

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or have difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or 203-946-7670.

Andrew

First Name

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Middle
Initial

Giering

Last Name

andrew.giering@gmail.com

Email Address

43 Harbour Close

Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06519

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

None Selected

Mobile: (203) 494-1386

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

Yes

Federal Defender Office for
the District of Connecticut

Employer

Assistant Federal Defender

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click
here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Library Directors: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Reappointment

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

[Andrew Giering Resume_October_2024_.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I believe strongly in public service and genuinely enjoy spending most of my free time serving on boards. I also have a strong sense of loyalty to New Haven and want to serve my city. I am a third-generation New Havener and have been actively engaged in the New Haven community since returning home in 2016. Since then I have served on various local non-profit boards including Artspace, Canal Dock Boathouse, and CT Folk, and currently serve on state non-profit boards including the ACLU, Connecticut Arts Alliance, and Connecticut Democracy Center. I am also active in the local Irish community.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected Board and Commissions?

I have served on the NHFPL Board since 2019, including as Vice President from 2022 until 2024 and as President since June 2024. I have an excellent working relationship with City Librarian Maria Bernhey and her staff, and with my fellow board members. I do not recall having missed a meeting. I believe that my life and work experience have prepared me for this role in many ways. As a first-generation professional whose day job involves representing some of the state's most disadvantaged people (including many residents of New Haven's poorest neighborhoods), I want to do everything I can to promote socioeconomic mobility in New Haven. And I see the Library as perhaps the greatest force for socioeconomic mobility in New Haven. Through its many programs and services, the Library has the potential to be a great equalizer, to uplift people, and to transform lives.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?

No

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Democrat

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

☒ Yes ☐ No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?

From former City Librarian Martha Brogan when attending Democracy School in 2018

ANDREW PAUL GIERING

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EXPERIENCE

Federal Defender Office, District of Connecticut, Hartford, CT

Assistant Federal Defender

May 2023–present

- Represent individuals facing federal criminal charges who cannot afford to pay for an attorney, including through trial, sentencing, appeal, and reduction-in-sentence proceedings
- Advocate on behalf of clients at sentencing hearings, supervised release violation hearings, bond hearings, reduction-in-sentence hearings, and other court appearances before judges in the District of Connecticut, and at oral argument before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- Supervise case teams comprised of investigators, paralegals, mitigation specialists, and research and writing attorneys

Research and Writing Specialist

October 2018–May 2023

- Advocate successfully for the release of people experiencing incarceration, including people serving life sentences, through reduction-in-sentence motions under Section 404 and Section 603 of the First Step Act
- Research and draft a variety of motions, memoranda, declarations, affidavits, appellate briefs, *cert.* petitions, jury instructions, *voir dire*, interview summaries and social histories

Wiggin and Dana LLP, New Haven, CT

Litigation Associate

April 2016–September 2018

Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate

September 2012–April 2016

Hon. Alvin W. Thompson, U.S. District Judge, District of Connecticut, Hartford, CT

Law Clerk

August 2011–August 2012

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

J.D., 2011

Columbia University, New York, NY

B.A., *magna cum laude*, History, 2008

Hopkins School, New Haven, CT

H.S. diploma, 2005

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Association
 House of Delegates
 Criminal Justice Section
 Federal Practice Section
 CBA Policing Task Force Oversight Subcommittee, 2020–2021
Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
Connecticut Italian American Bar Association
 Board of Directors, 2017–present
Federal Bar Council
George W. Crawford Black Bar Association
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
National Italian American Bar Association
New Haven County Bar Association
 Vice President, Young Lawyers Section
New Haven Inn of Court

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2012)
Connecticut (2012)
District of Connecticut (2013)
Southern District of New York (2013)
Eastern District of New York (2013)
Second Circuit Court of Appeals (2018)
U.S. Supreme Court (2019)
District of the District of Columbia (2023)

VOLUNTEERING

American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut Board of Directors (Secretary)
Artspace Board of Directors
CASA of Southern Connecticut
Connecticut Arts Alliance Board of Directors
Connecticut Democracy Center Board of Directors
Corrections Advisory Committee
Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
Knights of St. Patrick (Secretary)
New Haven Free Public Library Board of Directors (President)
New Haven Safe Streets Coalition