



Committee: Audit
Staff: Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council
Purpose: To interview
Keywords:

AGENDA ITEM # 1
November 29, 2021
Interview

SUBJECT

Interview applicants for the WSSC Water Inspector General Appointment Committee.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Noah Cantor
Matthew Green

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

WSSC Water has requested that Montgomery County appoint a resident to the WSSC Water Inspector General Appointment Committee. Two applications were received by the November 1 deadline and both will be interviewed.

This individual shall possess advanced education and experience in the management of governmental entities that are comparable to the commission in scope and complexity, demonstrated knowledge and experience in the application of generally accepted government auditing standards, internal control systems, and an understanding of the appropriate functions of an appointment committee. A member of the appointment committee may possess demonstrated knowledge and experience in the application of sustainable financial management practices for public entities, and public accountability.

The WSSC IG Appointment Committee will recommend potential Inspector General candidates to WSSC Commissioners. The Committee will consist of one WSSC Commissioner from Montgomery County, one WSSC Commissioner from Prince George's County, one member of the public selected by the Montgomery County Council, and one member of the public selected by the Prince George's County Council.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Not applicable.

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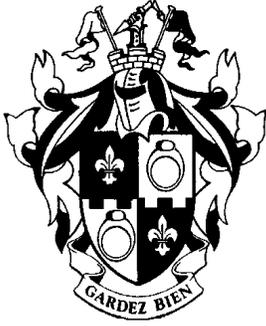
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Matthew Green	© 3

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Applicant List

Noah Cantor
Zip code: 20815

Matthew Green
Zip code: 20905



Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

October 20, 2021

FOR INFORMATION: Selena.Singleton@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov

County Council Seeks Applicants for WSSC Water Inspector General Appointment Committee

Application Deadline is Monday, November 1, at 5 p.m.

ROCKVILLE, MD, October 20, 2021—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a public seat on the WSSC Water Commission Inspector General Appointment Committee. Letters of application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021.

The Appointment Committee will recommend an Inspector General to WSSC Water. The Committee will consist of one WSSC Water Commissioner from Montgomery County, one WSSC Water Commissioner from Prince George's County, one member of the public selected by the Montgomery County Council, and one member of the public selected by the Prince George's County Council.

The WSSC Water Office of the Inspector General (IG) was established by Maryland General Assembly House Bill No. 419, Chapter 130. The IG is responsible for investigating claims of mismanagement, misconduct, fraud, waste and abuse, and conducting an annual audit of WSSC Water operations.

The Appointment Committee will review and recommend potential candidates to the Commission for appointment as IG. The IG will be appointed by the Commission from the list of recommended candidates. The Committee will recommend a list of three to six candidates. Upon appointment of the IG, the Appointment Committee will be terminated.

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Public members of the committee shall possess advanced education and experience in the management of governmental entities that are comparable to the scope and complexity of WSSC Water; demonstrated knowledge and experience in the application of *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards* and internal control systems; and an understanding of the appropriate functions of an appointment committee. Public members of the Appointment Committee may not have any other business or close personal relationships with the Commission or its officers, managers, or employees.

Applicants should send a letter expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages in length) listing education and professional experience, to Council President Tom Hucker at County.Council@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov.

Letters of application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 1. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. The names of all applicants are published and resumes made available for public review (personal contact information is redacted).

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Noah Cantor
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Council President Tom Hucker
Stella Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
Via Electronic Mail

October 29, 2021

Dear Council President Hucker and Members of the Council,

I am writing to submit my application for the public seat on the WSSC Water Commission Inspector General Appointment Committee. The current issues surrounding WSSC are of great importance to me in both my personal and professional life. Growing up a longtime resident of Montgomery County, I personally would like to use my experience in a productive way to give back to the community by ensuring that one of our most important public works is functioning properly. Professionally, I am a real estate attorney at KVS Title, LLC, and the title industry is more directly linked with WSSC than any other industry.

As you probably know, title companies are responsible for ensuring that final water bills are paid off in association with the transfer of title on a property. There are a number of vital issues that tie into the structural and procedural leadership at WSSC, and I believe that I could add a great deal of substantive guidance on these issues. As part of my role at KVS Title as a senior real estate attorney, we have already been working directly with WSSC to resolve many of the current issues they are facing with meter readings, final water bills for the transfer of title, and the overall process for water usage and billing.

I truly believe that the appointment of the next WSSC Inspector General is a vitally important matter for our County, and we must address certain issues relating to the way WSSC does business immediately. I would be able to utilize my direct professional experience with WSSC to bring all of these important topics to the table. It would be my honor to take on the roll of the public seat representative for the Commission to select the new IG, and I would devote all of my experience, resources and energy to ensure that we select the appropriate individual to face these critical issues head on.

Thank you for your consideration,

Noah Cantor, Esq.

NOAH CANTOR, ESQ.

EDUCATION:

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

JD May 2002

Published in the Journal of Gender, Social Policy & The Law

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

BA in Political Science, May 1999

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Steptoe & Johnson, LLP., Washington DC

Junior Associate, Litigation Department, August 2003- May 2005

Directed Civil Litigation for a large client defending against asbestos claims. Drafted all forms of litigation documents, including Answers, Motions, and Discovery. Prepared legal memoranda on litigation strategies for large-scale defense of insurance-related asbestos claims.

Hemingway Homes, LLC., Bethesda, MD

In-House Counsel, May 2005- October 2012

Manage legal issues related to the company, including but not limited to drafting contracts and agreements, and dealing with any claims relating to the company. Supervise all land use and zoning issues, including subdivision of land, zoning rights and all interaction with government entities related thereto. Direct land acquisition for the company.

Sage Title Group, LLC, Silver Spring, MD

Managing Attorney, Silver Spring Branch, November 2012- January 2018

Manage office affairs and seek new business. Conduct settlements on residential and commercial properties. Mediate the resolution of disputes between the parties. Review, clear and insure title to the properties. Teach Continuing Education classes to real estate professionals.

KVS Title, LLC, Bethesda, MD

Settlement Attorney, January 2018- Present

Conduct settlements on residential and commercial properties. Mediate the resolution of disputes between parties. Teach Continuing Education classes to real estate professionals. Manage Processing and Post-Closing issues.

AFFILIATIONS:

Maryland Bar Association

Title Producer License in MD, D.C. and VA

GCAAR Member and Member of the GCAAR Public Policy Committee

Charles E. Smith Life Communities- Strategic Planning Committee Member

October 28, 2021

Honorable Tom Hucker, President
Montgomery County Council

Re: Public Seat for WSSC Inspector General Appointment Committee

Dear President Hucker,

I wish to express my interest in serving our community by being appointed to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Inspector General Appointment Committee as its Public Member. I have included my resume which shows years of extensive professional experiences which encompass the area of investigating and prosecuting claims of misconduct, fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse. This experience extends from Amtrak as trial counsel to various attorney roles with the District of Columbia Government and as Labor Relations Administrator for the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission.

At Amtrak as trial/labor counsel, I was tasked to ferret out employee misconduct to include theft, fraud, waste, abuse, and contract manipulation. I worked closely with the On Board Services Department and the Office of the Internal Auditor (precursor of the Inspector General).

As a Disinterested Designee (Special Assignment) with the District of Columbia Government it was my responsibility as the hearing officer to adjudicate employee misconduct which included theft of government property through the use of financial discrepancies, equipment misuse, personnel related fraud and other corrupt schemes designed to defraud the Government. As an assistant attorney general /attorney advisor, it was my function to investigate and prosecute violators of the various statutes of the District as it related to the various licensed and unlicensed professions and trades.

In other assignments, I served as legal counsel to the various Boards and Commissions (32 Boards and Commissions) which also resulted in the prosecution of individuals who colluded with District employees to defraud the Government out of professional licenses through various schemes. I also have extensive experience in the area of consumer protection which in and of itself encompasses various frauds perpetrated on the public as well as those that involve the misuse of government assets and personnel. All were IG referrals where appropriate.

Finally, I have had experience working with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission as its first Labor Relations Administrator in 2005. In this position I conducted a union election and was also responsible for the conduct of hearings related to employee suspensions regarding their engagement in union activity and allegations that the Commission engaged in certain unlawful surveillance of these concerted activity in violation of Article 29, Sec. 11.5-110 (B) (1) (2) and (3) and Article 29, Sec. 11.5-110 (B) (1) (2) and (3), of the Maryland Code Annotated respectively.

Based on the above cited information and my resume experiences, I believe that I am qualified and willing to once again serve my community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Maureen J. Green, Jr.

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MATTHEW J. GREEN, JR.

EXPERIENCE:

ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL / ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. (November 1993-Retired January 2020). Title changed when all agency counsel positions placed under the Mayor. Duties remained the same: Provide general legal and policy advice to Office Chiefs and Administrators of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. Counsel to the various Administrations and Agency Boards and Commissions. Principal Agency litigator before the Office of Administrative Hearings, Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Office of Employee Appeals. Prosecutes cases before the Boards of Real Estate Appraisers, Funeral Directors, Board of Accountancy and Boxing and Wrestling Commission, Cosmetology Board and Board of Professional Engineers. (Previously served as attorney advisor to Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Pharmacy, Chiropractors, Physical Therapy, and Social Work – now DOH Boards) Represent departmental management during various collective bargaining sessions. Acted as Agency Disinterested Designee for employee adverse and corrective actions..

LABOR/EEO CONSULTANT. (August 2001- Present). Provide EEO investigative services to the J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, U.S. State Department and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Act as the Labor Relations Administrator for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and its various labor unions.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. (November 2005 – August 2006) Detailed to the Civil Enforcement Section, Division of Public Safety. Represented various District Agencies before the Board of Alcohol Beverage Control, Office of Administrative Hearings, D.C. Superior Court and U.S. District Court for District of Columbia in affirmative litigation.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER (ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE). Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Adjudication, Washington, D.C. (January 1989 - November 1993). Decided cases filed by landlords and tenants brought under the D.C. Rental Housing Acts. Primary conciliator for disputes that arise under the Rental Housing Act; Acted as designated Agency Administrative Hearing Officer in other areas of the law regulated by the Agency.

LEGAL ADVISOR. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Compliance (May 1983 - January 1989). Provided legal advice to all components of the Office of Compliance in its relationship to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, including Insurance Administration, Business Regulation Administration and Service Facility Regulation Administration. Managed Agency's law school clinic programs at Georgetown University Law Center, George Washington University Law School, and the District of Columbia School of Law. Supervised a litigation staff of six attorneys and three interns who conducted settlement conferences and entered appearances before an administrative law judge on consumer and regulatory matters. Entered appearance in over 300 cases.

GENERAL COUNSEL District of Columbia Office of Consumer Protection, Washington, D.C. (October 1981 - May 1983). Managed legal staff of eight. Division was responsible for protecting the interest of consumers through the process of mediation, conferences, issuance of subpoenas,

formulation of consent decrees, and provided representation for consumers before an administrative law judge.

TRIAL COUNSEL. National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), (Labor/Personnel and Marketing) Washington, D.C. (January 1976 - March 1981). Provided legal opinions to corporate management and represented corporate interest before federal and state courts, as well as administrative agencies. Areas of specialization included EEO, Personnel/labor, O.S.H.A., and claims under F.E.L.A. (negligence defense). Appearance entered in over three hundred administrative proceedings and scores of jury trials.

DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. University of Maryland, Central Administration, College Park, Maryland. (August 1973 - January 1976). Provided legal and policy interpretation for implementation of Title IX, Title VII, Title VI, as well as federal handicapped statutes and Architectural Barriers Act. Also provide leadership to all five campuses equal employment administrators in development of affirmative action goals and plans. Chaired President's Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. Acted as hearing officer for employee grievances in the University's Central Administration.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT. Roy Littlejohn Associates, Washington, D.C. (July 1972 - August 1973). Provided supervision to field interviewers in a Baltimore Health Study. Provided technical support to small business owners.

CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. Federal City College (University of the District of Columbia), Washington, D.C. (June 1971 - September 1972). Assistant Professor of Political Science. Senior administrator charged with supervision of 13 full-time and 9 part-time faculty members, 1 secretary and 300 students. Developed a multi-disciplinary department capability for students as well as provide leadership in areas of promotion, budget, tenure, faculty-student evaluations, curricula consistency with program concepts.

COLLEGE REGISTRAR. Federal City College (University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. (June 1969 - July 1970). Provided a continuation of daytime services of Registrar's Office for evening college students such as grade distribution, class scheduling, room assignments, transcripts, maintenance of student records with aid of staff of 25.

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Military Appeals
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Third Circuit
U.S. District Court of Maryland, Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
District of Columbia Court of Appeals
State of New York, Appellate Division of Supreme Court, Third Judicial Department

EDUCATION

LL.M - Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. Labor Law Concentration
J.D. - Howard University, Washington, D.C.
A.B. - Johnson C. Smith, University, Charlotte, N.C.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Washington Bar Association - Winter and Spring Law Fair - Guest Lecturer
D.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Spring Courses - Guest Lecturer
D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program - Guest Lecturer
Automotive Trade Association (Auto Cap) - Mediation/Arbitration Panelist
Former Chairman, States Attorney's Drug Policy Advisory Task Force (Montgomery County Maryland)
Iota Upsilon Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., Montgomery County, Md., Scholarship Foundation, Past President,
Former Member, Montgomery County Md. Consumer Protection Advisory Board.
Former Chairman, Montgomery County, Md. Community Action Board (CAB).

References Supplied Upon Request