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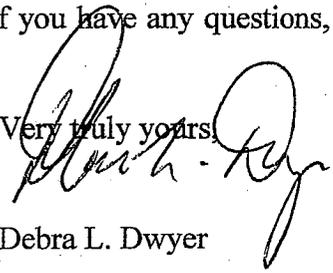
Re: Human Relations Commission Vacancy Application

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

Enclosed please find my application and resume for your consideration for the vacant position on the City of Rockville Human Relations Commission. I am hopeful that you will see from my resume that I am a highly qualified candidate and that I am very motivated to serve such an important function for our city. As my resume indicates, in my 20 years as a prosecutor in both Montgomery County and the United States Attorney's Office, I have acquired a tremendous amount of experience as both a negotiator and mediator. I am confident that my skills and my motivation will enable me to be a productive member of this commission.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Debra L. Dwyer

Rockville, MD 20850

Please indicate here [X] yes or [] no whether or not the City may give elected officials who serve Rockville (other than the Mayor and Council) your name and address. This information would not be used for any fund-raising, "issues" mailings or campaign mailings. No phone numbers will be given.

Please Return Form and Resume, if available, to: Mayor and Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
240-314-8280

City of Rockville
Boards and Commissions
Application of Expression of Interest

Date: 10/05/07

Board/Commission Interested In: Human Relations Commission

Name: Debra L. Dwyer

Address: 1000 ... Rockville, MD 20850

Home Phone: ... Work Phone: ...

E-Mail: Debbie.Dwyer@usdoj.gov (work); getdeb@comcast.net (personal)

Fax: ...

Note: Work phone numbers are for staff use only.

Summary of Work Experience:

See resume.

Experience:

See resume.

Education/Training:

See resume.

Volunteer Activities:

Since 1992, I have volunteered as an organizer in several political campaigns, both locally and nationally, doing everything from literature distribution to serving as precinct captain.

As a prosecutor with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, I volunteered as a speaker for several community organizations, including homeowner's associations, civic organizations and I lectured at several Montgomery County Public Schools on topics ranging from the county's community prosecution efforts to lectures on our state and local criminal justice system.

I have also served as a regular lecturer at the Montgomery County OASIS program, a national non-profit educational organization designed to enhance the quality of life for older adults in Montgomery County. I have given several lectures on both the criminal justice system and, as part of their "Famous Criminal Cases" program, I have given several lectures on a nationally recognized murder prosecution that I prosecuted in 1999.

Professional Affiliations/Memberships:

Maryland State Bar; Baltimore City Bar Association; Montgomery County Bar Association.

Personal Memberships include Equality Maryland, Maryland's Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender human rights organization and the Human Rights Campaign, America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality.

Please describe your interest in serving on this Board/Commission:

I am a life-long resident of Rockville. Moreover, I have been a prosecutor for 20 years. I understand the goals and missions of this commission and I believe they are extremely important if our community is to move forward as a diverse and welcoming place to live. Moreover, I am personally familiar with discrimination and unfair treatment. I have the skills to recognize and interpret the legitimate, legal complaints this board will address, and in addition, I have the skills to mediate, listen to evidence from both sides and deliver thoughtful and effective solutions. I am a skilled speaker, organizer and trainer and I believe this board will benefit from my skills and experience. Most importantly, being a member of this commission is a chance for me to give something back to the city I love, the city my grandfather was born in, the city in which I make my home. I would be proud to serve on this commission.

Rockville, MD 20850
Phone

Debra L. Dwyer

Education

1986: J.D., The Washington College of Law, The American University,
Washington, DC

1983: M.S., Justice (Law Enforcement), The American University,
Washington, DC

1982: B.S., Justice, The American University, Washington, DC

Professional experience

2002-Present

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Currently responsible for the investigation, indictment and prosecution of violent federal criminal offenses, including narcotics conspiracies, violent crimes and handgun offenses within the District of Maryland, primarily within Baltimore City. Cases of note: United States v. Alonzo Ballard, et al, (2003). The investigation of this case was stalled in January, 2003 when it was re-assigned to me. Since taking over this investigation, 11 indictments have been returned against defendants in Maryland, New York and Texas. Eight defendants have pleaded guilty and are cooperating with the government. New indictments involving targets in the Dominican Republic are expected by February, 2006. One house and one tractor-trailer have been seized along with over 200 kilos of cocaine. United States v. Rainey Shorter, (2005). Shorter is responsible for the murder of a government witness in the prosecution of several defendants from the Lexington Terrace neighborhood of West Baltimore. The Lexington Terrace gang was responsible for the distribution of hundreds of kilograms of cocaine in Baltimore, along with several brutal gang-related murders. United States v. Craig Smith, (2003), was a Hobbs Act prosecution involving the armed robbery of a post office and McDonald's restaurant by three masked subjects. Two defendants cooperated and after trial, the third was convicted. Argued United States v. Robert Junior Wardrick, 350 F.3d 446, involving the issue of whether a conviction for escape is a predicate violent felony triggering armed career criminal status.

1988-2002

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND STATE'S
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

1999-2002: SUPERVISOR, WHEATON PROSECUTION TEAM.

Appointed supervisor of the Wheaton prosecution team in April 1999, supervising nine Circuit Court and District Court prosecutors. Assigned all felony cases, as well as supervised the community prosecution efforts of all attorneys, making neighborhood and beat assignments and coordinating community outreach efforts in the Wheaton police district. One of two senior prosecutors assigned to the prosecution of State of Maryland vs. Albert Cook, (2001) for the brutal murder of Sue Wen Stottmeister, a Rockville schoolteacher murdered while jogging in Rock Creek Park. —

1995-1999: MAJOR CRIMES UNIT.

One of four senior prosecutors responsible for the prosecution of all murders, rapes and adult sexual offenses occurring in Montgomery County. Served as the lead prosecutor in the trial of eight first-degree murder indictments and in the trial of over 25 rape and sexual offenses, including several cases involving the use of both PCR and RFLP DNA evidence, and one case involving Mitochondrial DNA evidence. Cases of note: One of two prosecutors assigned to the prosecution of State of Maryland vs. Hadden Clark, (1999), a thirteen year-old murder of six year-old victim Michele Dorr, whose body remained missing until three months after the conviction when the defendant led police to her body. At the time, this case was one of only two murder convictions in the State of Maryland achieved without the victim's body. This case has been widely documented on national television, including *Court TV*; *The Discovery Channel*; *Forensic Files*; *ABC's 20/20*; *NBC's Dateline* and others. One of two prosecutors assigned to the "Peppertree Farm" rape case, (1998), a brutal rape case involving six defendants charged with first degree rape and related sexual offenses against a fifteen year old stranger, presenting all medical findings and extensive DNA evidence from multiple crime scenes and seven individual donors. Lead prosecutor in State of Maryland v. Raymond Davis Wilson, (1999), the first-degree rape and robbery of a 74 year-old victim, involving the contested use of DNA evidence. The conviction in this case was upheld on appeal by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in a reported opinion, Wilson v. State, 132 Md. App. 510 (2000). One of three prosecutors assigned to the case of State of Maryland v. Bruman Alvarez, (1994), the largest solved multiple victim murder in Montgomery County history, involving the brutal bludgeoning of four members of a Potomac, Maryland family and a co-worker of the defendant's.

APRIL 1996: SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

Wrote the State's (Respondent's) brief in three criminal appeal cases, and argued two cases before the Court of Special Appeals, Annapolis, Maryland, including the reported case of Karen Hunter v. State of Maryland, CSA No. 1122, September Term 1995. Opinion by Wilner, J.

Filed May 29, 1996. This case involved the issue of whether the death of a newborn child which resulted from the negligent advice of a midwife could be criminally prosecuted.

1991-1995: CIRCUIT COURT FELONY PROSECUTION TEAM, NORTHERN AREA OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY (GERMANTOWN TEAM). Handled the indictment and prosecution of all felonies from the Germantown police district (the largest district in Montgomery County). Served as the lead prosecutor in over 50 trials including murder, rape, sexual offenses, child abuse and automobile manslaughter.

1989-1991: CIRCUIT COURT DRUG TEAM. Handled felony drug investigations, indictments and prosecutions involving the possession and distribution of controlled dangerous substances. Lead prosecutor in investigation and prosecution of a major cocaine distribution conspiracy, which involved the implementation and monitoring of a telephone wiretap.

1988-1989: DISTRICT COURT TEAM. Handled hundreds of misdemeanor criminal prosecutions in both bench and jury trials.

1986-1987

SPECIAL AGENT, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Assigned to the White Collar Crime Unit and Public Corruption Squad. One of three agents assigned to the Public Corruption Task Force with the United States Attorney's Office for The Northern District of Florida investigating allegations of corruption within the Office of the Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida. Received commendation from Director William H. Webster for work on 1987 kidnapping and murder investigation, State of Florida v. Wendy Zabel and State of Florida v. Robert Henry Ryan, involving the kidnapping of a two day-old infant and the murder of her mother. Zabel is currently serving a life sentence for these offenses.

Additional professional activities

1995-2002: Montgomery County Police Training Academy, State's Attorney Instructor

2000: *Advanced Techniques in Forensic DNA Evidence*, American Prosecutors Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1999: *DNA: Witness to the Truth*, American Prosecutors Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas

1998: Instructor, *Applied Trial Advocacy*, National Advocacy Center, National District Attorney's Association, Columbia, South Carolina

1997: *Prosecuting Homicide Cases*, National College of District Attorneys, New Orleans, Louisiana

1996: *Prosecution of Complex Criminal Cases*, National College of District Attorneys, San Diego, California

1995: *Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse*, American Prosecutor's Research Institute, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

1995: *Training Seminar: The Use of DNA Evidence*, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia

1994: Faculty Advisor, *Career Prosecutor Course*, National College of District Attorneys, University of Houston, Houston, Texas (one of twelve prosecutors from the 1993 class selected by NCDA to serve as Faculty Advisor)

1993: *Career Prosecutor Course*, National College of District Attorneys, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

1989-1990: *Prosecuting Complex Drug Cases and Conspiracies*, National College of District Attorneys, Boston, Massachusetts and Chicago, Illinois

1990: *Drug Informant Training*, Montgomery County Police Department, Rockville, Maryland

1986: *New Agent's Training*, Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy, Quantico, Virginia

1983-1984: Graduate Teaching Assistant, The American University, School of Justice

Awards and Commendations

April 2002: Awarded the "Prosecutor of the Year Award" by the Daniel O'Connell Law Society.

February 2000: Awarded the Montgomery County, Maryland Civic Federation's "Community Hero Award" for work on the Michele Dorr murder case.

May 1987: Received commendation from FBI Director William H. Webster for work on murder/kidnapping investigation.

References

Available upon request.