

Leland Shelton

Nominee for Appointment as Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board Member



Brandon M. Scott
Mayor
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Room 250
Baltimore, MD 21202

MAYOR'S REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONFIRMATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICER

Pursuant to Article IV, §§6(a) and (b) of the Baltimore City Charter 1996 Edition, Mayor Brandon M. Scott hereby requests the City Council of Baltimore City to confirm the appointment of **Leland Shelton** to serve as a municipal officer on the **Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board**. In support of this request, information concerning the mayoral appointee is provided below and in the attached resume.

The information set forth in both the document and the attached resume have been distributed to authorized persons for use in the City Council confirmation process.

Name: **Leland Shelton**

Appointed to: **Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board**

Succeeds: **N/A**

Term Expiration Date: **December 4, 2024**

Previous Terms Served (if none, write N/A): **N/A**

Party Affiliation: **Democrat**

Specific Board Requirements: **"...1 Must be a for profit developer that uses public financing, subsidies, or tax credits..."**

Council District: **6**

Current Occupation: **Attorney/Director of Government Relations**

Current Employer: **_**

Employer's Address:

Other Relevant Employment: **See attached resume**

Undergraduate Institution: **Morehouse College – Political Science**

Graduate Institution: **Harvard Law School – Juris Doctor**

Civic and Professional Affiliations: **Maryland; U.S. District for the District of Maryland; District of Columbia (Application Pending)**

Signature: 

Distribution:

Honorable Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Chair
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BRANDON M. SCOTT
Mayor
100 Holliday Street, Suite 250
Baltimore, MD 21202

November 18, 2024

Leland Shelton
2617 Park Heights Terrace
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. Shelton:

Please accept this letter as formal notice that Council President Mosby has nominated you, and I concur with this nomination, to serve as a member of the Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board.

You will be contacted by the Office of City Council President Nick J. Mosby with notification of the date and time at which you are to appear before the City Council for your confirmation hearing.

Please direct all inquiries concerning this process to Nina Themelis, Director of Government Relations for my office. She can be reached via telephone at 443-401-7044, or email nina.themelis@baltimorecity.gov.

Your service as a member of the Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board has my full confidence and support. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the City of Baltimore.

In Service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor
City of Baltimore

cc: Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
The Honorable Nick Mosby, City Council President
The Honorable Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Chair, Rules and Oversight Committee

Leland S. Shelton

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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

May 2016

Juris Doctor

Honors: Dean's Award for Community Leadership; Staff Member, *Harvard Journal on Racial and Ethnic Justice*; Staff Member, *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology*

Activities: *Student Attorney*, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau; *President*, Harvard Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

May 2013

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Political Science

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society; Robert A. Brisbane Award in Political Science; Morehouse College Man of the Year

Activities: President, Morehouse College Chapter of the NAACP

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MCB Real Estate

September 2022 – Present

Director of Government Affairs

- Responsible for the development and management of MCB's government and external affairs business division.
- Oversee the implementation of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) efforts across all MCB business areas, including establishing related policies, standards, and reporting processes.

Shelton Strategies and Consulting

January 2022 – Present

Owner and Principal

- Provide legal advisory and consulting services to small businesses, social entrepreneurs, and non-profit organizations related to business formation, governance, fundraising and development, government relations, and social impact.
- Advise political campaigns regarding messaging, field organizing, fundraising, campaign finance compliance, and urban policy.

Hausfeld LLP, Baltimore, MD

November 2020 – December 2021

Associate

- Involved in all aspects of litigation in a variety of matters, including antitrust, competition, privacy and data security, sports and entertainment, and prisoner's rights litigation.

Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Baltimore, MD

September 2018 – May 2020

Litigation Associate

- Involved in all aspects of litigation for higher education, environmental, government enforcement and general commercial litigation groups for clients in the real estate development, consumer goods, and professional services sectors.
- Participated in regulatory and Title IX investigations, including drafting witness interview outlines, conducting witness interviews, responding to government information requests, working with in-house counsel and executives, and reviewing internal communications and memoranda.
- Represented clients in all phases of commercial litigation, including drafting and responding to pleadings and discovery requests, dispositive motions, and discovery-based motions.
- Managed all aspects of discovery, including drafting deposition outlines and taking depositions and reviewing and coordinating large-scale documents productions.
- Successfully argued and defended motions in state and federal court, including motions for summary judgment.
- Coordinated exhibits with opposing counsel in preparation for trial.
- Drafted and negotiated various instruments on behalf of pro bono clients, including business formation documents, licensing agreements, and contracts.

Venable LLP, Baltimore, MD

October 2016 – August 2018

Litigation Associate; Summer Associate (2015)

- Represented clients in various stages of complex commercial litigation, including class action and multi-district litigation.

- Drafted legal briefs for dispositive motions, motions *in limine*, discovery-based motions in several cases related to nationwide litigation representing manufacturer of an antiepileptic drug in nationwide litigation involving allegations of birth defect injuries.
- Conducted research and drafted memoranda on legal issues including contract and tort claims, jurisdictional issues, and expert and evidentiary disputes.
- Managed extensive document review projects.

Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge, MA

August 2014 – May 2016

S.J.C. Rule 3:03 Student Attorney

- Represented indigent clients in divorce, child custody, restraining order, and landlord-tenant proceedings as part of a two-year honors advocacy program.
- Screened potential clients, counseled clients, negotiated with opposing counsel, drafted legal documents, and argued motions under supervision of a licensed attorney.

Proskauer Rose, New York, NY

Summer 2014, Summer 2013

Summer Associate; Summer Legal Intern; Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) (Summer 2013)

- Researched relevant labor and employment legislation introduced in the 113th Congress for a presentation for clients in the financial services industry.
- Researched and analyzed case law related to insufficient service of process, and the removability of an Article 78 petition to federal court in diversity jurisdiction cases.
- Drafted corporate resolutions related to the initial public offering of a publicly traded REIT.

Office of US Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington, DC

Summer 2012

Legislative Intern

- Attended congressional hearings and briefings, and prepared summary memoranda for staffers.
- Researched, drafted and edited constituent letters responding to legislative inquiries.

Office of US Senator John F. Kerry, Washington, DC

Summer 2011

Legislative Intern

- Recommended policy changes for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families reauthorization.
- Conducted research and analysis on the voting patterns of U.S. Senators.

ADMISSIONS

Maryland; U.S. District for the District of Maryland; District of Columbia (Application Pending)

MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member, Baltimore City Board of Municipal Zoning and Appeals; Treasurer, People for Brandon M. Scott; Board Member, Former Vice Chairperson, Belair Edison Neighborhoods Inc.; Board Member, Central Scholarship Bureau