

Application Form

Profile

Prefix

Kenneth
First Name

C
Middle Initial

Kettler
Last Name

Suffix

kettlerkenneth@gmail.com
Email Address

242 East Water Street, Suite 215
Home Address

Suite or Apt

Harrisonburg
City

VA
State

22801
Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

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Mobile: (832) 421-1007
Primary Phone

Business: (540) 433-6124
Alternate Phone

Ritchie Law Firm, PLC
Employer

Associate Attorney
Job Title

Demographics - *(Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)*

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

What is your age?

18-30 years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA): Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Kenneth C Kettler

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I'm interested in serving on HRHA because Harrisonburg faces an affordable housing shortage. I'm an attorney living and working downtown, often with clients in economic distress. My interest was first piqued in examining the proposed Bluestone Town Center, which takes into consideration the need not only for housing, but also for reliable transportation, childcare, and walkable communities. We need more than a place to lay our heads at night. We also need a strong foundation for living. That foundation is strongest when people can safely and easily walk to school, to a corner store, to a pocket park, or just down the street. Affordable housing isn't affordable if you need to drive everywhere just to survive. I want to serve on HRHA to help build a foundation for the most vulnerable in our community.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

I am strongly motivated by my interest in making our community a more walkable, bikable, transit-oriented space. The location and kind of housing we create has a strong impact on this, as does including mixed-use development alongside housing. When residents have safe, affordable transportation to where they need to go, our whole community is stronger.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I am an attorney for the Ritchie Law Firm, focusing on personal injury, social security disability, and workers compensation. When my disability clients' savings are dwindling, I am often the first person to advise them to prepare for alternate housing options. I am a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law, having taken courses in administrative law, business associations, and land use/zoning.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

I coordinate Livable Harrisonburg, a new group focused on promoting walkability, bikeability, and affordable housing in Harrisonburg/Rockingham. I am on the steering committee of the Climate Action Alliance of the Valley (CAAV), and help to coordinate climate outreach. I have attended several meetings of City Council, Planning Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, and EPSAC in the past year for CAAV and Livable Harrisonburg. I have attended Citizens Academy this year.

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EPSAC Applicants only

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

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Education

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lexington, VA

Juris Doctor, May 2020

- Competitions: Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, 2018–2019; John Davis Moot Court Competition, 2018; Mock Trial Competition, 2018
- Vice President–External Competitions: Environmental Law Society, May 2019 – present

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Science, Legal Studies, May 2015

- Legal Studies Association: *President, Student Government Representative*, Jan. 2013 – Jan. 2015; started Moot Court Program; advanced to national tournament in 2014-2015
- Student Government Association: *Vice President and Committee Coordinator*, May 2013 – May 2014; Coordinated involvement and representation in 20 university committees

Experience

RITCHIE LAW FIRM, Harrisonburg, VA

Associate Attorney, Aug. 2020 – Present

- Represented plaintiffs in personal injury, workers compensation, and social security disability claims.
- Interviewed, advised, and represented clients at hearings, drafted pleadings and correspondence.

DANVILLE CIRCUIT COURT, Danville, VA

Law Clerk, Aug. 2020 – Present

- Drafted legal opinions and correspondence; Researched law as needed in a courtroom setting.

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS CLINIC, Lexington, VA

Student Attorney, Aug. 2019 – May 2020

- Represented undocumented immigrants in removal proceedings, including vulnerable populations such as refugees and victims of domestic violence.
- Interviewed clients and advised them on how to proceed in their cases.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, Lexington, VA

Research Burks Scholar, Aug. 2019 – May 2020

- Assisted in teaching two 1L legal research courses, led review session, held office hours, and graded assignments.

Research Assistant for Professor Fraley, Apr. 2019 – Aug. 2020

- Researched municipal nuisance codes from the 50 most populous cities in the United states, focusing on evidentiary standards in environmental cases.
- Researched ‘shaming’ in relation to environmental harms.

McThenia Faculty Research Assistant, Feb. 2019 – May 2019

- Researched international comparative law on attorneys.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Greeneville, TN

Summer Law Clerk, May 2019 – July 2019

- Prepared and reviewed drafts including a response to motion to suppress, response to motion to transfer venue, and prosecution memos, among others.
- Represented the United States in sentencing, detention, and suppression hearings.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT– THE HON. M. HANNAH LAUCK, Richmond, VA

Judicial Intern, June 2018 – Aug. 2018

- Drafted memoranda on a habeas petition, sentencing, and a motion to dismiss.

CHAD T. WILSON LAW FIRM, Houston, TX

Legal Assistant, Oct. 2015 – June 2017

- Drafted pleadings, correspondence, discovery requests, and responses.
- Maintained calendar of events, meetings, and hearings for over 200 cases simultaneously.
- Communicated with clients and potential clients for scheduling and discovery.

Honors and Awards

Eagle Scout, 2012