

# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Nicholas Brown									
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission		Position Title: Member							
Appointment <i>OR</i> Reappoint	Council Cor  Yes  No	onfirmation required?							
Appointing Authority:  ☐ Council ☐ Mayor ☐ Other: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed: 3/27/2018		Term of Position: * 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2020  ☑ Serving the remainder of a vacant position						
Residential Neighborhood: West Seattle	200 A 200 Security	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98136		act Phone No.:					
Nicholas (Nick) Brown is a litigation partner at Pacifica Law Group. He focuses on assisting public and private clients with complex civil and regulatory litigation, municipal law, public policy, and political matters. Nick previously served as General Counsel to Governor Jay Inslee and as Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington, where he was responsible for the management of a variety of federal criminal cases, from initial investigation to trial and sentencing, and through the appellate process.  Nick's experience working with state and federal leaders, previous involvement with election issues, and knowledge of the legislative process would be valuable on the Commission.									
Authorizing-Signature (original signature): Appointing Signatory:									
Jenny A. Durk	)	Jenny Durkan  Mayor of Seattle							

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# **NICHOLAS W. BROWN**

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### PACIFICA LAW GROUP, Seattle, WA

July 2017 – Present

Litigation Partner

Practice focused on assisting public and private clients with complex civil and regulatory litigation, municipal law, public policy, and political matters. Provides strategic advice and counsel to clients to prevent legal challenges from occurring, and helps them effectively and efficiently resolve litigation or crisis management matters that arise.

# State of Washington, Office of Governor Jay Inslee, Olympia, WA

March 2013 – June 2013

General Counsel

Principal legal adviser to the Governor of Washington State and the 50 staff members of the Office of the Governor. Advise the Governor on an array of legal issues, including high-priority litigation, criminal justice policy, tribal gaming and Indian law, and clemency petitions. Manage the Governor's judicial appointments, including the appointment of 49 judges. Serve as the Governor's designee to the Body Worn Camera Taskforce, Statute Law Committee, Public Records Review Committee, Taskforce on Unmanned Vehicles, and co-chair of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

# U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington, Seattle, WA

June 2007 – March 2013

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Terrorism & Violent Crimes Division

Responsible for the management of a variety of federal criminal cases, from initial investigation to trial and sentencing, and through the appellate process. Managed a complex case load, primarily focused on violent crimes, firearms offenses, and cases arising from local Indian Reservations. Served for two years as the office's Gang Coordinator, working with federal and local law enforcement officers to prosecute crimes involving gang members. Supervised the Federal Grand Jury in the District, managing the legal orientation, training, and on-going supervision of the 23 assigned jurors. Tried numerous cases to verdict and argued in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

## U.S. Army I Corps & Fort Lewis, JBLM, WA

July 2006 - June 2007

Prosecutor/Trial Counsel

Oversaw the daily legal operations of four military brigades. Principal legal advisor for senior military officials on all aspect of criminal and administrative law. Served as the lead prosecutor in cases involving sexual assault, drug use and distribution, larceny, wire fraud, and internet crimes against children.

## U.S. Army Trial Defense Services, Ft. Bliss, TX & Baghdad, Iraq

Trial Defense Counsel & Legal Assistance Attorney

Served as the lead or assistant counsel in over 30 courts-martial. Managed every aspect of trial, including drafting and arguing motions, negotiating plea agreements, and preparing post-trial clemency matters. Defended soldiers in multiple jury trials, resulting in defense verdict or sentences well below the amount sought by the government. Served in Iraq in support of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division from January 2005 through January 2006 (Bronze Star Medal recipient). Provided legal assistance to soldiers in family and consumer law.

#### **EDUCATION**

Harvard Law School, J.D., December 2002

Activities Harvard Law School Council; International Law Journal

Morehouse College, B.A. in Political Science, June 1999

Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

Activities

Army R.O.T.C., Student Government Association

## **CLE & PRESENTATIONS**

- Gonzaga Law School, Ethics in the Law Clarke Prize CLE Presenter (2016)
- Seattle Youth & Law Forum, Keynote Speaker (2016)
- NAACP Alaska, Oregon, Washington State Annual Conference, Keynote Address (2015)
- Evergreen State College, Guest Lecturer (2016 & 2015)
- Washington Minority Bar Association Conference (WAMBAC), Co-Chair (2015 & 2013)
- Initiative for Diversity Judicial Institute: "An Inside View on Getting Appointed." (2017 & 2014)
- King County Bar Association New Lawyer Swearing In Event, Keynote Address (2014)
- Washington Correction Center for Women Violence Reduction Family Forum (2014)
- American Bar Association Judicial Institute Opportunity Program, Panel (2014)
- Starbucks Headquarters Presentation: "A Conversation on the Death Penalty." (2014)
- TEDx Presentation at Monroe Correctional Complex: "Examining Executive Clemency." (2014)
- Washington State Minority & Justice Commission, Youth and Justice Forum, Keynote (2013)
- Washington State Veteran's Career Fair: Opening Remarks (2013)
- WSBA Criminal Justice Institute, CLE Speaker: "The Judicial Appointment Process." (2013)

#### VOLUNTEER & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors: Treehouse, 2014 – Present; WSBA Leadership Institute, 2017 – Present; Seattle Works, 2007 – 2013

Fellow, Washington State Bar Association Leadership Institute, 2009 U.S. District Court, Western Washington; WSBA; Federal Bar Association

# **Ethics and Elections Commission**

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

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

### Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	1	1.	Member	Nicholas Brown	1/1/18	12/31/20	1	Mayor
7	F	N/A	2.	Member	Charlene Angeles	1/1/16	12/31/2018	2	City Council
5	М	6	3.	Member	Hardeep Rekhi	1/1/16	12/31/2018	1	Mayor
6	<b>F</b> .	2	4.	Member	Vickie Rawlins	1/1/16	12/31/2018	1	Commission
6	F	1	5.	Member	Eileen Norton	1/1/17	12/31/19	1	City Council
6	М	7	6.	Member	Brendan Donckers	1/1/17	12/31/19	11	Mayor
6	М	7	7.	Member	Bruce Carter	1/1/18	12/31/20	3	City Council

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	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	3					1			1	1			1
Council	1	2				-				2	1		
Other		1								1			
Total	4	3				1			1	4	1		

#### Key:

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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.

<sup>\*</sup>D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)

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