



RON GALPERIN
CONTROLLER

September 11, 2013

Holly Wolcott, Interim City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 700 (b) of the City Charter, I hereby appoint Ms. Jessica Levinson to serve on the City Ethics Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Galperin'.

Ron Galperin
City Controller

Attachment

cc: Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Honorable Members of the City Council
Honorable Mike Feuer, City Attorney
Gerry Miller, Chief Legislative Analyst
Heather Holt, Executive Director, Ethics Commission

JESSICA A. LEVINSON

CURRENT POSITIONS

- LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL**, Los Angeles, CA 2009-Present
Associate Clinical Professor (Adjunct Prof. 2009-2010, Visiting Associate Clinical Prof. 2011-2012)
- Teach courses entitled “Election Law: The Law of the Political Process,” “Campaign Finance Seminar,” “Money, Politics and the Supreme Court,” and “Law and Process: Privacy Torts.”
 - Faculty Advisor, *Loyola Law Review of Los Angeles*, Developments Issue 2012
 - Regularly speak to the media about election law issues, including reporters for national print, radio and television outlets.
 - Give lectures hosted by educational institutions and civic organizations about election law issues
 - Author op-ed pieces for the *Sacramento Bee*, *Politico*, the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, the *Huffington Post*, KCET.org and other news outlets.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES**, Los Angeles, CA 2008-2011
Director of Political Reform
- Researched, wrote and edited reports concerning the election laws, including campaign finance laws, ballot initiatives, term limits, primary elections systems, and redistricting.
 - Advised jurisdictions on drafting campaign finance and disclosure ordinances, and testified at commission and legislative committee hearings.
 - Authored an *amicus curiae* brief for the United States Supreme Court concerning the constitutionality of public campaign financing.
 - Regularly spoke to the local and national press about political reform issues.
 - Managed internship program of law and undergraduate students.
- RUSS AUGUST & KABAT**, Los Angeles, CA 2007-2008
Litigation Associate
- Researched, wrote and argued dispositive and discovery motions in intellectual property, real estate and business litigation matters in federal and state court.
 - Conducted and defended depositions in intellectual property matters.
 - Represented clients in *pro bono* matters in state court.
- SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP**, Los Angeles, CA 2006-2007
Litigation Associate
- Represented AIDS Project Los Angeles in an arbitration.
 - Researched, drafted and argued dispositive and discovery motions.
 - Represented aggrieved homebuyers against subprime lenders in a *pro bono* matter.
 - Conducted depositions.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Ana, CA 2005-2006
Law Clerk to the Honorable James V. Selna

- Drafted tentative and final court orders, and bench memoranda.

WINSTON & STRAWN LLP, Los Angeles, CA Summer 2004
Summer Associate

- Researched and wrote memoranda for the litigation, labor and employment, bankruptcy and real estate departments.

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA Summer 2003 & Spring 2005
Research Assistant for Professor Allan Ides

- Researched case law and drafted legal memoranda for use in *pro bono* cases, including a First Amendment case argued by the ACLU on behalf of a federal air marshal.
- Performed research for updates to Constitutional Law study guides and Civil Procedure textbooks.

CALIFORNIA STATE COURT, Los Angeles, CA Summer 2003
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Craig D. Karlan

- Performed legal research and assisted in drafting court orders.

PUBLICATIONS

(Law review articles available for download at:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=1722208)

- *Limiting Spending to Promote Speech: Examining Why Political Money is Not Political Speech*, 47 NEW ENG. L. REV. 881 (2013).
- *We the Corporations?: The Constitutionality of Limitations on Corporate Electioneering Communications*, 45 U.S.F. L. REV. 307 (2011).
- *Is the Party Over? The Open Primary Process*, 44 LOY. L. REV. 463 (2011).
- *Timing Is Everything: A New Model for Countering Corruption Without Silencing Speech in Elections*, 55 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 853 (2011).
- *Ballot Box Budgeting in California: The Bane of the Golden State or an Overstated Problem?* (co-author), 37 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 689 (2010).
- *Public Campaign Financing in Florida: A Program Sours* (Center for Governmental Studies 2009).
- *Public Campaign Financing: New Jersey Legislature - A Pilot Project Takes Flight* (Center for Governmental Studies 2008).
- *Public Campaign Financing: New Jersey Governor - Weeding Out Big Money in the Garden State* (Center for Governmental Studies 2008).
- *Bite Your Tongue in Europe: The European Court of Human Rights Strikes a Blow to the Freedom of Expression*, 26 LOY. L.A. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 483 (2004).

EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, *Order of the Coif*, May 2005

- Class Rank:** Top 5% of the graduating class
- Law Review:** *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review*, Senior Articles Editor
- Honors & Awards:** Faculty Academic Honors Scholarship
First Honors Awards for *Business Associations; Land Use; Race & Gender; and Remedies*
Dean's List (all semesters)
- Activities:** St. Thomas More Law Honor Society, Officer
International Law Society, Secretary
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Student Volunteer

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts, English, Minor in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, December 2001

- Honors & Awards:** Graduated as Valedictorian
Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honors Society)
Dean's List (all semesters)
- Activities:** Sigma Tau Delta (English Honors Society), President
"The Loyolan," (School Newspaper), Staff Writer
"Passion," (School Newsletter focusing on Politics), Writer