



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

April 20, 2017

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Jonathan Weiss to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Weiss's current term expires on June 30, 2017.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Weiss is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Jonathan Weiss
Commission: Board of Civil Service Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2022

Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - Central
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:** Board of Civil Service Commissioners
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Harvard Law School
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
- 10. Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Fugate, Jeanne	East LA	13	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-20
McClelland, Nancy	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-21
Esparza, Gabriel	West LA	5	Latino	M	30-Jun-19
Perez, Raul	Central	5	Latino	M	30-Jun-18
Weiss, Jonathan	Central	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-17



Partner, Litigation

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2004

- *cum laude*
- Managing Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*

University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D., 2001

- Doctorate in Philosophy

University of California, Berkeley, B.A. 1993

- Phi Beta Kappa, highest distinction
- University of California Regents' Scholar

Admissions & Qualifications

2007, California

Clerk and Government Experience

President, Board of Civil Service Commissioners for the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (2005)

Jonathan M. Weiss

Jonathan Weiss is a partner in the Firm's Los Angeles office and a member of the Commercial Litigation practice. Jonathan represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of high-stakes litigation, including antitrust, class action, financial services, securities and other complex commercial litigation. Jonathan has won multiple noteworthy jury verdicts, including the fourth largest jury award in the history of the State of Arizona (over \$110 million), and has significant appellate experience briefing and arguing appeals in both state and federal courts across the nation. Jonathan has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Southern California Super Lawyers* every year since 2011, and was recognized by *Legal 500 U.S.* in their 2015 leading lawyers in appellate litigation edition, noting his "incredibly dedicated" advocacy on behalf of his clients.

In 2013, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Jonathan as a Commissioner to the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission, on which Jonathan serves as President, responsible for establishing and enforcing the civil service rules and maintaining the civil service system for the City of Los Angeles. Jonathan is also a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. Jonathan has also spent considerable time on pro bono matters, for which he has been honored by Public Counsel among other organizations.

In addition to his busy practice, Jonathan has taught courses on Ninth Circuit appellate advocacy throughout Southern California and has lectured at several universities nationally, including Harvard Law School, UCLA Law School, the University of Illinois and the University of Pittsburgh.

Representative Matters

Prior to joining Kirkland, Jonathan's representative matters included:

- Trial counsel for a plaintiff real estate developer in a lawsuit alleging breach of fiduciary duties and breach of contract against the master developer of one of Arizona's largest planned communities. Following a six-week jury trial in Maricopa County Superior Court, a unanimous jury found for his client on all claims, awarding damages of over \$110 million—one of the largest damage awards ever in Arizona.
- Trial counsel for plaintiff, a member of the Jordanian Royal family, in a dispute with former partners over profits from Iraqi war U.S. Department of Defense military procurement contracts. Following a three-week jury trial in Palm Beach Florida Circuit Court, an eight-member jury awarded his client \$28.8 million, on all six counts under both Florida and Jordanian law. A unanimous panel of the Florida 4th District Court of Appeal later affirmed the jury verdict and granted plaintiff's cross-appeal for pre-judgment interest, increasing the judgment to over \$40 million.

Jonathan M. Weiss

Other Distinctions

- Selected to serve on the 2016 Law360 Banking Editorial Advisory Board
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in the *Legal 500 U.S.* for Appellate Litigation, 2015
- “Rising Star” *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 2011-2016

Memberships & Affiliations

- Pacific Council on International Policy
- American Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Languages

- French
- Spanish
- Norwegian

- Trial and appellate counsel for major insurance company against its reinsurers in a \$500 million precedent setting case before the New York Court of Appeals involving the “follow the fortunes” doctrine in reinsurance.
- Conducted the oral argument in a billion-dollar appeal in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, on behalf of a Canadian oil company alleging misappropriation of its valuable interest in a Russian oil company which controlled lucrative oil fields in Siberia. The case and appellate oral argument was profiled by *Law360*.
- Obtained dismissal of his client at the class certification stage from an ongoing putative class action alleging fraud, racketeering and breach of contract relating to thousands of foreclosures in the State of Ohio over a five-year period after taking the depositions of all putative class representatives and successfully briefing the opposition to class certification.
- Counsel for former officers of Washington Mutual in shareholder and FDIC litigation in various federal lawsuits.
- Counsel for LG Display in a billion-dollar civil antitrust lawsuit filed by Sony alleging price fixing of LCD panels in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Prior Employment Experience

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP



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Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2022. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require visiting City Hall. If you require parking during these procedures, please call Claudia Luna in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, Background Check Release and Information Sheet **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible.

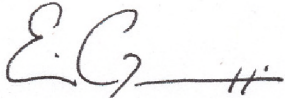
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Paul Koretz, your Councilmember, and Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee, to answer any questions he may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council for confirmation. Once you are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office in Room 395 of City Hall. Claudia Luna will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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If you move at any point during your term, have any changes in your telephone numbers, or in the future plan to resign (resignation must be put in writing), please contact my office immediately.

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

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Attachment I
Mr. Jonathan Weiss
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Nominee Check List

I. Within seven days:

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, City Hall,
200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

_____ **Remuneration Form**

_____ **Undated Separation Forms**

_____ **Background Check Release**

_____ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

II. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:

_____ **Your City Councilmember Paul Koretz**

Staff in the Mayor's Office will assist you with these arrangements.