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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	<p>I am very excited to apply to be a member of the non-partisan Citizens Commission (the "Commission"). As a member of this Commission, I would work to advance the policy of Massachusetts in favor of amending the Constitution of the United States to ensure that state-created corporate entities no longer possess those constitutional rights previously reserved to living people, and to eliminate the extensive influence of corporate spending on elections through campaign contributions and spending by properly regulating and limiting such expenditures.</p> <p>In Citizens United vs. FEC, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2010 that political spending is a form of free speech that's protected under the First Amendment. Drafting a constitutional amendment is the only way to correct this erroneous decision. I believe that I have the experience necessary to be a member of the Commission. I am an attorney and an established leader of many civic and charitable organizations. I am a long-time member of the Boston Bar Association's ("BBA") Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties Section steering committee, and I am also the President of the Boston Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society ("ACS"). In both roles, I have organized many programs over the years on important topics involving various constitutional matters.</p> <p>Therefore, I believe that my many years of involvement in the BBA and particularly with ACS will allow me to contribute to the important work that will be done by the Commission</p>
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<b>Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years</b>	Democratic
<b>Clty or Town where you reside</b>	BOSTON
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed
<b>Occupation</b>	Attorney
<b>Employer</b>	Self-employed

## **ROBERT A. WHITNEY**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **ALLWAYS HEALTH PARTNERS, Somerville, Massachusetts**

##### **Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Manager (2016 – 2019)**

AllWays Health Partners, formerly known as Neighborhood Health Plan (collectively “NHP”) is a not-for-profit health plan that provides coverage to commercial and MassHealth members. NHP is a member of Partners HealthCare.

#### **MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF INSURANCE, Boston, Massachusetts**

##### **Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel (2011 – 2015)**

The Division of Insurance monitors the solvency of insurance companies, regulates the practices of insurers, producers and adjusters, and protects consumers who purchase insurance products.

#### **WHITE AND WILLIAMS LLP, Boston, Massachusetts**

##### **Counsel - Regulatory Compliance and Insurance Practice Groups (2009-2011)**

White and Williams is a global firm with 250 attorneys in 10 offices representing private and public companies in a wide variety of industries.

#### **RESOLUTE MANAGEMENT, INC. and CAVELL USA, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

##### **Assistant Vice-President and Associate General Counsel (2002 – 2008)**

Resolute is member of the Berkshire Hathaway Group of Insurance Companies, which assumed Cavell USA business of providing claims handling services on behalf of property and casualty insurance companies.

#### **HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, Boston, Massachusetts**

##### **Partner (1998 – 2002), Leader, Insurance Practice Group Leader, Member, Civil Litigation Group**

Holland & Knight is a global law firm with more than 1,300 lawyers and other professionals in 28 offices throughout the world.

### **CLERKSHIP**

#### **HONORABLE HAROLD A. BAKER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

##### **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, Danville, Illinois**

Federal Judicial Clerk

### **EDUCATION**

#### **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boston, Massachusetts**

##### **J.D. and G. Joseph Tauro Scholar**

Case & Note Editor, Boston University International Law Journal

**BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, Rhode Island**  
**BA with Honors - Law & Society**  
**Honors Thesis: "Constitutional Limitations on the Federal Spending Power"**

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS**

- Awarded "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Citation for Outstanding Performance" in 2014 as leader of the Division of Insurance's *Insurance Reform Implementation Team*.
- Awarded "Governor's Citation" by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick in 2011 in recognition of 20 years of *pro bono* service on behalf of persons with disabilities.
- Received "Leadership Award" from Massachusetts Disability Law Center in 2011 for dedicated service to the disability community of Massachusetts.
- *ARIAS-US* Certified Insurance and Reinsurance Arbitrator (2008 – Present)

## **COMMUNITY AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*President (2018 – Present)*  
*Co-Chair, Planning and Oversight Committee (2012 – 2018)*  
*Member, Board of Directors (2004 – Present)*

**AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FOR LAW & POLICY, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*President, Boston Lawyer Chapter (2004 – 2008, 2017 – Present)*  
*Member, Steering Committee, Boston Lawyer Chapter (2003 – Present)*

**MASSACHUSETTS REINSURANCE BAR ASSOCIATION, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*President (2015 – 2016)*  
*Member, Board of Directors (2013 – Present)*  
*Member, Steering Committee (2009 – Present)*

**MASSACHUSETTS DISABILITY LAW CENTER, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*President and Chair, Board of Directors (2003 – 2011)*  
*Member, Board of Directors (1998 – 2011)*

**BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*Co-Chair, Pro-Bono Committee, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Section (2009 – 2011)*  
*Member, Steering Committee, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Section (2008 – Present)*

**SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*Chair (2005-2006); Member (2005 – 2008)*

**TEMPLE STREET PROJECT IMPACT ADVISORY GROUP, Boston, Massachusetts**  
*Co-Chair (2017-2018)*