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EXPERIENCE

Charles L. Martin is an attorney who has represented disabled individuals, primarily in Social Security disability cases, since 1977. He has represented thousands of disabled individuals with hundreds of different disabilities, and has developed an understanding of and sensitivity to the needs of individuals with disabilities. Most of his Social Security work is currently in appeals in the federal courts. He is a frequent speaker at state and national conferences on Social Security law.

From 1988 through 1997, Martin served as the attorney-advisor to the Director of the Client Assistance Program (a program funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for Vocational Rehabilitation clients), and his staff, provided legal services to CAP clients as requested by the CAP Director, and trained CAP and Vocational Rehabilitation staff on rehabilitation law.

In 1997, the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation program contracted with the Law Offices of Charles L. Martin to operate the Georgia CAP, and Charles L. Martin became the Director of the Georgia CAP. In 2001, the Governor designated the law firm of Martin and Jones to operate the Georgia CAP, and Charles L. Martin remained the CAP Director.

Charles L. Martin has a national reputation in both the Social Security law and CAP communities, and often provides free mentoring for attorneys, advocates and CAP directors. He worked closely with the former CAP director to formulate CAP policy, periodically consults with managers and

policy-makers of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation program. He served on the Statewide Rehabilitation Council for seven years, and is currently on the Board of Directors of the National Organization of Social Security Claimant's Representatives.

In addition to his work in the disability community, when his two sons were younger he served as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America, in Troop 175, Decatur, Georgia. He previously founded and coached a chess club at Glennwood Elementary School, Decatur, Georgia.

EDUCATION

1974 A.B., Mercer University

1977 J.D., Walter F. Georgia School of Law, Mercer University

EMPLOYMENT

1977-Present Self-employed attorney



**Application for Nomination for Appointment to the
DeKalb Community Service Board**

Name: Charles L. Martin
Address: 627 Sycamore Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030

County of Residence:
DeKalb County

Telephone Numbers:

Home: 404-370-1542 Office: 404-373-3116 Cell: _____

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: 04 / 22 / 1952

Ethnicity: (check one):

White African American _____ Asian American _____
Hispanic _____ Native American _____ Other (specify) _____

Service Interest (Check all that apply):

Mental Health
Developmental Disabilities _____
Substance Abuse _____

Potential Category of Membership (Check all that apply):

Consumer _____
Family Member of a Consumer _____
Other advocate
(advocate, interested citizen, elected official,
MHDD/SA professional)

Work or Occupation: Attorney

Potential Conflict of Interest: Indicate if Board member or employee of any agency, organization or group which contracts with the DeKalb Community Service Board or the DeKalb Metro Regional Office.

Yes _____ No N/A _____ If yes, please indicate agency, organization or group.

If yes, also indicate if you would be willing to resign from Board membership or employment in order to accept nomination for appointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board. Yes _____ No _____

Reason(s) for interest in serving on the DeKalb Community Service Board. Please include any relevant experience or skills which would contribute to the operations of the Board (use reverse side if needed).

I have represented the disabled in disability claims for thirty years, represented vocational rehabilitation clients for ten years, and have been the director of the Georgia Client Assistance Program (advocacy for VR clients) for ten years.

Date: July 9, 2008

Signature:

Return Application to: DeKalb Community Service Board
Executive Director
445 Winn Way
Decatur, Georgia 30030