

Profile

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Natick _____ MA _____ 01760 _____
City State Postal Code

What Precinct do you live in? *

Precinct 2

Mobile: (774) 644-0471 _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Commonwealth of _____
 Massachusetts _____ Hearing Officer _____
Employer Job Title

Applicants are encouraged to attend or read the minutes of several meetings of the body to which they are applying, if possible.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Zoning Board of Appeals: Submitted

Are you a registered voter in the Town of Natick?

Yes No

Have you ever attended a Natick town meeting?

Yes No

Have you ever served on a board, committee, or commission in the Town of Natick?

Yes No

If yes, please list name(s) of board, committee or commissions, along with date(s) of service:

Current ZBA board member.

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? Are there any changes you would like to see to these boards, committees and/or commissions?

I would like to continue to serve on the zoning board of appeals because I think it is important to have smart development in Natick.

Are you a graduate of the Natick Community Services Citizen's Leadership Academy?

Yes No

Please list any skills or specialized knowledge you can bring to these boards, committees and/or commissions.

I am an attorney who has been working as an appeals hearing officer for over 10 years. This experience has given me the tools to think critically about each unique issue before me. Additionally, I serving my 2nd term as a Town Meeting member and am aware of many zoning issues that concern the residents of the town.

Please list any professional affiliations.

Let us know what other specialized interests or hobbies you might have.

Applicants are encouraged to upload a resume, accepted file types are listed below.

[Chris M. Therrien.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Chris M. Therrien, JD. MPH.

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EDUCATION

Masters of Public Health, cum laude, September 2013

UMass Amherst School of Public Health, Amherst, Massachusetts

Juris Doctorate, May 2006

New England School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts

Dean's List; *Phi Delta Phi*, International Legal Fraternity induction 2005

Bachelor of Arts, May 1999

Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia

A.B. Graphic Design, Minor in Philosophy

CERTIFICATIONS

Massachusetts State Bar, since 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Health Connector

Boston, MA

Consultant/Attorney, Administrative Appeals Unit

2007 - current

- Conduct confidential administrative appeal hearings for residents who are subject to the Massachusetts Individual Mandate for failing to obtain affordable health insurance coverage and for residents who are seeking Advanced Premium Tax Credits under the Affordable Care Act.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to effectively interact with stakeholders ensuring individuals feel they are being heard and understood.
- In-depth knowledge of the Affordable Care Act and associated legislative actions.
- Evaluate the impact of ACA program policies and procedures on defining/establishing identified goals and objectives.
- Analyze information obtained from stakeholders to conceptualize and define problems.
- Research and analyze Medicare and Medicaid guidelines and their potential impact on relevant stakeholders.
- Conduct legislative analysis as applicable to individual stakeholders.
- Ability to work independently while communicating with managers to determine ideal outcomes for complex legal issues.
- Document findings of fact, including analyses and recommendations.
- Write analytical reports that include recommendations for action.
- Possess strong analytical and problem solving skills coupled with creativity and flexibility necessary to resolve issues and mitigate risk.
- Stellar organizational skills demonstrated through ability to work independently, exercise sound judgment, and manage multiple competing priorities to ensure cases are resolved within a deadline.

Center for Health Information and Analysis

Boston, MA

Temporary Policy Analyst

July 2011 - October 2011

- Analyzed acute care hospitals' and community health centers' Credit and Collection Policies for compliance with the Health Safety Net Credit and Collection regulations.
- Provided technical advice on the provisions of the Health Safety Net Credit and Collection regulations.
- Drafted analyses and instructions for stakeholders with recommendations for action to rectify non-compliance.

Law Office of Sonja Selami

Associate

Framingham, MA
April 2007 - October 2007

- Drafted and negotiated purchase and sale contracts for residential real estate transactions.
- Conducted closing proceedings.
- Inspected title examinations for defects and obtained clear and marketable title for clients.
- Supervised daily paralegal activities.

Law Tutors, Inc.

Attorney Instructor

Boston, MA
2006 - 2009

- Assessed learning needs and formulated individualized study schedules.
- Critiqued essays for content and structure.
- Explained complex legal concepts through one-on-one discussion.

Office of Medicaid, Board of Hearings

Law Clerk

Boston, MA
Spring 2005

- Interpreted MassHealth, Social Security Administration, and Medicare regulations.
- Rendered fair, independent, and impartial written decisions under a deadline for MassHealth recipients denied benefits.

Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Law Clerk

Boston, MA
Fall 2004

- Analyzed documents and collected data for false claims, provider misconduct, and negligence.
- Performed research and drafted memoranda regarding state and federal False Claims Acts, tolling the statute of limitations for continuous torts, civil investigative demand provisions and state and federal immunity statutes.

MILITARY

U.S. Navy Reserves, *Honorable Discharge*

- Trained as a Hospital Corpsman to perform CPR and venipuncture, take vital signs, and to file medical records.
- Received the National Defense Service Medal and the Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Court Appointed Special Advocates (MassCASA)

Worcester, MA
2007 - 2009

- Investigated child welfare cases, advocating for the best interest of the children.
- Compiled unbiased information for the court in detailed written reports.
- Promoted sensitivity and expediency in case review and child placement.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Public Health Association