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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Sue A. Tanner		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood:	Zip Code: 98124	Contact Phone No.: (206) 684-0521
Appointed to: <i>Hearing Examiner</i>		Date of Appointment: 7/21/12
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>SMC.3.02.110</i>		Term of Office: From: 7/21/12 To : 7/20/2016
Background: <i>Reappointment</i>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: <i>Sally J. Clark, President Seattle City Council</i>

SUE A. TANNER
P.O. Box 94729
Seattle, Washington 98124
(206) 684-0521 (work)

EMPLOYMENT
HISTORY

2003 to
present

CITY OF SEATTLE HEARING EXAMINER

Serve as the City's principal hearing officer and administer the Office of Hearing Examiner.

Conduct quasi-judicial hearings and issue written decisions and recommendations within defined time limits, for the City of Seattle and other jurisdictions, in a wide range of subject areas, including land use and environment, tax, landmarks and special districts, civil service, licensing, health code, land use and public nuisance enforcement, and others.

Draft and update hearing rules and procedures and corresponding office procedures.

Manage a small office and supervise staff, including a deputy hearing examiner.

KITSAP COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CIVIL DIVISION

1995 to 2003

Civil Division Chief

Managed the civil and child support divisions of the office and supervised the work of 12 attorneys.

Defended the county in cases in state courts and before administrative bodies, including the Growth Management Hearings Board, Shorelines Hearings Board and Kitsap County Hearing Examiner.

Performed land use legal work for the department of community development and the county commissioners, and other legal work as needed.

1980 to 1995

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
CIVIL DIVISION

Deputy and Senior Civil Deputy

General practice in local government law and litigation, with a heavy concentration in land use, constitutional and administrative law and litigation during the last 10 years. At various times, advised the department of planning and community development, hearing examiner, planning commission, county council and parks department.

Head of Land Use Section during last five years.

Litigation experience at all levels of state court and in administrative forums, including the Growth Management Hearings Board, Shorelines Hearings Board, and Department of Ecology administrative appeal hearings.

1973 to 1975

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
New York, New York

Interviewed and screened job applicants, provided employee orientation, planned and implemented staff development programs and assisted in budget preparation.

EDUCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (Dallas, Texas)
J.D. Degree, 1978
Southwestern Law Journal, Editor

WHITMAN COLLEGE (Walla Walla, Washington)
B.A. Degree 1973

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS
AND
ACTIVITIES

Washington State Bar Association
Environmental and Land Use Law Section
Member of the Executive Committee 1990-1993
Administrative Law Section
American Bar Association
Urban, State and Local Government Law Section

SAMPLE
PRESENTATIONS

"Ethical Issues – Protecting Client Confidences in the Electronic Age and the Public Process," Law Seminars International, *GMA – Challenges & Solutions*
"Resource Lands and Open Space – Rural Resource Lands," Law Seminars International, *Growth Management Act: Growing with GMA into the next millennium*
"Defending Sensitive Areas Regulations," Law Seminars International, *Owning and Using Sensitive Areas*
"The Role of the Government Attorney in Land Use Hearings," Washington State Hearing Examiners' Annual Conference
"The Public Duty Doctrine – Defending Your Jurisdiction," Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Annual Conference



**CITY OF SEATTLE - STATE OF WASHINGTON
OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF KING

I, Sue A. Tanner, confirm that I am the person appointed on July 21, 2012, and confirmed by the City Council on August 13, 2012, to the position of Hearing Examiner, of the City of Seattle, in the State of Washington, and that I possess all the qualifications prescribed for said position by the Charter of the City of Seattle; that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and the Constitution of the State of Washington; and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Seattle; and that I will faithfully conduct myself as Hearing Examiner.

Sue A. Tanner

**Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 13th day of August, 2012**

(affix seal)

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk



**Sally J. Clark, President
Seattle City Council**

July 9, 2012

To: Councilmembers

From: Sally J. Clark 
Council President

Sue A. Tanner will complete her four-year appointment as Hearing Examiner for the City of Seattle on July 21, 2012. Sue has requested that the Council reappoint her to a third, four-year term.

The selection and appointment of the Hearing Examiner is the responsibility of the City Council, per SMC 3.02.110. Beyond the appointment and confirmation process, the Office of the Hearing Examiner is a wholly independent department. It is the Council President's responsibility to complete a performance appraisal of the Hearing Examiner, an evaluation that is based only upon office and workload management capabilities, not upon the content of decisions rendered.

Participants in Ms. Tanner's 2012 performance appraisal included councilmembers and Hearing Examiner staff. Councilmembers Conlin and Rasmussen participated in the review and documentation with me. Our conclusion is that Ms. Tanner has well met and very often exceeded the expectations of the position. She continues to demonstrate commitment to excellence in her work and sets high standards for the office.

Therefore, because of her outstanding work, I am pleased to recommend reappointment for a four-year term effective July 21, 2012, through July 21, 2016.

Cc: Melissa Beatty, HR Manager
Eric Ishino, Finance Manager



City of Seattle

Office of Hearing Examiner

Sue A. Tanner, Hearing Examiner
Anne Watanabe, Deputy Hearing Examiner

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Councilmember Sally Clark

April 10, 2012

The Honorable Sally J. Clark, President
City Council
CH-02-10

RE: Request for Reappointment as Hearing Examiner

Dear Council President Clark:

I am writing to ask that the Council reappoint me as Hearing Examiner when my present term expires on July 21, 2012.

We have made some exciting advances in the Office of Hearing Examiner during the last four years. I anticipate building on them during my next term to provide additional assistance to the public and those involved in matters before the Hearing Examiner; increase office efficiencies; maintain the level of contracting work we achieved in 2011 to offset the costs of the Office; and rebuild a unified, vibrant and experienced Office team following the expected retirement of a veteran staff member in early 2013.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the evaluation and reappointment process.

Sincerely,

Sue A. Tanner
Hearing Examiner