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Citizenship Affirmation	I am a U.S. Citizen
Residency Affirmation	I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Statement of Intent	I intend to comply with and advance the policy established by this Act.
Statement of Interest	I am interested in joining the Citizens Commission because I believe that campaign finance laws as they currently stand are perverse. Each citizen has a right to make campaign contributions up to their limit. Allowing special interest groups or corporations to donate is "double-dipping" on that limit. Groups are made up of people who already have a right to donate so the group which is comprised of those individuals should not also be allowed to donate. This "double-dipping" is essentially giving someone or a group of people two votes in an election. When wealthy people are allowed to use their corporate entities to funnel money into their campaign, it prevents good, ordinary people from running for office, and it prevents many good ideas from being introduced. I would like to lead the charge to facilitate a change in campaign finance laws to prevent undue influence and create a more equitable campaign environment.
Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/475731892/71887710_2019_01_09_bergquist_resume.docx
Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Unenrolled
City or Town where you reside	BOSTON
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Policy Analyst
Employer	State Treasurer

Michael P. Bergquist

PROFILE

Attorney with a solid foundation in government, legislation, estate planning and administration, tax issues, and public interest. Passionate about contributing to community through public service. Produces outstanding results as an individual contributor and as a member of a team. Creative, perseverant, and resourceful.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Government/Legislation
Civil Litigation
Statutory Research

Drafting
Trust/Estate Administration
Simple/Complex Wills

Tax Planning
Client Relationships
Trust Design

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Drafted legislation regarding iLottery, cashless lottery transactions, and gun divestment
- Contributed to plaintiff's case resulting in judgment for over \$60,000 in contract dispute
- Prepared Federal and State tax return for \$50M estate
- Managed case load of 15 – 30 estate planning/administration clients

LEGAL AND LAW-RELATED EXPERIENCE

The Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General, Boston, MA
Policy Analyst

11/17 – present

- Research policy initiatives of the Treasurer and departments overseen by the Office of the Treasurer.
- Assist in tracking legislation, developing legislative strategy, and drafting new legislation.
- Participate in inter-departmental meetings to proactively develop goals, budget, and policies of each department.

The Law Office of Shawn M. Murphy, Marshfield, MA
Attorney

03/17 – 10/17

- Drafted discovery documents for civil litigation involving breach of contract claims, planned litigation strategy, drafted letters, motions and memoranda.
- Attended depositions and court hearings, conducted and participated in client meetings, corresponded with opposing counsel to initiate settlement discussions.
- Drafted estate planning documents, developed client base, conducted legal research regarding civil procedure, contract issues, employment law, and landlord tenant precedents.

Cody, Cody & McCarthy, LLC, Quincy, MA

12/15 – 02/17

Attorney (06/16 – 02/17)

Paralegal (12/15 – 6/16)

- Conducted and participated in client meetings.
- Managed estate administration cases, drafted estate planning documents.
- Tracked case progress in Excel and Access databases.
- Maintained the firm-wide Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust administration and conducted research including tax implications for trusts and individuals in relation to gifts, retirement plans, and bequests.
- Supported 7 attorneys with research, drafting, and case management.

Instatrac, Inc. Legislative Tracking Service, Boston, MA

01/15 – 12/15

Legislative Analyst

- Conducted research and analyzed proposed legislation including budget, banking, healthcare, criminal, and environmental filed by state legislators.
- Wrote legislation summaries for clients.
- Assisted staff in handling client inquiries regarding legislation, scheduled hearings, and technical support for web-based product.

Norfolk Division, Probate and Family Court, Canton, MA

06/13 – 08/13

Judicial Intern to Justice John D. Casey

- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda pertaining to family law matters such as removal of children involving complex jurisdictional issues and breach of contract.
- Observed courtroom activities such as motions, adoptions, emergency motions, and trials in addition to lobby meetings.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

(Positions held during educational pursuits):

Bartender/Manager – Our House East (12/08 – 02/14), Bell in Hand (11/13 – 04/15)

Intern - MA State Representative John Scibak (2011)

Intern - Boston Police Department Headquarters (2009)

Paralegal Assistant - Thornton & Naumes, LLP (2010)

Intern - Suffolk County Probation Department (Roxbury 2009)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Northeastern University Alumni Advisory Board Member (2018-present)

Volunteer, IRS VITA program (2016 – present)

Kappa Sigma Assistant Regional Director for Eastern New England (2014-present)

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, 01/16

Honors: Dean's List (2012 – 2013), Phi Delta Phi Honor Society

Activities: Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Ski Club, Intramural Basketball and Softball

Fellows Program, Sawyer School of Business, Suffolk University, Boston, MA

Courses: Corporate Financial Reporting, Data & Operation Analysis, Economics for Managers (3.4 GPA)

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, Minor in Sociology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 08/11

Honors: *cum laude*, Dean's List, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society

Activities: Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, Founder & President - Student Affairs Board, Member, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Judicial Board Member, and Chairman of various committees

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar, June 2016

SELECTED INTERESTS

Running - completed 5 half-marathons & Chicago Marathon (2017 & 2018)

Cooking – Treasury Bake-Off 2018 Winner & 2017 Runner-up