

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 12

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2017

Introduced by: Chairperson

A RESOLUTION appointing Neveen H. Kurtom, Esq. to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2021.

Introduced and read first time on September 5, 2017.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 18, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council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 October 2, 2017.

Certified by

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language.

~~Strikeout~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 501(a) of the Howard County Charter provides that members of
2 the Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Howard County Council to serve from the first
3 day of their appointment or until their successors are appointed, and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the term of Board of Appeals member James Walsh expired on
6 December 31, 2016; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has the utmost confidence in the abilities and the
9 character of:

10 Neveen H. Kurtom, Esq.
11 Ellicott City, MD

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
14 County, Maryland, this 2nd day of October, 2017, that Neveen H. Kurtom, Esq.
15 be, and is hereby, appointed a member of the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland,
16 to serve from, the 3rd of October, 2017, until December 31, 2021, or until
17 a successor is appointed.
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NEVEEN H. KURTOM, ESQ.

Legal Expertise Family law, criminal defense, estates planning and probate

Admissions Maryland State Courts, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009-Present** **Law of Neveen H. Kurtom, LLC** Columbia, MD
Principal
- Founder of litigation focused law firm providing litigation services in all Maryland state and federal courts
 - Provide full litigation services the areas of family law, guardianships, criminal defense, small claims, and estates and trusts.
 - Responsible for managing cases, client counseling, and frequent courtroom appearances.
 - Possess significant trial experience in Maryland district and circuit courts.
- 2014 – Present** **University of Maryland University College** Fort Meade, MD
Business Law Adjunct Professor
- Responsible for teaching students the fundamentals of business management and the federal, state, and local laws that affect businesses, their employees, and the local/global community that support and patronize businesses.
- 2008-2009** **Stein, Sperling *et al.*** Rockville, MD
Associate
- Practice focuses on a variety of issues including commercial litigation, employment law, business transactions, and real estate matters.
 - Participate in conducting depositions and engaging in settlement negotiations.
 - Responsible for maintaining direct client contact and for drafting and responding to discovery in both federal and state courts.
- 2007 -2008** **Office of the State’s Attorney** Upper Marlboro, MD
Assistant State’s Attorney
- Perform and direct prosecutions for misdemeanor criminal, traffic, and municipal offenses in district court.
 - Conduct jury trials in circuit court.
 - Review police reports and determine criminal charges and secure additional information from law enforcement personnel when required.
 - Engage in pre-trial negotiations, when appropriate, in order to dispose of cases prior to the trial date.
- 2006-2007** **Honorable John M. Glynn** Baltimore City, MD
Law Clerk
- Conduct legal research and write initial drafts of legal opinions and court orders.
 - Communicate and implement court procedures and management decisions.

- Guide diverse groups in navigating local procedures and operations.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, Commissioner

Appointed by Governor Lawrence Hogan, Jr. as a member of a 20 person commission tasked with promoting the social, political, and economic equality of Middle Eastern Americans.

Howard County Commission For Women, Chair

A member of a 10 person commission tasked with promoting the economic, social and political equality of women. The Commission has the authority to conduct studies, review progress, recommend action, and carry on activities to support this purpose.

Maryland Lawyer Volunteer Service, Volunteer Attorney

Serve as a *pro bono* attorney in family law matters.

Women's Law Center of Maryland, Volunteer Attorney

Serve as a *pro bono* attorney in family law matters.

Court-Appointed Attorney in Guardianship Cases

Serve as a court-appointed attorney on behalf of disabled adults and minors in Howard County and Prince George's County, Maryland.

Court-Appointed Best Interest Attorney

Serve as a court-appointed best interest attorney on behalf of minor children in custody matters.

EDUCATION

2006	University of Baltimore School of Law Juris Doctorate
	Concentrations: Public & Governmental Service; International & Comparative Law
	Honors: Center for International & Comparative Law, Student Fellow; Law Forum Legal Journal, Staff Editor; Jessup International Law Moot Court Team
	Activities: International Law Association, President; Women's Bar Association, Vice President; Criminal Law Association, Member; Family Law Association, Member
2003	University of Maryland College Park Bachelor's of Arts

Majors: Criminology and Criminal Justice
Government and Politics

Honors: Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Selected as a Superlawyer by SuperLawyers Magazine, 2016-2017
Selected as a Rising Star by SuperLawyers Magazine, 2013-2015
Maryland State Bar Association Leadership Academy, Class of 2013
Howard County Bar Association, Member
Prince George's County Bar Association, Member
Howard County Inns of Court, Member
Trained in Collaborative Law
Mediator certified per Maryland Rule 17-106
Fluent spoken Arabic