

Clerk File No. 313289

Appointment of Bridge Charles Joyce as member, Seattle LGBT Commission, for a term of confirmation to April 30, 2015.

The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Clerk File sponsored by: _____

Bruce A. Hendell

Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
9/24/13	Confirm	BU, SB

Related Legislation File: _____

Date Introduced and Referred: 9.23.13	To: (committee): Public Safety, Civil Rights and Technology
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date of Final Action: 9/30/13	Disposition: Confirmed

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. _____

Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
9/30/13	Confirmed	9-0

**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Bridge Joyce		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Beacon Hill	Zip Code: 98144	Contact Phone No.: 529-7583
Appointed to: Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Commission		Date of Appointment:
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance 118392		Term of Office: From: To: 04/30/2015
Comments: Appointment Bridge Joyce is a Seattle resident and lawyer committed to social and economic justice. Bridge earned a B.A. from Skidmore College and a J.D. from the City University of New York, School of Law. During law school, Bridge interned for the Peter Cicchino Youth Project, providing legal services to homeless and street involved LGBTQ young people, and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, a legal service and advocacy collective working to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. After moving to Seattle from New York, Bridge served for two years on the board of Camp Ten Trees, an LGBTQ and ally youth camp. He also volunteers for the pro bono attorney program at The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, focusing on immigrant visa petitions under the Violence Against Women Act and asylum cases.		
Authorizing Signature: 		Councilmember Bruce Harrell <i>Public Safety, Energy, Technology, and Civil Rights Committee</i>

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	Against:	Date:
Attested by:		Title:

Bridge Charles Joyce

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Pomerantz, Haudek, Grossman and Gross, LLP, New York, NY

Project Associate

Fall 2005 - Current

Drafted and second-seated depositions of main defendants in major securities fraud class action. Conducted investigatory research and wrote high priority memoranda analyzing and evaluating evidence produced by defendants. Reviewed large volumes of documents for relevancy. Investigated potential securities fraud cases. Successfully lead team of electronic discovery attorneys and implemented and coordinated discovery strategies.

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro, LLP, Seattle, WA

Document Review Attorney

Spring 2011 - Fall 2011

Conducted investigatory research and evaluated evidence. Reviewed large volumes of documents for relevancy. Worked with expert economists. Evaluated and responded to defendant's privilege and redaction logs. Participated in coordination of discovery strategies.

Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic, Flushing, NY

Legal Intern

Fall 2004 - Spring 2005

Litigated successful asylum claim. Lead negotiator at settlement conference before federal magistrate judge for a domestic worker's federal and state wage and hour claim. Drafted education and lobbying material on deportation issues for a non-profit organization advocating for individuals affected by deportation. Prepared several clients for adjustment of status interviews with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project, New York, NY

Legal Intern

Fall 2003 - Spring 2004, Fall 2004

Maintained caseload of over twenty clients, providing assistance on legal issues including immigration, workplace discrimination, and identity document issues including name change and gender change. Helped clients navigate foster care and public benefits systems. Researched and drafted memoranda on immigration law topics. Created and distributed educational and *pro se* materials on transgender issues in the law. Conducted community outreach and transgender awareness and sensitivity trainings.

Economic Justice Project, Flushing, NY

Project awarded Clinical Legal Education Association's Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project. Legal Intern

Spring 2004 - Summer 2004

Provided legal representation to a student welfare recipient. Prepared a fair hearing plan for an administrative fair hearing held before the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Conducted client interviews and performed informal public benefits advocacy with New York City's Human Resources Administration. Researched and drafted memoranda of law on public benefits issues. Collaborated with The Welfare Rights Initiative, a Hunter College welfare advocacy group, to create a legislative advocacy position paper, part of the successful campaign to extend the New York State Work-study Law.

Peter Cicchino Youth Project, Urban Justice Center, New York, NY

Everett Fellow, Legal Intern

Summer 2003

Provided legal assistance to low-income and homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) youth in New York City. Managed weekly client intake at two homeless LGBT youth drop-in centers, and conducted on-site referrals and counseling. Created an agency and non-profit service provider referral tool for attorneys with LGBT clients. Drafted legal memorandum on immigration issues.

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BAR:

Admitted to the New York and Washington State Bar.

PROFICIENCIES:

Recent experience with Concordance, Summation, Easy BSI and Encore/Relativity software programs. Highly proficient in Microsoft Office.

SERVICE:

Pro bono immigration cases, referred by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. Board President, Camp Ten Trees.

EDUCATION:

City University of New York, School of Law, Flushing, NY

J.D., May 2005

Everett Fellow - In Recognition of Commitment to Social Justice, Summer 2003

Board Member, National Lawyer's Guild, CUNY Chapter, 2003-2004

Student Government Representative, 2003-2004, 2004-2005

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

Bachelor of Arts, May 1999

Major in Religious Studies

Minor in Studio Art

School for International Training, Kathmandu, Nepal

May 1999

Upper-intermediate Nepali language certificate from the Peace Corps.

Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Commission

July 2013

16 members, confirmed by City Council, who serve a term of 2-years*:

- 7 appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council
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- 1 appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council
- 1 Get Engaged Member, appointed by Mayor who *serves a single term of 1-year

D	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	M	Hill Wolfe	1/10/11	4/30/14	1 st		City Council
6	M	Bridge Joyce		4/30/15	1 st		City Council
6	M	Aric Lane	9/29/11	4/30/14	1 st	Co-chair	City Council
1	M	Julian Gaspay		4/30/15	1 st		City Council
1	F	Noory Lee		4/30/15	1 st		City Council
		VACANT		4/30/13	1 st		City Council
6	M	Mitch Hunter	6/13/12	4/30/15	1 st		City Council
2	M	Joshua Adams	1/10/11	4/30/15	1 st		Commission
2	F	NaaSira Adeeba	4/30/10	4/30/14	3 rd		Mayor
6	F	Nathan (Nani) Brockett	3/22/12	4/30/15	1 st		Mayor
1	F	Sabina Neem	3/22/12	4/30/14	1 st	Co-chair	Mayor
6	M	David W. Howenstine	9/29/11	4/30/14	1 st		Mayor
		VACANT	9/29/11	4/30/13	2 nd		Mayor
5	F	Luzviminda (Lulu) Carpenter		4/30/15	1 st		Mayor
6	M	Mac McGregor	11/3/11	4/30/15	2 nd		Mayor
6	M	Joey Hunziker		9/01/14	1 st	Get Engaged	Mayor

Diversity Roster

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latin@	Native-American	*Other	Caucasian
Mayor	2	4	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	3
Council	5	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Commission	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Get Engaged	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Total	9	5	2	6	4	2	0	0	1	7