

Civilian Review Board APPLICATION



Please complete the following information and submit with current resume or biography to the address below. Application process is open until January 15, 2021.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Janet E. Jackson
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Columbus Neighborhood: Berwick
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Reference #1 Frederick L. Ransier III
Reference #2 Janica Pierce-Tucker
Reference #3 Matt Habash

We are seeking to seat a Civilian Review Board that reflects the rich diversity of our community. Providing this information will help us reach that goal but is completely optional.

Birthdate (Month/Day/Year): 11/10/1952 Gender: Female
Ethnicity African-American LGBTQI: N/A

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Occupation/Employer: United Way of Central Ohio
Title/Position: Retired CEO and President
Work Address: N/A
City: Columbus State: Ohio Zip: 43215
Educational Background: The National Law Center, George Washington University J.D Degree, May, 1978 Wittenberg U

QUESTIONS:

1. What inspires your interest in becoming a member of the Civilian Review Board? What insights from your community involvement, lived experiences and/or your job/career would you bring to this work?

My most recent experience of serving as a member of the Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission certainly serves as my primary inspiration. The work of the Commission which resulted in eighty recommendations to Mayor Ginther should certainly inform the Civilian Review Board as it commences it's work. I have served this community for over thirty years and I believe my collective experience provides the insight necessary for this work. I served as a judge of the Franklin Count Municipal Court for almost ten years, the Columbus City Attorney for six years, and, the President and CEO of UWCO for over 14 years. Serving on numerous non-profit boards, I gleaned the many issues that face all of our citizens. I have lived and worked in Columbus since 1978 except for eleven months when I lived in Cleveland

2. If appointed, explain how can you make clear and unbiased recommendations based on the facts presented? (limit 300 words)

My experience of serving as a judge in the Franklin Municipal Court is the most direct evidence of my ability to make "clear and unbiased recommendations based on the facts presented". Making those recommendations or findings is the role of a judge. I believe that my experiences serving as the Columbus City Attorney and as the CEO of UWCO required me to make decisions utilizing those same skills.

3. Do you have any experience related to a civilian review board? If so, please explain

I do not have direct experience serving on a civilian review board. Serving on the Advisory Commission provided exposure to the work of civilian review boards. I would also point to my judicial experience as comparable work with the distinction that I was solely responsible for those decision and was not a member of a deliberative body.

4. Please share anything else you would like to be considered during the review of your application

I have lived both my personal and professional life by the words of one of my sheroes Marian Wright Edelman. Marian wrote in her book "The Measure of Our Success" that as a child she learned from the adults in her life "that service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time."

It is my desire to continue to serve Columbus and it's residents.

If you are not selected to be part of the Civilian Review Board, would you be interested in becoming involved in other ways with neighborhood safety in Columbus? Yes No

Submit completed application and current resume or biography via email to:

Email: civilianreviewboard@columbus.gov

Mail or deliver to:

Attn: Office of the Mayor/Civilian Review Board
90 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Telephone: 614-724-4438

Please be advised that the following information will be used to determine eligibility in consideration of a potential appointment to the Columbus Civilian Review Board. Further, such information may be deemed a public record and may be disseminated where appropriate. In consideration of each applicant, the City of Columbus and Mayor's Office shall abide by all laws of the State of Ohio and the City of Columbus.

Janet Jackson Bio

Janet E. Jackson spent 14 years as president and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio, one of the largest United Way organizations in the country. She was the first woman and the first African American to lead the organization.

Prior to coming to United Way, Janet served six years as the Columbus, Ohio City Attorney, a first for a woman in Columbus. Her election to that office was also a first for an African American. As Columbus City Attorney, she served as the City's chief legal advisor.

Before her appointment as City Attorney, Janet served nearly ten years as a Franklin County Municipal Court judge, making her the first African-American female judge in Franklin County history. She holds a B.A. degree from Wittenberg University and a J.D. degree from The National Law Center at George Washington University.

Her honors and awards include: Allies of Equality from Equality Ohio, Woman of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Columbus, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award from the Columbus Education Association, and, Woman of the Year by the Niagara Foundation. She was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 2001, and, the City of Columbus Hall of Fame in 2017. She also received the 2015 Mortar Board Alumni Achievement Award. She was named Outstanding Head of Diversity in the Columbus Business First Diversity in Business Awards and she won the Champions of Diversity Legend Award.

Janet is a member of the board of Installed Building Products (a publicly traded company) and chair of its compensation committee. She also serves on the board of Wittenberg University. She is a member of the International Women's Forum, IWF Ohio and Women Corporate Directors. She also served as chairperson for the Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission from March of 2018 until January of 2020.