violence", Appendix G, *Domestic Violence Manual for Judges*, Washington State Gender and Justice Commission (2006)

Professional Honors and Affiliations

- Named "Rising Star" by Washington Super Lawyers (2014, 2015, 2016)

SEATTLE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION

7 members: Per *SMC 3.70.020,* all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 3 City Council-appointed
- 3 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
9	F	1.	Member	Alexandra McKay	1/1/16	12/31/17	1	Mayor
7	F	2.	Member	Charlene Angeles	1/1/16	12/31/18	2	City Council
5	M	3.	Member	Hardeep Rekhi	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	Mayor
6	F	4.	Member	Vickie Rawlins	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	Commission
6	F	5.	Member	Eileen Norton	1/1/17	12/31/19	2	City Council
6	M	6.	Member	Brendan Donckers	1/1/17	12/31/19	2	Mayor
6	M	7.	Member	Bruce Carter	1/1/15	12/31/17	2	City Council

Diversity Chart:

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

Key:

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

****G** List *gender*, M or F

*****Other** Includes diversity in any of the following: *race, gender and/or ability*