



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

**DATE** : June 9, 2008

**TO** : Council President Scott Peters & Honorable Members of the  
San Diego City Council

**FROM** : Mayor Jerry Sanders

**SUBJECT** : Appointment and Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission

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It is my pleasure to appoint Matheus Stephens and reappoint Kathryn Ashworth to the Civil Service Commission, subject to your confirmation.

Matheus Stephens, Esq., is an Attorney and Partner of Stock Stephens, LLP, a boutique law firm where he specializes in general civil litigation with an emphasis in employment law, business litigation, unregistered domestic partner dissolutions, and legal malpractice (claims and defense). With more than 18 years experience in civil litigation, Mr. Stephens has experienced all aspects of litigation including intake, litigation, settlement, mediation, arbitration, and trial. In addition to Mr. Stephens' current practice, he teaches introductory law courses at the University of California, San Diego, and has served as a San Diego Superior Court Judge Pro Tem since 1999. Mr. Stephens co-established Stock Stephens in 1999, after working as a Sole Practitioner from 1997-1999 for the Law Offices of M.E. Stephens. Previously, Mr. Stephens was an Associate for Post Kirby Noonan & Sweat, LLP, from 1994-1997, and Gray Cary Ames & Frye from 1990-1994. He also taught constitutional law-related courses as an Adjunct Professor at the California Western School of Law from 1998-2004. Mr. Stephens received his Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 1990 and is the recipient of various moot court competition awards. He also served on the Editorial Advisory Board for *San Diego Lawyer Magazine* from 2004-2007.

For many years, Mr. Stephens has dedicated his time, talents, and expertise to serving the community, and he continues to be passionate about human relations, appreciating diversity, and advancing justice, fairness, and equal opportunities for all. From 1996-2002, Mr. Stephens served on the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission, and he served on the Board of Directors for the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties from 1999-2005. Mr. Stephens is also a Founding Member and Past

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Board Member of the Public Policy Department of the San Diego LGBT Community Center, and Founding Board Member and Past Co-President of the Tom Homann Law Association. Mr. Stephen's advocacy and community service efforts have been acknowledged by various civic and professional groups and associations. In 2001, Mr. Stephens received the Outstanding Service to the Community Award from the San Diego County Bar Association, and was the recipient of the San Diego Democratic Club's Gloria Steinem Communications Award in 2000. Mr. Stephens was nominated by Councilmember Toni Atkins and resides in Talmadge. He is replacing Norman Seltzer, who has resigned, for a term ending January 9, 2009.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and reappointment and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give of their time and serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS

Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland