

CITY OF VINELAND, NJ

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 62

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAMON G. TYNER, ESQ., EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL COURT.

WHEREAS, Damon G. Tyner, Esq. has submitted a proposal to serve the Vineland Municipal Court as the Prosecutor in accordance with Section 110-19 of the Code of the City of Vineland at a salary of \$53,500; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2024, the Mayor of the City of Vineland notified the City Council of the City of Vineland, of his intention to appoint Damon G. Tyner, Esq., to the position of Prosecutor for the Vineland Municipal Court in accordance with Section 110-19 of the Code of the City of Vineland and requested the same be ratified and confirmed, said appointment being for a term of one year in accordance with NJSA 2B: 25-4 commencing upon the adoption of a resolution ratifying and confirming the same and terminating one year thereafter provided further that the appointments continue to serve until replaced or reappointed; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the qualifications and experience of Damon G. Tyner, Esq. the Mayor has determined that he is well qualified for the position and makes the appointment of Damon G. Tyner, Esq. to the position of Prosecutor for the Vineland Municipal Court, subject to the ratification and confirmation by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Damon G. Tyner, Esq. meets all of the qualifications required to serve in the capacity of Prosecutor and that the appointments will be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the appointments of Damon G. Tyner, Esq., to the position of Prosecutor for the Vineland Municipal Court for a salary of \$53,500.00 per annum from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 or until re-appointed or replaced is hereby ratified and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Damon G. Tyner,, Esq. for the position of Prosecutor for the Vineland Municipal Court for a period of one year from the date of the adoption of this Resolution at a total salary of \$53,500.00.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



HONORABLE DAMON G. TYNER

Member of the New Jersey Bar

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

THE LAW OFFICES OF DAMON G. TYNER, LLC
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

March 2022- Present

- Sole practitioner law practice focused on land use planning and real estate development, education law, municipal law, cannabis law, and general commercial law
- Offering mediation and alternative dispute resolution, in addition to problem solving, consulting, and advocacy services

ATLANTIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR
Mays Landing/Atlantic City, NJ

March 2017 – July 2021

- Appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the State Senate, as the 29th Prosecutor of Atlantic County
- Served as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the county; supervised 17 Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies and over 1200 sworn officers.
- Supervised a staff of 180 employees including attorneys, sworn police detectives, and support staff.
- Managed an annual budget of approximately \$14,000,000
- Determined which charges to present to the Grand Jury for indictment.
- Directed and initiated law enforcement policies and Directives from the Office of the Attorney General.
- Engaged the community through the implementation of programs intended to both deter individuals from entering the criminal justice system and prevent deleterious behavior such as opioid/drug abuse, gun violence, gang criminality, domestic violence, and human trafficking.
- Developed and implemented policies and directives related to the decriminalization of Marijuana pursuant to New Jersey law.

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- Implemented and oversaw resiliency training for all police officers within the County

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
March 2017 Judge, Criminal Division
Vicinage 1 (Atlantic & Cape May Counties)

March 2016 –

- Presided over the prosecution of all types of indictable offenses including but not limited to murder, aggravated assault, distribution of controlled dangerous substances, possession of controlled dangerous substances, theft by unlawful taking, vehicular homicide.
- Decided Motions to dismiss, suppress evidence, post-conviction relief.
- Managed a caseload/docket of over three hundred criminal cases.
- Trained extensively in the New Jersey Constitutional Amendment implementing Bail Reform, also known as Criminal Justice Reform

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
2016 Judge, Equity Division - Family Part
Vicinage 1 (Atlantic & Cape May Counties)

July 2014 - March

- Appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the State Senate.
- Presided over matters concerning the Division of Child Protection and Permanency and domestic relations (child support & custody, adoptions, restraining orders, divorce).
- Managed a Children in Court docket involving 150 families.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
2014
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
Trenton, NJ/Atlantic City, NJ

June 2012 - June

Administrative Law Judge

- Appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the State Senate.
- Presided over all matters of controversy emanating from the administrative agencies of the State of New Jersey, including but not limited to disputes concerning civil service, education, medicaid, social services, environmental protection, consumer affairs, and child protection and permanency.

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PARKER McCAY, P.A.
Atlantic City, NJ

March 2006 - June 2012

Counsel

- Established the Atlantic City regional office of Parker McCay, a leading South Jersey law firm.
- Practice consisted of Real Estate Development, Land Use Planning and Zoning, Education Law, Municipal Law, Labor and Employment Law, and Casino Regulatory Law.
- Worked with the CEO of the firm to recruit professional staff and develop business in the ever expanding Greater Atlantic City market.
- Served as Solicitor to the Winslow Township Board of Education
- Served as Labor Counsel to the Atlantic City Housing Authority and Urban Redevelopment Agency
- Served as Labor Counsel to the Pleasantville Board of Education
- Served as City Solicitor to the City of Somers Point, NJ
- Appeared frequently before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Office of Administrative Law, Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC).

FOX ROTHSCHILD LLP
Atlantic City, NJ

March 1999 - March 2006

Associate

- Associate in the Real Estate Department of a 300+ attorney super regional law firm.
- Practice consisted of real estate development, land use planning and zoning, municipal law, and education law.
- Appeared before Planning and Zoning Boards throughout Atlantic County and the State of New Jersey as the attorney of record in connection with the development of real estate for residential, commercial, and casino projects.
- Appeared before both the trial and appellate levels of the Superior Court of New Jersey in connection with the appeal or defense of land use approvals.
- Served as the Solicitor to the City of Pleasantville, NJ Board of Education from 2001-2004, a school district serving approximately 3500 students, with an annual budget of more than \$65M.
- Appeared before the Office of Administrative Law on behalf of the Board of Education in connection with special education matters, budget appeals pursuant to *Abbott v. Burke*, tenure charges, student dismissals.

COOPER PERSKIE, ET ALS.

Sept. 1998 - March 1999

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Associate

- Associate in the litigation department of a full service law firm.
- Practiced involved preparing memoranda, taking depositions, preparing and arguing a variety of motions, preparing arbitration statements, and representing clients before arbitration panels.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Sept. 1997 – August 1998

Mays Landing, NJ

Law Clerk

- Law Clerk to the Hon. Albert J. Garofolo, P.J.Cr. (Ret.), the presiding judge of the Criminal Part of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Trial Division for Vicinage One, which consists of Atlantic and Cape May Counties.
- Analyzed Motions, conducted legal research, and prepared Bench memoranda for the Presiding Judge.
- Analyzed appeals from the Municipal Courts throughout Vicinage One, conducted legal research, and prepared Bench Memoranda for the Court to consider during oral argument.
- Mediated small claims matters filed with the Superior Court in Atlantic County

ADMISSIONS

State of New Jersey, December 1997

United States District Court of New Jersey 1997

Supreme Court of the United States, 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns (2004-2006 term)
- Board of Trustees, Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City, NJ 1998-2005
- Community Advisory Board, Jewish Family Services of Atlantic and Cape May Counties 2006-2009
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Atlantic County Bar Association

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- National District Attorneys Association
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- National Black Prosecutors Association

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION

New Jersey State Democratic Committee

February 2008

- Elected to serve as a Delegate to the 2008 National Democratic Convention in Denver, CO.

Atlantic City Weekly

March 2005

- "Top 40 Under 40": Recognized as one of the top forty persons under the age of forty in the Greater Atlantic City region excelling and making a difference in their chosen field of practice and the community.

New Jersey Law Journal

October 2004

- "Top 40 Under 40": Recognized by the editorial board of the State's leading legal journal as one of the top forty attorneys in the State of New Jersey under the age of forty.

Hon. Benjamin A. Rimm Award

November 2003

- Recognized by the Atlantic County Bar Association as the most outstanding young lawyer in the community for commitment to the legal profession and the community.

Judge Herbert Jacobs Award

October 2002

- Recognized by the African-American Male Conference for service to the greater Atlantic City community.

EDUCATION:

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Wilmington, DE

J.D. awarded 1997

Honors of Distinction:

- Widener Scholar: recipient of a full tuition scholarship in each academic year.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Washington, DC

B.S. awarded 1993

Major: Microbiology

Honors of Distinction:

- Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society: inducted into the honor society for those successful students majoring in the natural sciences.

REFERENCES

Hon. Marty Small, Mayor
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Hon. Judy M. Ward, Mayor
City of Pleasantville New Jersey
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Dr. H. Major Poteat, Superintendent
Winslow Township Public School District
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- Associate Editor, *Widener Law Symposium Journal*, Vol. II
- Member, Moot Court Honor Society
- Haneman-Perskie Scholarship: recipient of a scholarship from the Atlantic County Bar Association