

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2016-XX-XX

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is authorized by the City Charter to create boards, commissions and authorities as the Mayor and City Council deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, Article III of Chapter 27 (Zoning Ordinance) of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances calls for the creation of the Design Review Advisory Committee for the Dunwoody Village Overlay District; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance calls for a seven (7) member DRAC board to advise the City; and

WHEREAS, the position occupied by James Kelley as a member of the Design Review Advisory Committee has become vacant, prior to the expiration of the term, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Dunwoody is authorized with confirmation from the City Council to appoint the following person as a member of the Design Review Advisory Committee for the City of Dunwoody for the remainder of said term.

Christopher Gant, 3 year termexpiring October 26, 2016

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody while in regular session on August 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm that Christopher Gant is appointed as a member of the Design Review Advisory Committee of the City of Dunwoody for the designated term.

Approved:

Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT



41 Perimeter Center East, Ste 250 | Dunwoody, GA 30346
Phone: (678) 382-6700 | Fax: (678) 382-6701

The Dunwoody City Council believes that citizens bring valuable insights and are a skilled resource in the community. The Council encourages all citizens to consider becoming involved in the city government by serving on a Board, Commission, or Committee. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

To be considered for an appointment to a municipal board, commission, or committee, please complete and submit the following application and send it with a resume to the City Clerk, Sharon Lowery. Applications and resumes may be submitted by e-mail to sharon.lowery@dunwoodyga.gov, by fax to (770) 396-4705, or by mail to 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250, Dunwoody, GA 30346.

* Applicant Information

Name: Christopher M. Gant	
Address: 5130 Charmant Place, Dunwoody, Georgia 30360	
Phone: 678-222-2135	Cell: 404-723-0184
Email: chrisgant@gmail.com	
Place of Employment: North Atlanta Law Group, P.C.	Occupation Lawyer
How long have you been a resident of Dunwoody?	6 Years 5 Months

* Board / Commission / Committee for which you would like to be considered

<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol License Review Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> Town and Gown Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Redevelopment Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordinating Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Bureau of Dunwoody	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design Review Advisory Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> No preference, I just want to volunteer!

* Interest and Experience (Please also attach or submit a resume)

Why are you interested in serving on a board / commission / committee?
<small>Dunwoody is the City where my wife and I chose to raise our family and call home. I view this committee as a chance to serve my City and contribute to it being a leading city in the Atlanta region. I understand the importance of preserving the character of the Dunwoody Village Overlay District.</small>
What experience do you possess that would be of benefit to a board / commission / committee?
<small>I believe my work daily as a litigator where my job is to advocate for my client and resolve problems would be an asset to the committee. It is imperative in my job to analyze all sides of an issue and I could bring that practical experience to the committee.</small>

* Terms & Conditions

I hereby attest that all statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be interviewed prior to consideration for appointment.

I hereby agree that if appointed to serve as a member of a City of Dunwoody Board, Commission, or Committee, I will spend my time, skills, and energy on the goals and mission of the Board, Commission, or Committee including preparation for meetings. Furthermore I agree that, if appointed, my term will be governed by the By-laws of the Board, Commission, or Committee to which I am appointed.

I understand that if appointed, I will make an effort to attend all meetings and must attend at least two-thirds of the scheduled meetings in order to remain a member in good standing.

Applicant's Name: Christopher M. Gant	
Applicant's Signature:	Date: 8-12-16

CHRISTOPHER M. GANT

5130 Charmant Place, Dunwoody, Georgia 30360 • chrisgant@gmail.com • 404-723-0184

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NORTH ATLANTA LAW GROUP, P.C., Alpharetta, Georgia September 2014 – present
Senior Associate

- Areas of practice: Business Litigation, Construction Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Real Estate Closings
- Handled defense of company against former executive that resulted in summary judgment on all claims for company
- Handled case invalidating and cancelling materialman's \$481,000.00 lien against property owner
- Client base of firm: SunTrust Bank, Community & Southern Bank, United Community Bank, Ameris Bank, business owners, asset-based lenders

STITES & HARBISON PLLC, Atlanta, Georgia July 2013 – August 2014
Associate

- Areas of practice: Creditors' Rights Litigation, Business Litigation, Real Estate Litigation
- Handled high profile case for large bank client consisting of multiple lawsuits and community protests that resulted in dismissal of defendants' appeal and dismissal of claims against client
- Handled filing and service of federal action against professional athlete that resulted in expedited settlement and release of claims against large bank client
- Client base of firm: SunTrust Bank, Community & Southern Bank, United Community Bank, Ameris Bank, business owners, asset-based lenders

QUIRK & QUIRK, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia May 2009 – June 2013
Associate

- Areas of practice: Creditors' Rights Litigation, Business Litigation, Foreclosures
- Drafted briefs for bank clients in successful Georgia Court of Appeals cases
- Client base of firm: Branch Banking & Trust Company, State Bank & Trust Company, SunTrust Bank, community banks, small business owners, developers

THE MCGARITY GROUP, LLC, Buford, Georgia August 2007- January 2009
Associate

- Areas of Practice: General Civil Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Domestic Litigation, Business Litigation, Contract Review, Zoning/Governmental Litigation
- Acted as lead counsel in mediation resulting in \$232,000 settlement for client with \$60,000 in medical costs
- Client base of firm: franchisor of day-care centers with over 20 franchisees, multi-million dollar developer-financier, small businesses, entrepreneurs, personal injury plaintiffs, developers, builders, and divorce and custody litigants

PROFESSIONAL NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CALDER CLAY FOR U.S. CONGRESS, Macon, Georgia 2002
Political Director, 3rd Congressional District

GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Atlanta, Georgia Spring 2000
Legislative Aide for Earl Ehrhart, House Minority Whip

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Juris Doctor

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Bachelor of Arts in History

Minor in Speech Communication

May 2007

December 2001

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Georgia Supreme Court; Georgia Court of Appeals; Northern District of Georgia, United States District Court
Lawyer's Club of Atlanta; Atlanta Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Dunwoody Baptist Church, Member, Men's Ministry Group Leader, and Naomi Ministry (widows' ministry)

Fontainebleau Swim and Tennis Club Board of Directors, Vice-President - 2016

Murphey Candler Little League, YMCA, Volunteer Youth Coach

McCallie School, Atlanta Parent Alumni Council, Class Reunions Board Member