## BRANDON D. WAGNER, ESQ.



April 4, 2019

Alesia D. Brooks Dekalb County Maloof Building 1300 Commerce Dr. Decatur, Georgia 30032

Re: <u>Dekalb County Charter Review Commission</u>

Good Evening Ms. Brooks:

I am interested in serving on the newly established Charter Review Commission for the County. I have been a resident of Dekalb County since relocating from California to Georgia in 2008 and am a practicing attorney here in Georgia.

In my undergraduate collegiate career, I studied Political Science, wherein I excelled in several classes that focused on governmental structures and how they function. I also served on my school's student government as a Chief Judge, wherein I was tasked with interpreting and enforcing our school's governmental structure and regulations. In addition, while in law school, I served on a committee aimed at reviewing the teacher/student relations and brainstorming ways to improve same. Lastly, I recently served three years on my Homeowner's Association's Board of Directors. During my tenure there, I drafted several resolutions aimed at clarifying key provisions of the Association's covenants and bylaws, and was able to successfully campaign for a reinterpretation of our bylaws' quorum requirements for elections.

I feel that I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that would be useful to the committee and am confident that I would serve the Committee well. I previously submitted my resume for consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Brandon D. Wagner, Esq.

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Awards/Certifications	
Georgia Notary Public	06/2008
Certified E.E.O. Complaint Investigator	02/2010
Alternate Candidate for School Moot Court Competition Team	03/2010
Certificate of Completion of General Civil Mediator Training	04/2011
Recognized for Highest Grade in Employment Law (Course focused on Wage & Hour Law, FML, Employment Contracts and Confidentiality Agreements)	05/2011
Registered Mediator	06/2012
CALI Award Recipient for Administrative Law	12/2012
Bar Admission: Admitted to Georgia Bar	05/2013
Bar Admission: Admitted to US District Court Northern District of GA	07/2013
Bar Admission: Admitted to the Georgia Court of Appeals	01/2015
Bar Admission: Admitted to the Georgia Supreme Court	02/2015
Bar Admission: US Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit	2016
2017 Super Lawyer Rising Star Selectee	2017
National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 in the State of Georgia Selectee	2017
Education	
JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL Atlanta, GA  Juris doctor  Class Standing: 12 out of 40  Mock Trial Team Senior Member	12/2012
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY Carson, CA Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Business Administration  Chief Judge, Student Judiciary	12/2007
Employment History	Admi.
LUEDER, LARKIN & HUNTER, LLC Alpharetta, GA	05/13 to Present

Associate Attorney:
Assigned to the litigation department practicing in the areas of general litigation, plaintiff's personal injury, creditor side bankruptcy and collections. Represent Homeowner's Associations and several banks including American Express, Discover Bank and Northside Bank handling all aspects of litigation from pre-suit skiptracing through post-judgment collections using litigation. In charge of overseeing a staff of fourteen paralegals and managing a queue of over 1,000 active litigation files.

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LUEDER, LARKIN & HUNTER, LLC Law Clerk/Paralegal:

Alpharetta, GA

05/10 to 05/13

Assigned to the litigation department handling Homeowner's Association and commercial collection cases. In charge of negotiating settlements, drafting pleadings, skiptracing and post judgment collections. Maintained an annual billing of 2,160 hours and collected on average \$1.25 million dollars per year.

**FULTON COUNTY COURT** 

Atlanta, GA

05/12 to 8/12

Summer Law Clerk:

 Assigned to Judge Louis Levenson's courtroom, observed court hearings, conducted legal research and prepared memorandums regarding issues arising in the cases. Assisted Judge Levenson in reaching opinions on cases taken under advisement.

HOLLOWELL, FOSTER, HERRING

Atlanta, GA

05/08 to 05/10

Paralegal:

Assigned to the litigation department handling all aspects of civil litigation, including skiptracing, drafting pleadings and settlement negotiations. Maintained an annual billing of 1,920 hours. Completed training for investigating EEO complaints.

GOLDEN BIRD, LLC

Los Angeles, CA

01/00 to 05/08

Paralegal/ Office Manager/ HR Director

Assigned to manage the corporate offices of Golden Bird, LLC, a fast food restaurant chain, with 7 locations throughout the Los Angeles area in addition to working as a paralegal for the restaurant's owner in his law practice. Drafted an appellate brief which resulted in the overturning of a \$5.4 million dollar judgment. Assisted the attorney in hearings and depositions. Managed and processed payroll for a staff of 100+ employees in six locations. Maintained office billing software. Prepared numerous trademark applications and assisted in the successful opposition of a competing trademark application which resulted in the USPTO denying publication of said publication. Assisted in the formation and record keeping of several corporations and limited liability companies.

Speaking Engagements

Brown Mackie College

Atlanta, GA

September 2013

Guest lecturer for paralegal class at Brown Mackie College. Discussed interview techniques, proper dresscode in the legal environment, paralegal duties and conducted Mock interviews with students.

Savannah Law School

Savannah, GA

April 2011

Guest speaker at Savannah Law School openhouse, discussing the topics of law school admissions, the life of a law student and how to successfully complete a law school curriculum.