



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 201 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment:

Mr. Adam R. Hunter
R Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(Ward 7)

as Chairperson of the Rental Housing Commission, for a term to end July 18, 2025.

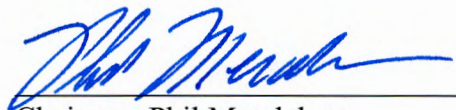
Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing Mr. Hunter's experience, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Mr. Adam R. Hunter to the Rental Housing Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Rental Housing Commission Mr. Adam R. Hunter Confirmation Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Mr. Adam R. Hunter
R Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
(Ward 7)

as Chairperson of the Rental Housing Commission, established by section 201 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.01), for a term to end July 18, 2025.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADAM ROLAND HUNTER
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EXPERIENCE

Hunter & Johnson, PLLC, Washington, D.C. January 2012 - Present
Managing Partner/Trial Attorney

- Successfully manages a litigation law practice, oversees the firm's finances, budgeting, bookkeeping, payroll, and marketing strategy.
- End-to-end case management from the initial appearance to preparation of pleadings, case investigations, witness interviews, drafting complaints and motions, settlement negotiations, mediation, supervise firm associate and support staff, and oral advocacy before the court.
- Represent and advise small businesses in contractual and real estate transactions, landlord and tenant disputes, evictions, and drafting residential and commercial leases.
- Experience with complex discovery, including the drafting and review of written discovery requests, responding to discovery, conducting and defending depositions, and discovery related litigation.
- Represent and advise clients in administrative proceedings before the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- Defend clients facing both misdemeanor and felony charges in D.C. Superior Court in motions hearings, jury, and bench trials.
- Negotiate with Assistant United States Attorneys and Assistant Attorneys General to secure favorable plea deals for clients.
- Represent witnesses before grand jury proceedings and advise them on their 5th Amendment rights.

Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C. August 2019 - Present
Adjunct Professor/Coach Trial Advocacy Program

- Teach advanced level trial advocacy to second and third year law students.
- Successfully coached the trial team to the Regional Championship at the National Trial Competition 2020, Quarterfinals in Capitol City Challenge 2020, and Semifinals at the Regional NTC 2021.

Harden & Pinckney, PLLC, Washington, D.C. February 2010 - December 2011
Of Counsel

- Assisted managing partners in preparing for hearings and trials in D.C. Superior Court by reviewing reports, legal issues and physical evidence surrounding the case, identifying and interviewing witnesses, and preparing trial notes.
- Analyzed trial transcripts and assisted trial counsel in developing case strategy for retrial of a felony case.
- Advised clients on pending civil matters.

The Honorable Lorraine Pullen, J.S.C., Middlesex County, N.J. September 2008 - August 2009
Law Clerk & Court Mediator

- Reviewed all trial motions and transcripts, conducted legal research, and drafted legal memoranda.
- Reviewed all documents and evidence and provided recommendations on all motions.
- Successfully managed the Judge's motion calendar and interfaced with attorneys that appeared before the court.
- Mediated legal disputes between parties in the Small Claims Division.

Bonner Kiernan Trebach & Crociata, L.L.P., Washington, D.C.

June 2007 - August 2007

Summer Associate

- Drafted *in limine* and joinder motions that were filed before the court at the direction of lead counsel.
- Drafted legal memoranda on medical malpractice, insurance, and employee disability issues.
- Conducted legal research for defense litigation regarding insurer liability and summary judgment motions.
- Performed discovery, reviewed clients' documents, and interviewed prospective witnesses in preparation for trial.

Office of Boards and Commissions (Office of the Mayor), Washington, D.C. February 2007 - May 2007

Intern

- Advised the director of the agency on the compliance of boards and commissions with the D.C. Code.
- Drafted official correspondence on behalf of the director of the agency.
- Assisted with the audit of commissions' board members for the Mayor's transition.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Plainsboro, N.J.

June 2006 - August 2006

U.S. Legal Department and U.S. Healthcare Law Compliance Intern

- Researched federal and state health care laws, FDA regulations, and drafted memoranda analyzing the impact of FDA regulations on commercial speech.
- Performed compliance audit of the New England sales force with federal and state regulations.
- Investigated internal compliance of employees and third-party vendor.
- Assisted brand attorneys in providing legal advice on drug advertisement for marketing and regulation departments.

EDUCATION

Howard University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, May 2008

Fellowship: Marshall-Brennan Fellow, Constitutional Law Teacher Eastern Sr. High School and D.Y.R.S. Y.S.C.

Legal Clinic: D.C. Law Students in Court (Civil Legal Clinic)

Moot Court: Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team, Captain

Howard University, Bachelor of Arts Degrees, Economics & Political Science (*cum laude*), May 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

Member, District of Columbia Bar

Inactive Member, New Jersey Bar

Inactive Member, New York Bar

NON-PROFIT INVOLVEMENT

Rising for Justice (Formerly D.C. Law Students In Court), *Board Member*, (*Past Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer*); Finance, Policy & Personnel, and Strategic Planning Committees (2010-Present)

National Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division, *General Counsel National Board*, (2015-2016)

New Jersey Orators, *Board Member and Public Speaking Coach*, (2012-2017)

Washington Government Relations Group Foundation, Inc., *Treasurer and Board Member* (2016-Present)



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Adam R. Hunter



The Honorable Adam R. Hunter has extensive experience as a litigator in Washington, DC. Prior to Judge Hunter’s appointment previous appointment to the Rental Housing Commission, he was a founding partner of Hunter & Johnson, PLLC, a boutique litigation firm based in Washington, DC. His litigation experience included representing both landlords and tenants in Superior Court and before the Office of Administrative Hearings, civil litigation, and criminal defense. Part of his practice was dedicated to representing District of Columbia residents in criminal cases through the Criminal Justice Act.

Prior to forming Hunter & Johnson, PLLC, Judge Hunter was Of Counsel with Harden & Pinckney, PLLC in the District of Columbia with a primary focus on criminal defense and civil litigation. He clerked for the Honorable Lorraine Pullen (Ret.) in Middlesex County Superior Court Criminal Division in New Jersey.

Judge Hunter is currently an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at Howard University School of Law. In that capacity he serves as the coach of its Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team. This advance-level class focuses on teaching second- and third-year law students trial advocacy skills and evidence.

Judge Hunter is a graduate of Howard University School of Law (JD) and Howard University (BAs Economics and Political Science cum laude). While in law school, he was a Marshall-Brennan Fellow teaching constitutional law at Eastern Senior High School and at the Youth Services Center (DC Youth Detention Center) and was captain of the Huver I. Brown Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team. Judge Hunter currently serves as a board member for the Washington Government Relations Group Foundation. He previously served as a board member for the social justice advocacy group known as Rising for Justice (formerly DC Law Students in Court Program), for twelve years.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: February 6, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Adam R. Hunter as
Chairperson of the Rental Housing Commission

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolution and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Erika Satterlee, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish