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VIA EMAIL AND USPS

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To whom it may concern:

I am responding to the council's call for applicants to replace Ward 1 Councilman Kevin Butler due to his impending advancement.

I live at 1444 Woodward Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, in Ward 1. I meet all the required qualifications of the charter to be Ward 1's Councilman. I have lived at the aforementioned address for my entire life (since 1982), with the exception of when I attended New York University majoring in Politics (2000-2004).

When I graduated from New York University I had a choice: to stay in New York City or to return to Lakewood. I chose the latter. Living here is in my blood. I love this community. I also enjoyed living in New York, but it cannot offer what cities such as we have can. Here anyone's voice can be heard. Here we have the luxury of a picturesque community as you drive down Detroit Avenue or other areas.

I am seeking appointment to this position not only because of my love of the community; but because of my agreement with the actions that our Council has taken to move this city forward, because I believe my qualification resoundingly point me in this direction, and I consider an office like this as it was intended, not as a stepping stone for wealth or power, but instead a civic duty just like voting. I believe I have a great deal of knowledge from my experience as an attorney. I graduated 6th in my class at Cleveland Marshall in 2007, with many accolades for my performance throughout law school, including obtaining the highest GPA (a 3.98/4.0) in business organization/taxation courses.

I passed the bar in 2007, and was hired by the first firm I applied with. At Dworken & Bernstein I honed what I learned throughout my post-secondary education and often acted as an advocate in front of the City of Mentor's council, and drafted potential ballot initiatives for one of our major clients. Therefore I know a great deal about Municipal Law which would make me an effective city councilman.

Dworken & Bernstein taught me to be an attorney and about the law, but it also taught me what kind of attorney I wanted to be. I left the firm last year to pursue a new route for my career. This route has included applying solely for government positions, and in my

spare time doing solely pro-bono work for Hospice of the Western Reserve and Legal Aide.

I believe I have the knowledge, zeal, and experience to seamlessly fill in for the loss of Councilman Butler. Please contact me at either rdumbrys@gmail.com or at (216) 272-6377. I look forward to sitting down and discussing this opportunity with you.

Yours Truly,

Robert D. Dumbrys

Attachment: Resume

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LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW: Ohio – 2007, Federal Courts -- Northern District of Ohio – 2010

EDUCATION:

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
J.D., *summa cum laude*, Business Law Concentration, May 2007

GPA: 3.79/4.00, Rank/ Percentile: 6 / top 5%

- Cleveland State Law Review, Associate Editor: Fall 2005, Spring 2006; Senior Editor: Fall 2006, Spring 2007; Author of note entitled “*Recognizing a Blogger’s Privilege for Confidential Sources: Removing Obstacles on the Path to Real Debate.*”
- Author of note entitled “*Criminalizing E-Annoyances: Unplugging Free Speech.*”
- Recipient of Suggs I. Garber Award for Highest Academic Grade Average in Courses in Business Organizations and Taxation, Barrister’s and Grossman Academic Scholarships.
- Received accolades for Highest Marks in Contracts, Agency and Partnership, and Corporations.
- Recipient of Frank L. Bartak Memorial Fund Award for Outstanding Student in Contracts.
- Tabulation Room Observer, Center For Election Integrity: Fall 2006 Election.
- Cleveland Foodbank Volunteer.
- Member of Cleveland State Rugby Football Club: 2005-2006

New York University, New York, NY
Bachelor of the Arts in Politics, May 2004
GPA: 3.47 /4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Robert D. Dumbrys, Attorney at Law
Cleveland, Ohio

2010-Present

- Pro Bono Practice
- Attorney Volunteer for Western Reserve Hospice
- Attorney Volunteer for Legal Aide Society of Cleveland

Dworken & Bernstein
Cleveland and Painesville, OH
Associate Attorney

2007-2010

- Practiced primarily in the business/commercial law group, and its transactional practice.
- Assisted and negotiated on behalf of large publicly traded, as well as medium and smaller business entities in: creation, mergers, acquisitions, mineral leases/purchases, land installment sales, and the drafting and/ or negotiation of multiples types of contracts and agreements depending on a variety of client needs.
- Assisted and Negotiated in multiple company asset purchase by a publicly traded corporation on the NYSE.
- Assisted clients in complex business litigation, including: bringing an antitrust suit against major corporations, uniform commercial code litigation and contractual disputes, land use and real property disputes, employer-employee disputes, and various other business related

actions, municipal law, zoning, planning, and drafting proposed legislative enactments for consideration by city councils and voting bodies for our clients.

- Advised clients, researched, and drafted necessary documents for estate planning needs, bankruptcy, trade-mark and trade name disputes, residential property acquisition and issues, and other projects that touch upon virtually every aspect of the law except criminal litigation.
- Brainstormed ideas and located class-action plaintiffs for multi-million dollar class action suits/
- Served as firm's primary counsel for ethical questions from partners and fellow associate attorneys.
- Organized firm's form-file system to simplify firm's litigation and transactional works.
- Donated time to pro-bono work including serving as an advisor in Lake County's Free Lawyer Assistance Clinic, assist indigent and disabled clients on a variety of matters.

SPECIAL SKILLS/AWARDS: Attended Spanish Language School in Argentina reaching level 5 out of 8 in Spanish Language, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Suite, Dreamweaver, 70 WPM Typing; Familiarity with Oil and Gas Leases, Copyright and Trademark Law, Creative Writing, Drafting Ballot Issues and Understanding of Municipal Procedures.