

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

RESOLUTION NO. 36 - 2017

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shivani K. Aghera to the Human Rights Commission.

Introduced and read first time on April 3, 2017.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on April 19, 2017.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on May 1, 2017.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2 County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3 nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Sections 6.326 and 12.202 of the Howard County Code provide for a Human
5 Rights Commission in Howard County; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Shivani K. Aghera
7 as a member of the Human Rights Commission; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
9 confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
11 Maryland this 1st day of May, 2017 that the following person is appointed as a
12 member of the Human Rights Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to March
13 1, 2022 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

14 Shivani K. Aghera
15 Elkridge, MD

SHIVANI K. AGHERA**EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD
 Juris Doctorate, May 2014, *Sitting for the February 2017 Bar Examination*
 Activities:

Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity, Fall 2012- Present
 Student Bar Association, 3L Representative, Fall 2013- Spring 2014
 Howard County Bar Association, Member, Present

CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlotte, NC
 August 2011 to May 2012; JD 1L Program

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, PA
 B.S. in Economics, May 2010

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ABRAMSON & RAND, LLC, Columbia, MD
Law Clerk, August 2016- Present

Prepare complaints, petitions and motions for clients. Attend and facilitate client meetings to retain new clients, as well as prepare for trial. Organize and prepare discovery provided by clients and opposing sides. Research various domestic, civil and criminal issues through the Maryland Rules and secondary sources. Work with colleagues to prepare for trials. Attend hearings to gain trial strategies from experienced litigation attorneys.

HON. MARY M. KRAMER, Ellicott City, MD
Judicial Law Clerk, January 2015- August 2016

Prepared memoranda, orders and opinions for the Judge's cases including divorces, settlements, protective orders, criminal charges, property and contract disputes. Researched various complex issues including post convictions. Researched rules, case law and secondary sources to prepare appropriate recommendations for the Judge. Observed civil and criminal dockets to get experience in a Court Room while interacting with Judges, attorneys and self-represented litigants

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE FAMILY LAW CLINIC, Baltimore, MD
Rule 16 Student Attorney, Fall 2013

Worked for various clients regarding family related matters. Prepared custody and absolute divorce complaints, motions pertaining to the trial, and researched topics regarding divorce, custody and domestic violence. Actively went to trials and hearings for topics concerning our clients. Dealt with opposing clients for negotiations.

BRASSEL, ALEXANDER & RICE, LLC, Annapolis, MD
Legal Intern, June 2013 to May 2014

Assisted with family law cases. Researched relevant case law and legal statutes pertaining to sexual assault, animal endangerment, divorce and custody. Drafted complaints, answers and motions for clients. Observed supervising attorney in court on a variety of cases spanning from custody to divorce to assault.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MORI ASSOCIATES- LOCKHEED MARTIN, Washington, DC
Document Specialist, September 2010 to August 2011

Analyzed and categorized vital documents for clients with a team of 10+ members. Contributed towards the National Airspace System Implementation support contract.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fluent in Gujarati. Community service with Kadwa Patidar Samaj of North America to arrange cultural events, conventions, and social gatherings to promote diversity. Enjoy dancing, cooking, and traveling.