



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON - LIBRARY Citizen Advisory Boards & Commissions Interest Form

The purpose of this form is to obtain information to use in making appointments to Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions, ad hoc committees, task forces, etc. If you have a resume, please attach it to this form. **Please note that, with the exception of the confidential section, information provided in this document is public information.** Thank you for your interest in participating in County government.

Name: Adam Starr

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Are you a resident of Multnomah County? Yes:  No:

Occupation: Attorney

Please check board/commission of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Review Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Board of Review                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Advisory Board                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Control Advisory Committee               | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenspaces Review Committee                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit Committee                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development Commission            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Property Tax Appeals                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Advisory Board                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/County Sustainable Development Commission  | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Budget Advisory Committees              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Advisory Board                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Involvement Committee                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit System Civil Service Council                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Children, Families & Community    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Health Council                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah County Planning Commission                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Compliance & Rate Regulation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Arts & Culture Council                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elders in Action Commission                     |  |

Please list employment and volunteer activities that may relate to your service on boards/commissions. Please see attached resume.

Dates (from/to)	Employment/Volunteer Activity

REFERENCES: (Please list two or three people who can be contacted as personal references.)

Name	Address	Daytime Phone	Relationship
Whitney Nye	2731 SW 2nd Ave Portland, OR	503-781-8090	Friend
Dr. Jay Steele	4631 1/2 Clarissa Ave Los Angeles, CA	503-270-7243	Friend
Craig Countryman	3447 5th Ave San Diego, CA	310-945-8646	Friend

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The following information is confidential and optional. You are under no obligation to provide this information. This information will be used for statistical purposes, such as tracking the geographical diversity of board and commission appointees. By providing this information, you will help ensure that appointments represent a broad cross-section of our community.

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

**Race:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ African-American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Islander

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My signature affirms that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of credentials or misstatement of fact may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration.

**Signature**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 8/28/12

**Please note that most appointees to Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions are subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners during a regular Board meeting.**

**Return this form to:**

Jamie Owens  
Administrative Specialist, Director's Office  
Multnomah County Library  
205 NE Russell St.  
Portland, Oregon 97212  
Phone: 503-988-5403  
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Email: jamieo@multco.us

September 7, 2012

**Via Email**

Jamie Owens  
Administrative Specialist, Director's Office  
Multnomah County Library  
205 NE Russell St.  
jamieo@multco.us

**Re: Personal Statement re Library Advisory Board Interest Form**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am excited about the possibility of joining the Advisory Board, and I write to supplement my Library Advisory Board Interest Form. I recently met with Katie Lane to express my interest in the board and learn more about the board's work and functions. I am an avid user of our local library (Northwest 23rd location) and my young son never misses (and adores) the weekly tots and toddler storytime. With my background in both the law and elementary education, I hope I can make valuable contributions to the Advisory Board if I am given an opportunity to volunteer.

Very truly yours,



Adam M. Starr

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### Adam Starr

#### CONTACT

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Adam Starr is a commercial litigator who recently joined the firm from the bay area where he was a litigation associate with Miller Starr Regalla, one of California's preeminent real estate law firms.

At Miller Starr Regalla, Adam represented clients in many complex commercial and business litigation matters, including disputes involving construction finance, secured contracts, lien priority and mechanic's liens, title insurance, condemnation and eminent domain, and federal and state environmental issues.

As a former kindergarten teacher, Adam learned the importance of clear communication, and knowing his audience. He has successfully translated these skills to the legal world, and is known for crafting persuasive arguments for hearings and trials, and for producing entertaining and creative presentations for his many speaking engagements. He is skilled at drafting clear and concise briefs, motions and other pleadings for cases in trial courts and courts of appeal on topics ranging from real estate development to unfair and anti-competitive business practices.

Adam served as a judicial extern for U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi, and as a summer intern at the Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee in Los Angeles. He graduated from UCLA School of Law where served as a staff member for the *Journal of Law and Technology*.

Prior to attending law school Adam was a kindergarten teacher for the Teach for America program and graduated with a B.A. in art history and psychology from Duke University.

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#### EDUCATION

- UCLA School of Law — J.D., 2006
- Duke University — B.A., cum laude; multiple Dean's List with Distinction awards, 2001
- Antioch College Abroad — Buddhist Studies Program, Kyoto, Japan, 2000

#### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- California
- Idaho
- (Oregon pending)

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**ADAM M. STARR**

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**EXPERIENCE**

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**Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhaf, Portland, OR** June 2012-Current  
*Associate.* Not yet licensed in Oregon.

**Miller Starr Regalia, Walnut Creek, CA** September 2006-June 2012  
*Associate.*

- *Trial Experience:* Served as lead counsel at arbitration hearing concerning breach of multi-million dollar purchase and sale agreement; second chair at arbitration hearing involving breach of title insurance contract and bad faith; and second chair at eminent domain trial on behalf of city agency.
- *Trial Preparation Experience:* Drafted trial briefs, motions in limine, and jury instructions; prepared witnesses and participated in mock trial.
- *Legal Writing:* Drafted briefs, motions and other pleadings for cases in court of appeals and trial courts on numerous topics, including business commercial contracts, insurance disputes, partnership agreements, lien priority, easements, unfair business practices, bad faith, and purchase and sale agreements.
- *Case Management:* Managed teams of attorneys and paralegals; developed budget and strategic litigation plans, and handled all aspects of discovery, including taking and defending depositions, drafting and arguing motions, and propounding and responding to written discovery. Extensive electronic discovery experience.
- *Speaking Engagements:* Presented to bar associations on electronic discovery and on the issue of equitable subrogation. Invited to make firm-wide presentation on effective use of PowerPoint.
- *Firm Leadership:* Member of Associate Development Committee. Serve as associate mentor.

**Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee, Los Angeles, CA** June 2004-August 2004  
*Summer Intern.* Performed legal research and wrote memoranda in field of bankruptcy. Drafted and edited documents, including § 707(b) motions and letters of inquiry to debtor's counsel. Attended meetings of creditors, Rule 2004 examinations, and court proceedings.

**Teach for America, Oakland, CA** June 2001-June 2003  
*Kindergarten Teacher.* Developed and applied creative reading, math and art programs to scripted teaching curriculum. Successfully solicited used computers to revitalize outdated school computer lab.

**EDUCATION**

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**UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA** 2003-2006  
J.D. (Emphasis in Corporate Law)  
• Activities: *Journal of Law and Technology*, staff member; Know Your Rights legal clinic, volunteer

**Duke University, Durham, NC** 1998-2001  
B.A., Double Major in Art History and Psychology (Emphasis in Biological Basis of Behavior)  
• Honors: Graduated *Cum Laude*; multiple Dean's List with Distinction awards

**Antioch College Abroad, Kyoto, Japan** Fall 2000  
Buddhist Studies Program  
• Coursework: Lived and studied in Buddhist monasteries throughout Japan

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*Bar Memberships:* California and Idaho.

*Legal Community:* Member of the Board of Directors of the Litigation Section of the Contra Costa Bar Association.

*Pro Bono:* Volunteer at monthly Tenants' Rights Clinic in Contra Costa County; represented indigent tenants for Eviction Defense Collaborative in San Francisco; handled administrative appeal and eviction defense action for Bay Area Legal Aid.