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Office of the Mayor
Gavin Buckley, Mayor
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-2517

AP-59-25

October 2, 2025

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Appointment

Pending your approval, I would like to appoint Mr. Stuart R. Cohen to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Mr. Cohen is a resident of Ward 1 and this appointment fills a vacancy on the commission.

Stuart R. Cohen
15 Dean Street
Annapolis MD 21401

A copy of his resume is attached.

Thank You.

GB/hrr

Reviewed by: Economic Matters Committee



 Favorable Unfavorable

Committee Chair

10/15/25

Date

STUART R. COHEN

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SUMMARY

Nonprofit Leader with extensive experience in public interest litigation, organizational leadership, program management and strategic planning within a non-profit environment. Proven abilities in civil trial and appellate litigation resulting in positive outcomes for low income and 50+ Americans. Adept at leading multi-disciplinary teams, mentoring, coaching, leadership development and cross functional team building. Excellent leadership, team collaboration, problem resolution skills and strong business acumen.

EXPERIENCE

AARP, Washington, DC 1999-2015
Senior Vice President of Legal Advocacy

Managed AARP Foundation Litigation (AFL), AARP's nationwide legal advocacy effort, which is a 20 person team, including 14 senior attorneys. AFL participates as cocounsel in precedent setting class and collective actions and other impact cases and leads AARP's amicus work in the U.S. Supreme Court, federal circuits and state appellate courts, filing annually over 50 amicus briefs. As a member of AARP's and AARP Foundation's Leadership Teams, ensured their goals and strategic plans were achieved, including meeting all desired outcomes for legal advocacy. Managed AFL's and AARP Foundation's post-Katrina legal volunteer effort and volunteered in rebuilding trips in Mississippi and Louisiana; volunteered in Senior Center in Florida during and after hurricanes.

CAMDEN REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICES, INC., Camden, NJ 1996-1999
(now South Jersey Legal Services, Inc.)
Executive Director

Managed all aspects of Camden Regional Legal Services (CRLS) a legal services provider with \$5 million annual budget and staff of 75, including 45 attorneys, providing free representation to low income clients. Led two year expansion, during which 20 new staff were hired and three offices were purchased and renovated. CRLS was the 1997 recipient of the Outstanding Program Award presented by Legal Services of New Jersey.

LEGAL AID BUREAU, Baltimore, MD 1978-1996
Chief of Litigation, 1983-1996
Chief Attorney Southern Maryland Office, 1978-1983

Supervised all appeals (over 25 annually) and participated as cocounsel in major litigation and class actions. Conducted substantive and skills training; served as mentor and counsel for Bureau staff; provided legal representation of the Bureau; and submitted the Bureau's comments on proposed court rules and state and federal administrative regulations. Managed seven person staff in newly opened office providing legal services to low income clients in a rural three county service area and was lead counsel in federal class action cases.

STUART R. COHEN

NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, INC., Buffalo, NY
Managing Attorney Lackawanna Office

1974-1978

Managed six staff in an urban legal services office. Served as lead counsel in several federal class action cases.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS (Retired)

District of Columbia (2000)
Maryland (1979)
New York (1974)

BOARDS AND AWARDS

AARP Maryland Executive Council (2016-2020)
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, Chicago, IL
Board of Directors, 2006-2015
Board Chair, 2010-2011

Maryland Legal Aid's 100 Champions of Human Rights and Justice, 2011
Maryland Legal Services Corporation, Distinguished Service Award, 1993