

**City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment**

<b>Name:</b> <b>Arthur Shwab</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Capitol Hill	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98102	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> (253) 312-7292
<b>Appointed to:</b> Seattle Human Rights Commission		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> July 27, 2010
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b> 118392		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From:</b> Confirmation <b>To:</b> 7/22/12
<b>Comments:</b>  New Appointment		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:</b>  Mayor Mike McGinn

**Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council**

<b>In Favor:</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Attested by:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	



# ARTHUR A. SHWAB

## EDUCATION

### Seattle University School of Law

*Juris Doctor* expected May 2011

- ◆ Diversity Scholarship Recipient 2008-2010
- ◆ Elected SBA Council Member: Law Alumni Representative 2009-2010
- ◆ Access to Justice Institute: clinic on cultural competency and working with interpreters, Oct. 2008
- ◆ Trina Grillo Retreat on International Law and Human Rights, Stanford Law School, Feb. 2009

### Seattle University

*Bachelor of Arts, International Studies/Politics Major, Spanish Minor*, June 2002 – Dec. 2006

- ◆ President's List 2006, Dean's List 2003, 2006
- ◆ Study Abroad at **University of Granada** in Andalusia, Spain, Aug. 2003 – Dec. 2003
- ◆ Study Abroad at **Ben-Gurion University** in Beer Sheva, Israel, Aug. 2004 – June 2005

## EXPERIENCE

### Bush, Strout & Kornfeld, Seattle, WA, May 2009 – Present

*Summer Associate*

- ◆ Research legal issues of Federal Bankruptcy law and Washington State law.
- ◆ Assist with and observe debt restructure and reorganization and motions in court.

### Catholic Refugee & Immigration Services, Seattle, WA, April 2007 – June 2008

*Immigration Case Manager / Legal Assistant*

- ◆ Assisted low-income clients with family-based immigration issues, managing 60-80 active cases.
- ◆ Conducted outreach to Russian-speaking community, networked with service providers around the State.
- ◆ Training: Family-based Immigration Law by CLINIC, Portland, OR, June 2007.

### World Affairs Council of Seattle, April 2008

*Assistant for Open World Rule of Law Program For Kazakhstan*

- ◆ Served as a liaison for a delegation from the Republic of Kazakhstan on an exchange program focused on the U.S. legal system and government administration.

### Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, Sept. 2006 – April 2007

*Accounting Assistant*

- ◆ Maintained donor database. Prepared accounting reports. Entered and coded data.

### Think Tank on Middle East Policy under direction of Dr. Yossi Olmert, New York, NY, June 2006 – Aug. 2006

*Media & Strategic Communications Fellow*

- ◆ Organized press conferences with Israeli Envoy to UN, Ambassador Dan Gillerman.
- ◆ Conducted research on media coverage of Middle East politics; functioned as Russian language specialist.

### Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 2005 – March 2006

*Socioeconomic Development Intern*

- ◆ Created the Annual Public Summary of Activities in English and Spanish.
- ◆ Managed community rural development projects: USDA Food For Education and Water & Sanitation.
- ◆ Conducted interviews, arranged teams, and administered orientation & training sessions for new hires.

### Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Washington, DC, June 2005 – Aug. 2005

*Public Policy and Legislative Affairs Intern*

- ◆ Advocated for immigrant & refugee rights by meeting with partner orgs, writing reports, organizing events.
- ◆ Reported on congressional hearings and coalition meetings with lobby groups.

## OTHER

- ◆ **Photography**: Photo essays exhibited around Seattle, May 2006 – Present

## LANGUAGES

- ◆ **Russian** – mother tongue
- ◆ **Spanish** – proficient
- ◆ **Hebrew** – conversational

## SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

**1 MEMBER**      Get Engaged Program - Appointed by Mayor  
                           1-year term

All appointments confirmed by City Council.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
(6) Jessica Andrade	1-5-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(2) Keith Toussaint	7-22-10	7-22-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(6) Frances Donegan-Ryan	1-5-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(4) Nika Dahlbacka*	9-9-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(6) Andrew Lewis	2008	7-22-11	2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council
(2) Mica Powers	2008	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council
(1) Jesse Aspuria	2008	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council
(6) Arthur Shwab	7-27-10	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Mike Peters	7-30-09	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(2) Damien Carter	7-27-10	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Jennifer Yogi	7-27-10	7-22-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(6) Martin Penner	7-27-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(4) Christopher Stearns	7-30-09	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(2) Merri Ann Osborne	7-27-10	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Roslyn Solomon	2008	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Commission
(2) Joshua Marshall*	9-9-10	9-9-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Get Engaged Program

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)				
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic/Latino/a	Native-American	Middle East	Caucasian
Mayor	5	2	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	4
Council	3	4	0	4	1	2	0	1	0	3
Commission	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GE program	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	9	7	0	8	1	5	0	2	0	8

\*Nika Dahlbacka will continue service as a Get Engaged Commissioner until her term expires on September 9, 2010, whereupon Joshua Marshall will begin a one-year term as Get Engaged Commissioner and Nika will immediately assume a regular commission seat.

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Michael McGinn  
Mayor, City of Seattle

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CITY CLERK

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 27, 2010  
**TO:** The Honorable Richard Conlin  
President, Seattle City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Mike McGinn *MM*  
**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Seattle Human Rights Commission

I am pleased to forward to the City Council the following appointments and reappointments to the Seattle Human Rights Commission for 2-year terms:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Jennifer Yogi	07/22/12	Commissioner	Lubna Mahadeen
Martin Penner	07/22/11	Commissioner	Marvin Stern
Arthur Shwab	07/22/12	Commissioner	Reappointment
Damien Carter	07/22/12	Commissioner	Reappointment
Merri Ann Osborne	07/22/12	Commissioner	Reappointment

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 the appointees are as follows:

**New Appointments:**

**Jennifer Yogi**

Jennifer Yogi attended the University of Washington-School of Law. She is currently serving as a Staff Attorney with the Northwest Justice Project providing free legal representation for the low-income. As an advocate in the Native American unit, she serves clients in a variety of areas, including family law, housing, education, and public benefits. Jennifer is committed to

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promoting fairness and addressing discrimination in Seattle, Jennifer volunteers with the King County Bar Association Neighborhood Legal Clinic in the International District.

**Martin Penner**

Martin Penner is a Project Manager for Unitus, Inc. a non-profit operating in the field of microfinance. He was involved in establishing a new branch office in Nairobi, Kenya. He has served as the key liaison for communication operations supporting their work in 10 different countries. Martin has long been involved in the area of international human rights as a Senior Fellow with Humanity in Action, an international organization creating comparative research/study programs and ongoing discussion on minority rights within democracies in the United States and five countries in Europe. Martin is committed to human rights, working with Seattle's Horn of Africa Services to address issues of Seattle's East African refugee and immigrant community. Martin will fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Marvin Stern; he will be eligible for two additional two-year terms.

**Reappointments:**

**Arthur Shwab**

Arthur Shwab came to the U.S. as a refugee from Russia, which has inspired him to serve the immigrant community in a wide range of capacities, including legal aid, mentoring, and community organizing. Mr. Shwab has engaged in extensive travel, having served as a liaison for a delegation from the Republic of Kazakhstan on an exchange program focused on the U.S. legal system and government administration, managed a food program in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and studied abroad in Israel and Spain. Mr. Shwab is a graduate and current law student at Seattle University. Mr. Shwab speaks Russian, Spanish, and Hebrew. Mr. Shwab serves as chair of the Commission's Public Safety Task Force and played a pivotal role in the Commission's report on the proposed Aggressive Solicitation Ordinance.

**Damien Carter**

Damien Carter graduated the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and currently serves as a Research Fellow at the Harborview Medical Center Department of Surgery. In accordance with his passion and oath as a physician, Dr. Carter has a strong interest in human rights issues particularly international and public health. To that end, Dr. Carter has worked through the Commission to increase access to respite care in the Seattle area. Dr. Carter has also served on the Commission's appeals committee for two years, working to ensure equal opportunity for all in the public and private sector.

**Merri Ann Osborne**

Merri Ann Osborne received a Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution from the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, United Kingdom. Ms. Osborne currently works at Solid Ground (formerly the Fremont Public Association). Ms. Osborne has worked or volunteered with the ACLU, Amnesty International, Multi-Faith Works, and the Seattle Human Rights Film

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Festival. Ms. Osborne brings considerable mediation and facilitation skill to the Commission. Ms. Osborne serves as Secretary of the Commission and chairs the Commission's Education Task Force.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please call Felicia Yearwood, Commission Liaison at the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (206) 684-4537.

**Attachments**

Copy: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission  
Felicia Yearwood, Commission Staff, Seattle Office for Civil Rights  
Jennifer Samuels, Legislative Assistant, Seattle City Council  
Tania María Rosario, Boards and Commissions Administrator for the Mayor