



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

November 17, 2020

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. William J. Briggs, II to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Briggs will fill the vacancy created by Shane Goldsmith, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Briggs 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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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

EG:dlg

Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: William J. Briggs, II
Commission: Board of Police Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2024

Appointee Information

- 1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
- 2. **Gender:** Male
- 3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 12 - North Valley
- 4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. **Prior commission experience:** Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Board
- 6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D. Georgetown University Law Center
- 7. **Occupation/profession:** Partner, Venable LLP
- 8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
- 10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Soboroff, Steve	West	11	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-23
Calanche, Maria "Lou"	East	1	Latina	F	30-Jun-22
Bonner, Dale	Central	4	African American	M	30-Jun-21
Decker, Eileen	West	11	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-25



William J. Briggs, II
Partner

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William Briggs is a trial lawyer and civil litigator with broad experience in the entertainment industry. William represents some of the top talent in film, television, music, and sports. He has experience in state, federal, and appellate courts, and with arbitrations, involving intellectual property disputes, complex entertainment contract disputes, partnership disputes, rights of publicity and First Amendment issues, and employment matters.

William has substantial courtroom experience in disputes that involve:

- Trademarks
- Copyrights
- First Amendment
- Defamation
- Invasion of privacy
- Right of publicity
- Guild disputes
- Profit participation
- Royalty payments
- Violations of the Talent Agencies Act
- Interpretation and enforcement of talent, executive, distribution, film, and recording contracts

In addition to his courtroom practice, William works with clients to respond rapidly to emergency situations and to identify the most appropriate and cost-effective solutions. When difficult and challenging issues cannot be resolved without litigation, he is prepared to try the case for the client.

Experience

Representative Matters

Intellectual Property Litigation

- Represented co-owners of copyrights and trademarks in a dispute between partners, concerning who had the right to use the trademark and exploit the copyrights
- Represented an agency in an idea submission case
- Represented talent in a copyright infringement matter

Entertainment Contract Litigation

- Represented talent in a right of approval dispute that required talent's approval before the release of a film
- Represented a production company in a dispute regarding rights to conduct a music festival
- Represented a production company in a dispute with the Writers Guild of America (WGA) and the Screenwriters Guild of America (SGA) concerning residual payments
- Represented personal talent managers in a partnership dispute

General Litigation

- Represented a high-profile actor, producer, and comedian in high-stakes litigation, and obtained a groundbreaking appellate decision in the areas of harassment, discrimination, copyright, and right of publicity
- Represented plaintiff in an employment discrimination lawsuit
- Represented an actress in a pregnancy discrimination lawsuit against a network
- Represented a wholesale diamond dealer in a multi-million-dollar embezzlement lawsuit

Reported Decisions

- *MGM Grand Hotel, Inc. v. Smith-Hemion Productions*, 158 F.R.D. 677 (D. Nev. 1994)
- *Trans-World International, Inc. v. Smith-Hemion Productions, Inc.*, 972 F. Supp. 1275 (C.C. Cal. 1997)
- *McConnell v. Innovative Artists*, 175 Cal. App. 4th 169 (2009) (affirming grant of anti-SLAPP)

motion)

- *Digerati Holdings, LLC v. Young Money Entertainment, LLC, et al.*, 194 Cal. App. 4th 873 (2011) (affirming partial grant of anti-SLAPP motion)
- *Pierre Daniel v. Marlon Wayans*, 8 Cal. App. 5th 367 (2017) (affirming grant of anti-SLAPP motion)

Insights

Thought Leadership

[Venable Secures Major Free Speech Victory on Behalf of Marlon Wayans](#)

February 04, 2020

[A picture is worth a million dollars](#)

August 11, 2016

[Nonprofits and Celebrity Endorsements: Common Legal Pitfalls and Practical Tips](#)

May 2014

Events

["Entertainment, Discrimination, and the First Amendment" at the 15th Annual Entertainment and Media Law Conference hosted by the Media Law Resource Center \(MLRC\)](#)

January 18, 2018

["Litigation Roundup" at the American Bar Association's Forum on Entertainment & Sports Industries](#)

October 08, 2016

["Celebrities, Fraud and Philanthropy: Navigating Charitable Relationships and Opportunities for your Entertainment and Sports Industry Clients" for Motion Picture Television Fund's Professional Advisory Network](#)

November 20, 2013

Recent News

[William Briggs and Alex Weingarten Recognized Among *Los Angeles Business Journals* Top Litigators & Trial Lawyers](#)

July 13, 2020

[Venable Wins Major California Appellate Court Case on Behalf of Marlon Wayans](#)

February 03, 2020

[William Briggs and Belinda Vega Recognized Among *Los Angeles Business Journals* Top Minority Attorneys](#)

January 27, 2020

Credentials

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1988
 - American Jurisprudence Award in Civil Rights
- B.A., Bethune-Cookman College, 1978

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Memberships and Activities

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, American Bar Association
- Associate member, American Inn of Court, William B. Enright Chapter
- Member, Professional Advisory Network, Motion Picture & Television Fund

Recognition

- ***Los Angeles Business Journal***,
 - *Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers*, 2018 – 2020
 - *Most Influential Minority Attorneys*, 2016, 2019 – 2020
- ***The Hollywood Reporter***, *Power Lawyers*, 2019
- ***Super Lawyers***, Southern California, 2014 – 2020
- ***Billboard***, *Top Music Lawyers*, 2018

Community

Pro Bono

- Active in the local community and provides pro bono legal services to the Alliance for Children's Rights

Personal Activities

- Scuba diving
- Skiing

Related Practices

Commercial Litigation
Labor and Employment
Corporate
Intellectual Property
Entertainment Industry Litigation
Litigation

Related Industries

Art Law
Entertainment and Media



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Dear Mr. William Briggs, II:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. 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 appointment 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. Further, Mayor's Office policy requires you to be fingerprinted as part of the background check that is done on all potential Commissioners. To do so, please bring this letter to the Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles, California 90012. The division phone number is (213) 473-9343. Fingerprints must be taken **within three working days** from the **receipt** of this letter.

Under separate cover you will be receiving a packet from the City Ethics Commission containing information about the City's conflict of interest laws and a copy of the State Form 700/Statement of Economic Interests. You are required to complete and return this form **within 21 days** of your nomination to the City Ethics Commission, 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Nicole Enriquez at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with John Lee, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Public Safety Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your appointment 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.

Commissioners must be residents of the City of Los Angeles. 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.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I
Mr. William J. Briggs, II
November 17, 2020

Nominee Check List

I. Within three days:

- _____ **Get fingerprinted to complete a background check.**
No appointment is necessary. Bring the Mayor's letter to:
Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel
Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles,
California 90012. Phone: (213) 473-9343.

II. Within seven days:

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of
Legislative and External Affairs, 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**

III. Within 21 days:

File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to
file, you will receive these forms via email from that office.*

- _____ **Statement of Economic Interest ("Form 700")**
IMPORTANT: The City Council will not consider your nomination until
your completed form is reviewed by the Ethics Commission.
- _____ **CEC Form 60**

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

- _____ **Your City Councilmember John Lee**
- _____ **Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Chair of the Council Committee
considering your nomination.**

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