

Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Testimony of Gerald Weiner
Education Arbitration Board

Good afternoon Senator Duff, Representative Jascowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Gerald Weiner and it is an honor and privilege to be reappointed as a member of the Education Arbitration Board by Governor Malloy.

My thanks to this Committee for the opportunity to appear before you to speak about my desire to serve on this Board.

I have lived in Connecticut for my entire adult life and moved to Woodbridge with my wife in June of 1972 and continue to live in the same house where we raised our three children.

I started my Law Firm with my partner in June of 1971 in Bridgeport and remained with that firm as managing partner for forty five years until December of 2014 when I retired from the firm. I became Of Counsel to a Law Firm in New Haven, Susman, Duffy & Segaloff, where I have practiced law since January of 2015. During the course of my forty five years in private practice I have engaged in a wide variety of legal matters including litigation, corporate law, real estate, family law and municipal law. Since retiring from my Bridgeport firm about a year ago I have focused on my arbitration practice as a Neutral Arbitrator in interest Arbitrations, Education Arbitrations, and Grievance Arbitration as well as labor arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association.

I am Chairman of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration which as many of you know deals with grievance arbitrations between municipalities and unions; serve on the Education Board that I am here before you today about; a member of the Labor Panel of the American Arbitration Association; and am a member of the interest arbitration panel under the Labor

Department.

I have always believed in giving back to our community and accordingly served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Griffin Hospital for eight years and currently serve as an officer of its Board; I am Vice-Chair of the Tweed New Haven Airport Authority; a member of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Renaissance; and served as a member of the Investment Advisory Council of the Treasurer's Office, as well as participate in many other Civic and Political organizations.

In summary, while in law school I never imagined that I would be an arbitrator in Labor Disputes, but now recognize how rewarding and satisfying this work is and appreciate the opportunity to continue in this capacity. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration of my appointment and would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.