

Application Form

Introduction

Applications will remain on file for a **one-year period**. You are welcome to re-apply at that time if you are still interested and have not been appointed to serve.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I hereby acknowledge that the information I provide in this application is subject to disclosure pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Laws, and that I provide the information contained in this application freely and voluntarily, and that I consent to such disclosure pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Laws, and that I waive, release and discharge the City of Raleigh, its agents, employees and elected and appointed officials, from any liability related to disclosure of any information provided herein.

☒ I Agree

Profile

Prefix	Seth	Middle Initial	Wood	Suffix
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woodva2003@yahoo.com

Email Address

Mobile: (703) 216-4690

Primary Phone

Home Address	Suite or Apt
City	State Postal Code

Employer	Job Title
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If uncertain about your Council District, visit the RaleighNC.gov and search by your address in the **"Find Your Services by Address"** section. Your council district will be displayed directly below the picture of your Council Member.

What district do you live in? *

☒ B

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Civil Service Commission: On Agenda

Seth Wood

How did you hear about this application processes?

☒ Friend or family member

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I believe strongly in public service and the need for the City's systems, boards, and commissions - including the Civil Service Commission - to be run in a fair, competent, and efficient manner. Volunteering on the Commission would be a fantastic opportunity to serve our community in a practical and meaningful way.

Please describe your work, education and volunteer experience in the following sections or optionally upload a resume.

Work Experience

Education

Volunteer Experience

[_Wood Resume_.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Upload any additional documentation

Demographics

Demographics - Voluntary - Not Required

Disclaimer: This Demographics Section of the Application is ***not required*** and by completing it, I do so ***voluntarily*** and acknowledge that the information I provide in this application is subject to disclosure pursuant to the ***North Carolina Public Records Laws***, and that I provide the information contained in this application ***freely and voluntarily***, and that ***I consent*** to such disclosure pursuant to the ***North Carolina Public Records Laws***, and that ***I waive, release and discharge*** the City of Raleigh, its officers, officials (elected and appointed), employees and agents, from any liability related to disclosure of any information provided herein.

Purpose: Raleigh City Council Resolution No. 302(1986) establishes a policy that City Boards and Commissions be representative of the City's residents. The following ***voluntary*** questions are asked with the goal of meeting this policy and ensure diverse representation on City Boards and Commissions.

Which age group describes you?

☒ 41 - 50

Gender:

☒ Male

Ethnicity:

☒ No, not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin

Sexual Orientation:

☒ Heterosexual

For the following question, how would you define your race?
Please consider the following sub-groupings for race:

- Asian: (Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam)
- Black or African American: (Haitian, Jamaican, Nigerian, Somali)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: (person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands)
- White: (Irish, German, English)

You may select more than one.

Race *

☒ White

Marginalized communities include those who have been [historically excluded](#) from involvement in our cities, as well as those continuing to face other barriers to civic participation. This includes those marginalized by factors like race, wealth, immigration status, and sexual orientation.

For the following question, do you identify as part of a marginalized group? If so please list and consider the following examples for marginalized groups:

- veterans
- seniors
- hearing, visually, and physically challenged persons
- women and girls
- formerly incarcerated people

Marginalized Group

Board Specific Criteria

Accurate and Complete**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

I hereby certify and affirm that all of the information provided by me in this application (or any other accompanying or required documents) is correct, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the falsification, misrepresentation or omission of any facts in said documents may be cause for disqualification of my application or my immediate removal from a board or commission.

☒ I Agree

SETH M. WOOD

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced legal professional with over 20 years of expertise in federal litigation, appellate advocacy, and legislative and policy development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys

Legislative Counsel

Raleigh, NC | September 2019 – Present

- Coordinate legislative reviews, testimony, and regulations on behalf of the U.S. Attorney community.
- Coordinate policy priorities, including implementing the First Step Act, responding to COVID-19 litigation, and developing sentencing proposals.
- Serve as EOUSA subject matter expert for the U.S. Sentencing Commission and for threats against public officials.
- Draft and review congressional correspondence; prepare personnel for legislative hearings.

Campbell University School of Law

Raleigh, NC | Spring 2024 and 2025

- Teach class on legislation and statutory interpretation.

United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Policy and Legislation

Attorney Advisor

Washington, DC | November 2018 – September 2019

- Supported the United States delegation to the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), an international anti-corruption organization created by the Council of Europe.
- Drafted and analyzed legislative proposals and sentencing policies.
- Represented the Criminal Division in implementing the First Step Act.

Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina

Assistant U.S. Attorney (Appellate Division, Civil Division, Criminal Division)

Raleigh, NC | February 2010 – November 2018

- Drafted briefs and argued cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- Litigated civil cases concerning employment discrimination, torts, environmental challenges, civil commitment matters, and others.

- Represented the U.S. in collateral criminal conviction challenges through motions, hearings, and appeals.

United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary

Counsel & Special Counsel for Supreme Court Nominations

Washington, DC | May 2009 – December 2009

- Researched and analyzed opinions, statements, writings, and other matters relating to the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor.
- Drafted briefing materials, questions, floor statements, and communications materials regarding nominations and national security issues.

Other Notable Roles

- Counsel, United States Department of Justice Office of Legal Policy (2007–2009): Drafted strategies on national security, victims' rights, and judicial nominations. Prepared nominees to the judiciary and the Department of Justice for confirmation hearings.
- Deputy Executive Director & Counsel, White House Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (2006–2007): Supported the Board in ensuring that privacy and civil liberties are appropriately considered in measures to protect the nation against terrorism.
- Associate, Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP (2004–2006).
- Law Clerk, Hon. Jerry E. Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2003–2004).

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law

J.D., Order of the Coif | May 2003

- Book Reviews Editor, Virginia Law Review; 2002-03 Best Note Award.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Honors Baccalaureate Degree, Political Science, and B.A. in English, Summa Cum Laude | Spring 2000

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, North Carolina, Virginia (Associate).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- The Master Settlement Agreement as Class Action, 89 VA. L. REV. 597 (2003).

COMMUNITY

- Volunteer, Worship Arts Team, Apostles Raleigh.
- Previous Member, Board of Directors, Casa Esperanza Montessori Charter School.