

RESOLUTION No. 2009-217-1163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPOINTING JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, AS SPECIAL MASTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has established a Code Enforcement Special Master Program in the City, and

WHEREAS, appeals of all code enforcement citations are heard by Special Masters, and

WHEREAS, in addition, appeals of stormwater utility fees and red light camera hearings are also heard before Special Masters, and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney is recommending that the City retain the services of an additional Special Master to assist in the handling of the cases, and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney is recommending that the City Council appoint Jeff P. H. Cazeau as a Special Master to serve a term ending December 2010, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. APPOINTMENT: The Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby appoints Jeff P. H. Cazeau as Code Enforcement Special Master for a term ending December 2010.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2009.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Gilbert
SECOND BY: Councilwoman Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)



City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

Council Meeting Date:	<i>December 9, 2009</i>		Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
			<i>(Enter X in box)</i>	X			
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading:		1st Reading		2nd Reading
	X		Public Hearing:		Yes	No	Yes
			<i>(Enter X in box)</i>			X	
Funding Source:	<i>(Enter Fund & Dept)</i>		Advertising Requirement:		Yes		No
	Ex: General Fund-Code						
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:		<i>(Enter #)</i>		
		X					
Sponsor Name	Sonja K. Dickens		Department:		Law		

Short Title:

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Summary:

The City previously established a Code Enforcement Special Master Program in the City to preside over appeals of code enforcement citations, stormwater utility fees and red light camera hearings. Recently, one of the City's Special Masters, Jimmy Morales, had to resign from his position. In light of this fact and the fact that due to the Dangerous Intersection Ordinance, the City needs additional Special Masters, the City Attorney is recommending the appointment of an additional Special Master.

The City Attorney is recommending that Jeff P.H. Cazeau be appointed to serve as a Special Master.

Proposed Action:

That the City Council approves the appointment of Jeff P.H. Cazeau as a Special Master with a term ending December 2010.

**ITEM J-3) CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION
Special Master Appointment**

Attachment:

Resume of Jeff P.H. Cazeau

JEFF P. H. CAZEAU
Ehrenstein Charbonneau Calderin
800 Brickell Avenue, Suite 902
Miami, Florida 33131
(305) 722-2002 / jpc@ecclegal.com

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL
Juris Doctor, May 2002, *Cum Laude*

Honors: Roger Sorino Award, Most Outstanding Graduate
Iron Arrow, Honor Society
Omicron Delta Kappa, Honor Society
Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Honor Society
Honor Society of Bar and Gavel
Judge Eugene Spellman Scholarship Recipient
Dean's Service Scholarship Recipient
Priscilla Jewett Schneller Scholarship
James S. Mofsky Memorial Service Award
Judge Philip Bloom Award, Litigation Skills

Activities: President, Student Bar Association
International Moot Court Board
Black Law Students Association
University of Miami/University of Leipzig, Germany Exchange
Leadership Miami 2001-2002, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
American Inns of Court

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY
Bachelor of Arts in English, Dec. 1990

Brunel University, London, England
Study Abroad Program through the State University of New York at Brockport, Jan. - May 1990

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Ehrenstein Charbonneau Calderin Nov. 2008 – Jan. 2009
Of Counsel

Practice focused on the representation of private individuals and companies before federal, state and local entities on a variety of matters including government procurement, land use and zoning and government consulting.

Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L Mar. 2006 – Nov. 2008
Associate, Government Procurement, Land Use and Zoning, Surfside Assistant Town Attorney
Municipal/government affairs attorney, representing private businesses and individuals in land use, zoning, and government procurement issues with a particular emphasis is the counseling of minority-owned, women-owned businesses and majority-owned businesses in government contracts and procurement matters as well as representing clients in resolving government contract disputes such as bid protests. Represented select clients on public contracts and legislative issues before state and local government boards and agencies. Served as Assistant Town Attorney to the Town of Surfside.

Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin, P.L.

Aug. 2002 – Mar. 2006

Associate, Litigation Department

Conducted all aspects of litigation practice for commercial and general civil litigation matters, including but not limited to, court appearances for motion practice, the preparation of legal memoranda, and preparation of briefs for appellate practice. Provided client consultation, interviewed witnesses, took and defended depositions, and all other matters with regard to discovery. Approximately, 30% of practice is devoted to construction law disputes including the mediation, arbitration and litigation of construction contract claims, construction and design defect claims, insurance claims, and related matters. Also, during a two-year period acted as in-house counsel for major, Miami-based, construction firm. Handled all aspects of two major arbitrations, managed all litigation for the company, monitored outside counsel nationwide, negotiated settlements, and resolved employment law disputes.

United States Department of Justice, Miami, FL

Jan. 2002 – May 2002

United States Attorney's Office, Major Crimes Division

Certified Legal Intern

Drafted motions and memoranda of law related to criminal prosecutions. Observed various criminal trials and hearings.

Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP, Miami, FL

May 2001 - Aug. 2001

Summer Associate

Researched and drafted memoranda relating to white-collar criminal defense and complex commercial litigation issues.

Law Offices of Stephens, Lynn, Klein, Miami, FL

Sep. 2000 - May 2001

Law Clerk

Researched case specific legal issues relating to insurance defense litigation.

United States Department of Justice, Miami, FL

May 2000 - Aug. 2000

Executive Office for Immigration Review

Summer Legal Intern

Drafted decisions for asylum and deportation proceedings. Researched legal issues and country conditions for human rights violations. Attended seminars on various immigration matters, visited detention centers, and observed expedited removal procedures at Miami International Airport.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Miami, FL

Jan. 2000 - May 2000

Field Representative

Spearheaded efforts to obtain locations for discarded clothing collection bins through contacts with local businesses and government in Miami, FL and New Orleans, LA.

United States Navy

Nov. 1990 - Sep. 1999

United States Southern Command, Miami, FL

Caribbean Regional Analyst

Jun. 1997 - Sep. 1999

Advisor to the Commander (CEO equivalent), United States Southern Command with regard to issues involving the Caribbean, particularly Haiti, Suriname and the various European territories. Coordinated the execution of high priority regional visits to United

States Southern Command by foreign personnel, cabinet level and sub-cabinet level officers, flag rank officers, and Congressional delegates.

USS ELLIOT (DD-967), San Diego, CA
Ship's Navigator and Administrative Officer Jan. 1996 - Jun. 1997
Responsible for the safe navigation of ship during all activities at sea.
Supported ship's efficiency by providing oversight on all command correspondence and reports.

Legal Officer Jan. 1995 - Jun. 1997
Provided Legal counsel to the Commanding Officer.

Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer Jan. 1994 - Jan. 1996
Developed, organized and trained the ship's Anti-Submarine Warfare Team.

TRAINING

- Legal Officer School, San Diego, CA 1995
- Anti-Submarine Warfare School, San Diego, CA 1994
- Surface Warfare Officer School, San Diego, CA 1993
- Navy Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI 1993
- Electronic Warfare Technician School, Pensacola, FL 1991

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- *Past President*, Haitian Lawyers Association, Inc.
- *Vice President for Fundraising*, University of Miami Law Alumni Association
- *Board Member*, Dade County Bar Association; Chair, Administrative and Governmental Affairs Committee
- *Member*, Florida Supreme Court Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity (2007-2008)
- *Vice Chair*, Florida Bar Grievance Committee 11B
- *Volunteer*, Lawyers for Children America
- *Member*, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Centennial Planning Committee

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

- *Board Member*, Switchboard of Miami
- *Advisory Board Member*, Miami Edison Senior High School, Law and Public Service Academy

PUBLISHED WORKS:

Public Officials and Attorney's Fees. A Municipality's Duty to Pay. Florida Municipal Attorney Association Seminar. July, 2008

Make Good Faith Efforts and Back Them Up. Airport Revenue News, June 2007.

Does a Florida Minority Shareholder in a Closely Held Corporation Owe a Fiduciary Duty to Fellow Shareholders? 79 Fla. B. J. 55 (2005).

European Security and Defense Policy Under the Gun. 10 U. Miami Int'l & Comp. L. Rev. 57 (2002).