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Board of Trustees Rogers Free Library Via the town website

Dear Trustees:

I'm excited to apply to join you as a trustee. I love libraries and have been a reader, a borrower and a researcher all my life. I'd like to be a part of running our town's library. I've got legal and business skills that I hope would benefit the Board and the library.

I have degrees in Latin and Greek literature and in history as well as law. During all those years of heavy reading I have been an attentive customer of booksellers and public and academic libraries, and I have some understanding of publishing and of library cataloguing and circulation.

My practical experience with law would serve the board well. I work as an attorney handling contract, litigation, and business matters. I can read a balance sheet and I can give the board my thoughts on sales and employment contracts. I'd be a great point of contact for the library's and the town's attorneys.

I've got three small children who love the library. My family all think it's one of Bristol's most important institutions. Please let me describe what I think are the most important offerings our library has for Bristol and that I'd mean to support:

First must be the children's room. It's a comfortable and calm for children learning to read and learning about the world. A broad, up-to-date children's library where books worn from use are replaced as necessary is essential.

Second is the physical facility. I don't imagine it as a place only for the bookstacks but for patrons, too. And not just for reading. A clean and well-appointed public library functions as an alternative (or maybe even the only) office space for people who need to get away from noisy or busy home environments for a little while. Older students, people who work from home and people looking for jobs should be able to take advantage of the space, quiet and internet access they need to get work done. (No cell phones, please!)

A third important resource I would work to maintain are Rogers' long opening hours. These are valuable for all ages, and make the library one of the most versatile and available community resources.

I would be a friendly, accessible and hard-working colleague on your Board. Thank you very much for considering me.

Yours, David Perry

DAVID PERRY **EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY**

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ATTORNEY

Botelho Law Group, Fall River, MA | Feb. 2022 - today

- General civil litigation with frequent court appearances in Superior, Probate, and Land Court
- Successful deed, quiet title and easement litigation
- Handle heavy drafting responsibilities, including deeds, trusts and estate planning documents for 30-40 clients annually
- Advise trustees and estate administrators on property transactions
- Create and argue zoning and planning board applications
- Serve Spanish-speaking clients in their language
- Both represent and sue fiduciaries in probate and trust litigation
- Conduct hundreds of potential-client consultations

INSTRUCTOR AND PH.D. STUDENT

Classics Department, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL | Sept. 2014 - June 2020

- Taught writing, history and legal history to undergraduate students
- Taught foreign languages (Latin and Ancient Greek) to graduate and undergraduate students
- Produced lengthy research papers and made research presentations

CONTRACTS AND LITIGATION TEMPORARY ATTORNEY

Legal Support Personnel and Integreon, New York, NY | Aug. 2011 - June 2014

Reviewed legal and business documents in German, Spanish and English

TAX ATTORNEY, TAX CONTROVERSIES GROUP

Caplin and Drysdale, Washington, DC | Sept. 2007 – July 2009

- Advised individuals and corporate entities on compliance matters and contributed to tax opinions
- Successfully negotiated remissions of penalties and enforcement concessions from revenue agents and appeals officers
- Researched and wrote motions and briefs; analyzed precedent and constructed novel arguments on tax and general law

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; J.D. cum laude, 2007
- program 2014 2020; M.A. in Classics, 2017
- University of Chicago Ph.D.
 Brown University, Providence, R.I.; A.B. with honors in History, 2002