

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2026-XX-XX

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AND CONFIRM A MUNICIPAL COURT
ASSOCIATE JUDGE SUBJECT TO EXECUTION OF THE INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF DUNWOODY,
GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4.01 of the City of Dunwoody Charter establishes the Municipal Court and authorizes the appointment of a Chief Municipal Court Judge and such Associate Municipal Court Judges by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Villard Bastien to serve as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dunwoody; and

WHEREAS, Villard Bastien satisfies all qualifications required under Article IV, Section 4.02(a) of the City Charter, including minimum age and State Bar membership; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to confirm Villard Bastien to a four-year term as Associate Municipal Court Judge, beginning on August 5, 2026 and ending on August 5, 2030, consistent with Article IV, Section 4.02(c) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council further find that such appointment and confirmation shall be conditioned upon the Judge's execution of the Independent Contractor Service Agreement for Municipal Court Judge, which governs the Judge's service as an independent contractor and outlines all duties, compensation, and obligations required under the City Charter and Georgia law; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody, while in regular session on July 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., that Villard Bastien is hereby appointed and confirmed as Associate Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term, beginning on August 5, 2026 and ending on August 5, 2030, pursuant to Article IV of the City Charter. The appointment and confirmation are expressly conditioned upon the Judge's execution of the Independent Contractor Service Agreement for Municipal Court Judge, and the Mayor is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City.

Approved:

Attest:

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Villard "Ardy" Bastien is a native of New York and earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He received his Juris Doctorate and a Master of Laws in Transnational Business Practice from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California.

Mr. Bastien is the founder and managing attorney of a law firm in Dunwoody, Georgia. His legal career spans both the public and private sectors and includes service with both the District Attorney and public defender's offices. He served as insurance defense counsel, Plaintiff's counsel, corporate counsel, and private practitioner. His practice has encompassed civil litigation, criminal law, professional liability, business counseling, business litigation and other complex legal matters.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bastien has been actively involved in trial practice and has represented individuals, businesses, and governmental interests in a wide variety of legal proceedings. He has also advised corporate clients, including houses of worship on governance, regulatory compliance, and business matters.

Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Bastien is dedicated to civic engagement and community service. He serves on the boards of several charitable organizations, mentors aspiring attorneys and young professionals, and is fluent in four languages.