

To: Matt Cherry, President and Members of City Council

From: Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor

Subject: Appointment to the TARTA Board

5/26/2020

I Recommend the Following Appointments to TARTA Board

Appointee	Appointee Replaced	Proposed Term of Office	Section 61 waiver as a special engagement	Reserved / Type	Slot Recommended by (if applicable)	Attendance Record	Resume attached
Katherine Hunt Thomas	Cheryl Grice	expiring 02/28,2021	No		Mayor		Yes



Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor

Katherine Hunt Thomas

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BAR ADMISSION

Ohio, November 2009

N.D. Ohio, 2010

S.D. Ohio, 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ability Center of Greater Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

Disability Rights Attorney, October, 2015 – present

Engage in systemic and policy advocacy on behalf of the Center and people with disabilities in northwest Ohio.

Murray & Murray Co., LPA, Sandusky, Ohio

Litigation Associate, February 2013 – April 2014

Assisted partners in personal injury, labor, and contract litigation in state court, federal court, and arbitration forums; conducted analysis of claims; assisted in client interviews; drafted legal memorandum; drafted discovery; drafted pleadings, motions, briefs, and appeal; and engaged in complaint investigation.

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc., Toledo, OH

Homelessness Prevention Americorps Fellowship, October, 2009 – October, 2011

Equal Justice Works Foreclosure Fellowship, October, 2011- December 2012

Represented clients as primary counsel in housing, education, and foreclosure cases in local, state and administrative forums; interviewed clients and engaged in discovery and fact investigation; negotiated successful settlements and mortgage loan modifications; represented clients in mediations; drafted appeals; developed familiarity with education and civil rights laws including the ADA, Section 504, the IDEA, and the Civil Rights Act; conducted outreach events including clinics and webinars.

Reinberger Honors Prosecutorial Fellowship, Toledo, OH

Legal Intern, Lucas County Juvenile Court Prosecutor's Office, Summer, 2008

Underwent a full- week, mock trial training with county prosecutors; negotiated misdemeanor pleas with defense attorneys; researched legal issues; assisted with trial preparation.

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Summer Associate Summer, 2007

Interviewed clients and managed cases; drafted outlines of unemployment compensation hearing questions; assisted in unemployment compensation cases; analyzed the law and wrote research memos.

PUBLICATIONS AND POLICY MATERIALS

Bahls, Daniel; Hunt, Katherine, *Abhorring a Forfeiture: The Importance of Equitable Jurisdiction in A Foreclosure Crisis*, 41 Stetson L. Rev. 779 (2012).

Hunt Thomas, Katherine, *Olmstead Barriers in Ohio: The Problems Faced by People with Disabilities in Ohio in Achieving Community Integration*, January, 2015 available on Ability Center website,

<http://www.abilitycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Ability-Center-Olmstead-White-Paper.pdf>.

TRAINING

Trial Advocacy Skills, COURT, July 2010; **Trial Skills**, NITA, October 2011; **Advanced Foreclosure**, COURT, July 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Toledo Women's Bar Association (2011-present); **Ohio State Bar Association** (2014-2015); **Disability Rights Bar Association** (2015-present); **National Council for Independent Living**, Civil Rights and ADA Subcommittee (2015-present); **Catholic Charities of Northwest Ohio**, Board Member (2014-present).

EDUCATION

University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, OH

Juris Doctor, May 2009

GPA: 3.4

Honors: *Cum Laude*; Highest Ranking *Disability Law*; Pro Bono Accommodation; Dean's List Fall 2006; Fall 2007; Spring 2008; Spring 2009.

Activities: Public Interest Law Association; Alternative Dispute Resolution Association (Treasurer).

College of Law Mediation Clinic, Toledo, OH

Mediator – Spring 2008

Advanced Mediation Clinic – Spring 2009

Received Mediation Training; Mediated disputes in the Lucas County Juvenile Justice Center and Lucas County Municipal Court; observed mediations in Lucas and Wood County Common Pleas Court and Sixth District Court of Appeals.

Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Bachelor of Arts, May 2005

Major: English

GPA: 3.8

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*; Merit Scholarship; Dean's list (7 of 8 semesters); Gender and Diversity Studies Merit Award; Xavier Academic Service Learning Semester in Ghana, Africa.