

NATIONAL Gold Medal Winner

City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board (PRFB) Application for Citizen Appointment



If you are interested in serving on the PRFB, please complete this application and return to: City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry 1900 Aviation Dr., Waukesha, WI 53188 or email to: rgrall@ci.waukesha.wi.us

Mission To be responsive and committed in providing essential park, recreation and urban forestry services making our community a desirable place to live, work and play!

Vision "Gold Medal" Services . . . Exceptional Quality of Life!

Please print clearly

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Are you a registered voter? [X] Yes No

Are you a resident of the city? [X] Yes No

Do you own property in the city? [X] Yes No

Do you hold a public office? [X] Yes No

Are you employed by the city? Yes [X] No

If yes, please indicate office: Assistant DA

If yes, please indicate department:

Please express why you are interested in serving on the PRFB:

I have been involved in public service for almost ten years - my entire career as a prosecutor. All of this service has been devoted to victims who have suffered some type of trauma in their lives. I'm deeply proud of this work, and this service, but would welcome a different type of service. I think serving on the Parks and Recreation Board would allow me contribute to my community in a different sort of way, in a way that would introduce me to a different aspect of local government, to land use and zoning issues. I welcome that challenge, and would be grateful for this new experience.

Do you have any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from time to time if you serve on the PRFB? Yes [X] No

[A conflict of interest would be anything that inures to your benefit, your employer's benefit or a member of your family's benefit.]

Please note: Having a potential conflict of interest does not necessarily exclude you from serving on a board.]

If yes, please explain:

Blank lines for explaining potential conflicts of interest.

Are you **currently** serving on a city board, commission or committee?    Yes  No     If yes, which?  

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Have you **previously** served on a city board, commission or committee?    Yes  No     If yes, which?  

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Please list any other community involvement:

I currently sit on the Advisory Board for the Waukesha County's Community Response Team (CRT) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). This Board sets the agenda for future CRT and SART meetings. Essentially, these meetings include community actors from social service agencies, law enforcement, and members of the medical and legal professions. The purpose of these meetings is to identify and address ongoing county-wide issues pertaining to domestic violence and sexual violence in Waukesha County. I also currently sit on the Waukesha CARE Center Advisory Board. This Board identifies and addresses the needs of the CARE Center. This is a unique facility that provides counseling, interviewing and medical assistance to kids and teenagers who have been the victims of crimes.

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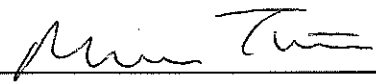
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Please list any work, life or educational experience/skills that you feel would be beneficial toward supporting the Vision and Mission of the PRFB and Department:

As a sensitive crimes prosecutor in counties in metro-Atlanta, Milwaukee, and now Waukesha, my work has always required collaboration. To properly prepare a case for trial, I collaborate with victims and law enforcement and victim witness staff. I also collaborate with defense attorneys on mutually beneficial ways to resolve cases short of trial. I think this active collaboration is a skill that would be beneficial to the Board. I am also a trained attorney, having practiced nearly 10 years in many different jurisdictions. As my wife moved for her medical training, I learned how to be flexible and resourceful, acquiring new sets of legal knowledge in Illinois, Georgia, and now Wisconsin (all places I have been licensed to practiced). I think this legal training could assist the board. Finally, we are raising our twin four year old girls here in the City of Waukesha. They attend Saint Williams School. I prosecute sensitive crimes cases at the Waukesha County Courthouse not far from my house. My wife's outpatient medical clinic is on Delafield Street a few blocks from the Courthouse. Because we are raising our girls here, I have a strong personal interest and devotion to seeing the City of Waukesha flourish. I am motivated to serve, and will work hard to see that this community remains an attractive place to live and work.

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Signature     Date 3/21/17