



**RESOLUTION**

RELATING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. RANDALL C. WHATTOFF TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW II FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 8-12.6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), as amended, establishes boards of review for real property tax appeals under the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services; and

WHEREAS, each board consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-12.7, ROH, charges a board of review with the duty of hearing and deciding real property tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated July 31, 2017, the Mayor has reappointed Mr. Randall C. Whattoff to the Board of Review II; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Mr. Whattoff will serve for a second term to expire June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for service on the board of review, a member must comply with two requirements:

- (1) Section 8-12.6, ROH, requires a member to have resided in the State of Hawaii for at least three years at the time of the appointment; and
- (2) Section 13-103 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, requires a member to be a registered voter; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Mr. Whattoff and finds that he deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Mr. Randall C. Whattoff to the Board of Review II for real property tax appeals for a term expiring on June 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Whattoff for his willingness to continue serving the City and County of Honolulu; and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 17-207

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Chair of Board of Review II, and Mr. Randall C. Whattoff.

INTRODUCED BY:

*[Signature]* (br)

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**AUG - 1 2017**

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

## RANDALL C. WHATTOFF

Randall Whattoff represents developers, technology companies, the tourism industry, and numerous other mainland and Hawai'i businesses in complex commercial litigation. Mr. Whattoff was one of three Hawai'i attorneys named as a "Top Litigator Under 40" by Benchmark Litigation, and he was named a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers.

Examples of Mr. Whattoff's work include:

- **Class Action Defense:** Mr. Whattoff has defended developers, real estate management companies, and consumer products companies in large class actions, often involving Hawai'i's Unfair and Deceptive Acts or Practices law. In one notable case, Mr. Whattoff defeated class certification of a putative class of thousands of current and former residents of a Hawai'i development.
- **Real Estate Litigation:** Mr. Whattoff has represented developers and individuals in litigation involving breach of contract claims, partnership disputes, and construction defects. Mr. Whattoff recently obtained a dismissal for a world-class golf club in a real estate dispute involving claims from several development entities.
- **Technology Litigation:** Mr. Whattoff has represented mainland-based technology companies in lawsuits brought in Hawaii. In two recent cases, Mr. Whattoff obtained dismissals for mainland companies on grounds of personal jurisdiction and *forum non conveniens*.
- **Environmental Litigation:** Mr. Whattoff has defended developers and real estate companies in environmental litigation.
- **Government Procurement:** Mr. Whattoff has represented a wide range of businesses in claims related to public procurement, including protests, claims, and appeals arising under government contracts.
- **Personal Injury Litigation:** Mr. Whattoff has defended a number of businesses in personal injury litigation involving serious injuries. Mr. Whattoff has represented businesses ranging from amusement parks to major shippers sued under the Jones Act.
- **Intellectual Property Litigation:** Mr. Whattoff has a broad range of experience litigating intellectual property disputes related to trademark, copyright, Internet issues, and trade secrets.

### Education

Cornell Law School, J.D. 2006,  
*cum laude*  
U.C. Berkeley, B.A. 2002

### Admitted to Practice

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals  
U.S. District Court of Hawaii  
State Courts of Hawaii  
State Courts of California  
(Inactive)

### Professional and Civic Activities

Board Member – *Real Property Tax  
Review Board, City and County of  
Honolulu*  
Fellow - *HSBA Leadership Institute  
2013*  
Arbitrator – *Court Annexed  
Arbitration Program*

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Mr. Whattoff was previously a partner at Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, and he began his legal career representing entertainment clients in Los Angeles at O'Melveny & Myers and Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert. In Los Angeles, Mr. Whattoff

represented professional athletes in highly publicized contract disputes, individuals and entertainment companies in intellectual property disputes, and businesses in complex commercial litigation. In one notable case, Mr. Whattoff represented the estate of the musician Michael Jackson in litigation that determined control of Mr. Jackson's estate.

Mr. Whattoff received his undergraduate degree from U.C. Berkeley, where he majored in sociology and minored in computer science. Mr. Whattoff attended Cornell Law School, where he was an editor of the Cornell Law Review.

Office of the City Clerk  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
STATE OF HAWAII

## Voter Certificate

I, *Glen I. Takahashi*, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

**RANDALL C. WHATTOFF**

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of

Precinct, 03 Representative District, 24 State of Hawaii

Affidavit No. 1324667      Registration Date: 08/28/2013

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on July 24, 2017.

Signature Block

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*Signature of Elector*

  
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*Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk  
City and County of Honolulu  
State of Hawaii*

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 17-207**

Introduced: 08/01/17 By: RON MENOR – BY REQUEST Committee: PUBLIC HEARING,  
BUDGET

Title: RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. RANDALL C. WHATTOFF TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW II FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

08/26/17	PUBLISH	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER.
09/06/17	COUNCIL/PUBLIC HEARING	PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AND RESOLUTION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUDGET. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, PINE. 1 ABSENT: OZAWA.
09/27/17	BUDGET	CR-357 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
10/11/17	COUNCIL	CR-357 AND RESOLUTION 17-207 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE. 1 ABSENT: MANAHAN.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER