

**Testimony of Parker Wise submitted to the Executive and Legislative  
Nominations Committee  
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Good day Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Parker Wise, and it is quite an honor and privilege to be appointed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy as a member of the Connecticut Port Authority Board of Directors. My most sincere thanks to this committee for the opportunity to appear before you to address my desire to serve on the Port Authority Board.

To provide you with a bit of my personal background, I am a Branford resident and the very happy and proud father of three terrific married children and three wonderful little grandchildren. As to my higher education, I am also proud to say that I graduated from Harvard University and obtained my law degree from Washington & Lee University.

By trade I am a maritime lawyer and shipping executive. I began my law career at an admiralty law firm in New York and went on, firstly, to practice shipping law with oil majors Texaco and Conoco in New York, Houston and London. Upon returning to the United States I became the President of a marine insurance adjusting company in New York owned by Norwegian marine hull underwriters; subsequently I returned to the practice of law with American-controlled tanker and tug/barge owners, and most recently with American Cruise Lines which is based in Guilford. I feel strongly that all of this background and experience of mine - legal and in the business context - have prepared me well for a position as a member of this State's Port Authority Board of Directors. That is to say, I understand the importance of the shipping business and of maritime-related trade to the world economy as a whole, and, of particular importance, to the progress and well-being of the State of Connecticut, and to the citizens of Connecticut who now or in the future will derive their livelihood from maritime-related activities. I very much look forward to the coming point when the Connecticut Port Authority will begin in earnest to undertake its role of attracting expanded maritime trade to and from Connecticut ports, and of improving access to and capacity of those ports as a part of that process. And, again, because I am familiar with shipping and marine trade and the related legal aspects involved, I can help significantly with that process.

I am interested in serving on this Board because, simply put, I feel I have accumulated an extensive maritime background and expertise that would be of real and immediate use to the Connecticut Port Authority. I believe that Connecticut's Ports should play a significant role providing a gateway to New England commerce; and honestly it seems to me that this is an appropriate point in my career to offer the professional experience and knowledge that I have to my home State.

During the course of my employment, the clients and companies I have worked with and for have owned and operated marine terminals, refineries, trucking and rail fleets, tankers, bulk carriers, reefers, tugs, barges and cruise vessels. As shipping is usually an international business, I have carried out my various assignments throughout the US and internationally. In summary, I

feel I have accumulated an extensive maritime background and experience that would be of real and immediate use to the Connecticut Port Authority.

I thank you very much for inviting me to appear before you and I am eager to answer any questions you might have for me.

Respectfully submitted,

Parker S. Wise"