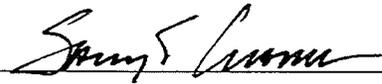


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City of Seattle Notice of Appointment

Name: Robert (Bob) L. Mahon	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Position: Member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission	Date of Appointment: December 8, 2010
Authority (Ord., Res.): SMC 3.70.020(B)	Term of Office: From: Reconfirmation To: December 31, 2011
Comments: The appointee has served as the City Council's appointee since June 2004. He has agreed to serve another year to assist the Commission with achieving compliance with the appointment scheme described in the Commission's enabling ordinance.	
Authorizing Signature: 	Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	Against:	Date:
Attested by:		Title:





Robert (Bob) L. Mahon | Partner

Firmwide Chair, State & Local Tax Practice

Bob Mahon, a partner in the firm's State & Local Tax practice, focuses his practice on helping clients minimize state and local taxes and comply with state and local tax laws. Bob represents clients in state and local tax audits, refunds, appeals, and litigation, as well as assists clients with tax planning and business transactions. Bob is the past president of the Tax Section of the Washington State Bar Association and teaches State and Local Tax as an adjunct professor at the University of Washington School of Law. He is also a frequent speaker and author on state and local tax issues.

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EDUCATION

- University of Washington School of Law, LL.M., Taxation, 1996
- University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., with high distinction, 1995
- Grinnell College, B.A., with honors, 1992

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

State & Local Tax

HomeStreet, Inc. v. Washington Department of Revenue

Washington State Supreme Court
Represented taxpayer in a successful business and occupation tax refund action. 166 Wash.2d 444, 210 P.3d 297 (2009)

Group Health Cooperative v. City of Seattle

Washington State Court of Appeals
Represented taxpayer in a successful challenge to the application of city business and occupation tax to revenues that were preempted by state and federal law. 146 Wash.App. 80, 189 P.3d 216 (2008)

Community Telecable of Seattle, Inc. v. City of Seattle

Washington State Supreme Court
Represented amicus curiae in support of a successful challenge to the imposition of city utility tax on Internet service. 164 Wash.2d 35, 186 P.3d 1032 (2008)

City of Seattle v. Visio Corporation

Washington State Court of Appeals
Represented taxpayer in successful administrative appeal of the city's assessment of business and occupation tax on software development activities; represented amicus curiae in opposition to the city's subsequent unsuccessful appeal. 108 Wash.App. 566, 31 P.3d 740 (2001)

Alaska Department of Revenue v. Magella Healthcare Corp.

Alaska Superior Court, First Judicial District (Juneau)
Represented taxpayer in litigation to obtain alternative income tax apportionment under Alaska's version of UDITPA § 18.

Puget Sound Energy, Inc. v. Oregon Department of Revenue

Oregon Tax Court

Represented taxpayer in litigating and ultimately settling an Oregon property tax dispute.

Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P. v. Washington Department of Revenue

Thurston County Superior Court (Washington)

Represented taxpayer in a successful challenge to a public utility tax assessment.

VeriSign, Inc. v. Washington Department of Revenue

Thurston County Superior Court (Washington)

Represented taxpayer in litigating and ultimately settling a business and occupation tax refund related to the taxation of telecommunications services.

Fresh Express, Inc. v. City of Bellevue

King County Superior Court (Washington)

Represented taxpayer in litigating and settling a city business and occupation tax refund action.

American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Chrysler Motors LLC, and Ford Motor Co. v. City of Bremerton

Kitsap County Superior Court (Washington)

Represented taxpayers in litigating and settling a constitutional challenge to the city's imposition of business and occupation tax on import sales.

Consolidated Food Management, Inc. v. Washington Department of Revenue

Washington State Board of Tax Appeals

Represented taxpayer in a successful challenge to retroactive changes in business and occupation tax reporting instructions.

Safeway, Inc. v. Takko, et al.

Washington State Board of Tax Appeals

Represented taxpayer in a successful appeal of county personal property tax valuations.

BP Oil Supply Co. v. City of Tacoma

Tacoma City Hearing Examiner's Office (Washington)

Represented taxpayer in a successful nexus challenge to the city's assessment of business and occupation tax.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Listed in *Washington Law & Politics*, "Rising Stars of Washington Law"
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PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Washington State Bar Association, Tax Section, President, 2008 - 2009; State and Local Tax Committee Chair, 2004 - 2008; Member, 1996 - Present
- State and Local Tax Practitioner Roundtable, Co-chair, 2003 - 2005
- American Bar Association, Tax Section, Member, 1996 - Present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- City of Seattle, Ethics & Elections Commission, Chair, 2009 - Present; Commissioner, 2004 - Present
- City of Seattle, Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee, Member, 2008
- Montlake Community Club, President, 2005 - 2006; Trustee, 2004 - 2008
- City of Seattle, Public-Private Partnership Panel, City Council Appointee, 2000 - 2001
- Northwest Women's Law Center, Legislative Committee, 2000 - 2006

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

- University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Adjunct Professor, 1999 - Present
- Bogle & Gates P.L.L.C., Bellevue, Wash., Associate, 1996 - 1999.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Updated Annually **ABA Sales and Use Tax Desk Book**
Co-author, Book
Washington Chapter

09.03.2010 **Washington State Retail Sales Tax Litigation**
Update

Collecting the right retail sales tax is sometimes a difficult task, but the government should not intentionally make it harder. Unfortunately, because of a recent change in the law, retailers with operations in Washington state faced a confusing and uncertain tax environment, made worse by an unfortunate injunction obtained by the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

08.25.2010 **Perkins Coie Obtains Modification of B.C. / Nonresident Sales Tax Exemption Injunction for Benefit of Retailers**
Update

Since 1965 Washington State has granted a retail sales tax exemption for purchases of goods for use outside the state by residents of states and provinces with a retail sales tax of less than 3%.

05.04.2010 **Significant Tax Change in Washington State: Business & Occupation Tax Extended to Corporate Directors**
Co-Author, Update

On April 23, 2010, Governor Christine Gregoire signed into law Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6143, which extends Washington's business and occupation (B&O) tax to corporate directors beginning July 1, 2010.

**04.15.2010 2010 Washington State Tax Legislation: What
You Need to Know**

Update

On April 12, 2010 the Washington State Legislature resolved the budget impasse and adopted a \$794 million tax package that the governor is expected to sign. The tax bill, 2ESSB 6143, contains a number of major changes to Washington's tax system.

Monthly, 2003 to **U.S. Supreme Court Update**

present Co-Author, Article

Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentives

PAST EVENTS

04.15.2010 **Washington State 2010 Tax Legislative Update**

Seminar

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2010

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: The Honorable Sally Clark
Chair, Committee on the Built Environment

SUBJECT: Appointment to Seattle Ethic and Elections Commission

I am happy to forward the following appointments to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2013:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Robert L. (Bob) Mahon	12/31/11	Commissioner	Reappointment
Amit Ranade	12/31/13	Commissioner	Reappointment

The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission has seven members. Three are appointed by the Mayor, subject to the City Council's confirmation; three are appointed by the City Council; and the seventh member is appointed by the other six, subject to the City Council's confirmation. Commissioners serve three-year terms, and remain members of the Commission until their replacement has been appointed or confirmed by the City Council. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission.

The bios for the appointees are as follows:

Bob Mahon

Bob Mahon is a partner at the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP, where he chairs the firm's state and local tax practice group. Mr. Mahon teaches state and local tax law as an adjunct professor at the University of Washington School of Law. He is a past president of the Washington State Bar Association Tax Section and served for six years as chair of its State and Local Tax Committee. Mr. Mahon earned his B.A. from Grinnell College, his J.D. from the University of Iowa, and his LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Washington. He was first appointed to the Commission in 2004, and was just renamed Chair of the Commission by his peers, a position he has already held for two terms.

Amit Ranade

Amit Ranade practices law at Hillis Clark Martin and Peterson, P.S. He is a former member of the Seattle Parks Commission, which he chaired from 2007 to 2009, and is

also a member of the South Asian Bar Association of Washington and the state and national boards of directors for the American Civil Liberties Union. He is a 1998 University of Washington graduate, and a 2003 graduate of the University of Washington's School of Law.

Attachments

cc: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Tania Maria Rosario, Administrator, Boards and Commissions, Mayor's Office



Sally J. Clark
Seattle City Councilmember

December 8, 2010

Robert L. Mahon, Esq.
Perkins Coie LLP
1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Mahon:

I am pleased to reappoint you to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission. You will be serving a term ending December 31, 2011.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the full City Council after review by the Committee on the Built Environment, which I chair. You will be contacted when a date has been scheduled for your confirmation hearing. The Committee members would prefer that appointees be present, so please plan to attend this Committee meeting.

As you know, the SEEC requires your time and creative energy, so I truly appreciate your willingness to make this commitment for another year. You bring valuable skills and experience to the board, and I am sure that the City will benefit from your participation.

Thank you for serving the people of Seattle.

Sincerely,

Sally Clark
Councilmember
Seattle City Council

cc: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Richard Conlin, President, Seattle City Council
LaTonya Brown, Legislative Aide, Seattle City Council
Tania María Rosario, Boards and Commissions