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Appointment of Brahmy Poologasingham
as member, Seattle Human Rights
Commission, for a term of confirmation
to July 22, 2008.

Related Legislation File: _____

Date Introduced and Referred: Feb. 11, 2008	To: (committee): Culture, Civil Rights and Health and Personnel
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Date of Final Action: 2-19-08	Disposition: Confirmed

12-11-2007
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Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
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		2/13/08 (41)


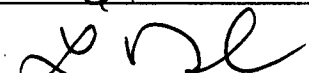
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Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
2-19-08	Confirmed	6-0
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**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Brahmy Poologasingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Position: Commissioner, Seattle Human Rights Commission	Date of Appointment: December 11, 2007
Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392	Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: July 22, 2008
Comments: New Appointment	
Authorizing Signature: 	Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Greg Nickels Mayor
Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council	
In Favor: 6	Against: 0
Date: 2-19-08	
Attested by: 	
Title:	

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL MEMO OF APPOINTMENT

Name: Brahmy Poologasingham

**Residential
Neighborhood**

Queen Anne

Zip Code 98112

Business Address: U.S. Bank Centre, 1420 Fifth Avenue, #3400, Seattle, WA 98101-4010

Business Phone: (206) 903-8875

Appointed to: Seattle Human Rights Commission

Appointed by: Greg Nickels

Date Term Expires: July 22, 2008

**Date Appointment
Submitted:**

December 11, 2007

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

See attached resume

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

15 MEMBERS: 7 Appointed by the Mayor
 2-year terms 7 Appointed by City Council
 1 Appointed by the Commission

1 MEMBER Get Engaged Pilot Program for young adults - Appointed by Mayor
 1-year term

All appointments confirmed by City Council.

	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
Charles Hodges	7-22-09	City Council
Julian Wheeler	7-22-08	City Council
Marissa Chavez	7-22-09	City Council
Kesha Lee	7-22-09	City Council
Jay Wellington	7-22-09	City Council
Janeen Comenote	7-22-08	City Council
Angela Tarah	7-22-08	City Council
Brahmy Poologasingham	7-22-08	Mayor
Wilberforce Agyekum	7-22-09	Mayor
Jim Yearby	7-22-08	Mayor
Lubna Mahadeen	7-22-08	Mayor
Marvin Stern	7-22-09	Mayor
Michael Fitch	7-22-09	Mayor
Merri Ann Osborne	7-22-08	Mayor
Jacqueline Jones-Walsh	7-22-08	Commission
Amanda Licorish	9-9-08	Get Engaged Program

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian- American	(2) African- American	(3) Hispanic Latino/a	(4) Native- American	(5) Middle East	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	4	3	0	4	1	3	0	0	1	2
Council	3	4	0	6	0	2	2	1	0	1
Comm.	0	1		1	0	1	0	0	0	0
GE program	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	7	9	0	11	1	7	2	1	1	3

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Gregory J. Nickels
Mayor of Seattle

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 11, 2007

TO: The Honorable Nick Licata
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: Greg Nickels 

SUBJECT: New Appointments to Seattle Human Rights Commission

I am happy to forward to the City Council the following new appointment(s) to the Seattle Human Rights Commission for two 2-year terms ending July 22, 2008:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Brahmy Poologasingham	7/22/08	Member, SHRC	N/A
Merri Ann Osborne	7/22/08	Member, SHRC	N/A

The Seattle Human Rights Commission is composed of fifteen members: seven appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council confirmation; seven appointed by Council; and one appointed by the Commission itself. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, including the new appointees.

Bios for all new appointees are as follows:

Brahmy Poologasingham

Ms. Brahmy Poologasingham attended University of Washington School of Law and is currently an associate in Dorsey's Corporate practice group. Her practice focuses on representation of established and emerging companies in mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings, and general corporate matters. Also a member of Dorsey's International Practice Group, Ms. Poologasingham advises U.S. and non-U.S. clients in various cross-border transactions, with an emphasis on Canadian related transactions.

Merri Ann Osborne

Ms. Merri Ann Osborne is currently working towards certification in mediation with the King County Dispute Resolution Center and the Inter-Local Conflict Resolution Group. She recently graduated with a MA in Conflict Resolution at the University of Bradford (UK) where she studied and wrote papers on issues such as Human Rights, Gender Issues and Conflict Resolution. Ms. Osborne has also volunteered

at Bradford Action for Refugees where she provided assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in matters concerning housing, health and legal status. She is also a member of Amnesty International UK, and advocates on behalf of the global 'Stop Violence Against Women'.

Attachments

cc: Rosalinda Hoskins, Commission Staff, Seattle Office for Civil Rights
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Michael Gilmore, Administrator, Boards and Commissions, Mayor's Office

Brahmy Poologasingham

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Associate, Business Department

**Seattle, Washington
February 2007-Present**

- Continuing the development of a practice in business law, focusing on international and U.S. securities law, with an emphasis on Canadian cross-boarder transactions
- Continuing the development of a practice focusing on mergers and acquisitions of private and public entities, and extensive franchise and distribution services
- Responsibilities include: providing legal advice to corporate clients; participating in various client corporate transactions; working closely with the Corporate Group Partners and other Associates on client matters; extensive drafting and reviewing of corporate documents; maintaining familiarity with standard securities concepts, practices, and procedures; conducting due diligence and utilizing this information to develop integrated reports and presentations regarding the impact of a merger/acquisition on the client; assisting with franchise finance transactions
- Other Firm Commitments: Active member of the firm's Diversity, Summer Associate and Hiring committee; elected member of the firm's Associate Council; involved in immigration and asylum pro bono matters

Preston, Gates & Ellis LLP

Associate, Business Department

**Seattle, Washington
October 2004-February 2007; Summer 2003 & Summer 2002**

- Developing a practice in business law, focusing on securities, mergers and acquisitions of private and public entities, and extensive franchise and distribution services
- Responsibilities include: forming corporations, limited liability partnerships, and limited liability companies; extensive drafting and reviewing of corporate documents including bylaws, board resolutions, unanimous consents, and partnership and operating agreements; qualifying corporate entities in other states; assisting in all aspects of mergers and dissolutions; conducting due diligence; drafting disclosure schedules and opinion letters, and preparing for closings. In the securities field, research, analyze, and draft client memoranda regarding securities compliance for public companies and assist public companies in preparation of securities filings with the Securities Exchange Commission. In the franchise field, assist with franchise finance services, draft co-branding arrangements, registration and disclosure documents, and advise on franchise terminations and litigation avoidance issues.
- Other Firm Commitments: Assist with pro-bono immigration and asylum cases; actively involved with the Court Appointed Special Advocates in negotiations and preparation for trial; coordinate worldwide firm-sponsored Tsunami fundraiser yielding \$30,000 for UNICEF

Shearman & Sterling

Legal Assistant: Project Development and Finance Group

**New York City, New York
August 2000-July 2001**

- Collaborated with associates and partners on financial transactions for clients in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America
- Communicated daily with clients including lenders, borrowers, underwriters, and government agencies
- Assisted with project development and financing matters in infrastructure sectors including power, oil, gas, and telecommunications
- Performed translations for asylum seekers held in detention facilities with attorneys from Lawyers for Human Rights

Office of the Attorney General-Regulated Industries Division

Paralegal Intern

**Boston, Massachusetts
August-December 1999**

- Investigated consumer health care and life insurance fraud cases; arbitrated between clients, agencies, and hospitals; and applied complex Massachusetts and Federal laws

National Institute for Public Interest Law & Research

Human Rights Commission (HRC) Summer Aide

**Johannesburg/Pretoria, South Africa
May-July 1998**

- Traveled with HRC Commissioner, Sheila Mabusela, and interviewed victims of Apartheid, briefed and organized their cases, and appeared in court to assist with their cases
- Research assistant concentrating specifically on areas of local law, township law, poverty, and women's rights
- Helped draft papers relating to the creation of the South African Constitution, and researched articles for a bi-weekly HRC newsletter regarding constitutional debates
- Traveled to rural communities with Township Aids Project to educate youths about HIV/AIDS

Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)

International Center for Ethics, Justice & Public Life Fellow

**Capetown, South Africa
July-September 1998**

- Assisted TRC Commissioners and Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- Traveled with the TRC; briefed and organized court hearings and interviews with victims of Apartheid; assisted with interviews of victims and perpetrators of gross human rights violations in South Africa and analyzed and summarized

their confessions; coordinated efforts for youths to debate and discuss issues about apartheid, ethics, social justice, and moral responsibility in the new South Africa

- Contributed to a number of publicly distributed articles, pamphlets, and educational materials regarding human rights violations and the former Apartheid regime

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, *Juris Doctor*, May 2004
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, *Bachelor of Arts*, May 2000, *cum laude*

Seattle, Washington
Boston, Massachusetts

INTERNATIONAL

Language Skills: Fluent in English and Tamil; speaking knowledge of French and Italian
International Travel: Countries resided in 3-4 years: Kenya, Kuwait, Sri Lanka, and Italy. Regions of extensive work and travel: South and East Asia, Southern Africa, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia, North America, and the Caribbean