

**Assessment Appeals Board**  
City and County of San Francisco  
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**Complete and return this original Application to the Assessment Appeals Board**

Application for Appointment to: **Board 1** or **Board 1 Alternate**  
(Please circle one) **Board 2** or **Board 2 Alternate**  
**Board 3** or **Board 3 Alternate**

Enter your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided. Because this form is a document available for public review, you may list your business/office address, telephone number and e-mail address in lieu of your home address or other personal contact information.

Do you authorize release of your private/personal information?  yes  no

Name: Joseph Michael Lake Home Address: ██████████ Folsom Street, ██████████

City: San Francisco State: CA Zip code: 94107

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Home Phone: ██████████ Work Phone: (415) 625-7758 Fax #: ██████████

Pager #: ██████████ E-Mail Address: ██████████

Are you a United States citizen, or a resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship?  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony in this state, or convicted of any offense which, if committed in this state, would be a felony?  Yes  No

(If yes, please attach a statement describing the offense(s) for which you have been convicted, the date of the conviction(s), and the court(s) that convicted you.)

**Pursuant to Ordinance No. 393-98 the following qualifications are required:**

*A person shall not be eligible for nomination for membership on an assessment appeals board unless he or she has a minimum of five years' professional experience in this state as one of the following: (1) certified public accountant or public accountant; (2) licensed real estate broker; (3) attorney; or (4) property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization, or property appraiser certified by either the Office of Real Estate Appraiser or by the State Board of Equalization. Documentation of qualifying experience must be submitted with this application form. This requirement does not apply to incumbent board members nominated for appointment to their same seats.*

Please state your qualifications: Please see attached.

Please state your business and/or professional experience: Please see attached.

Occupation: Senior Trial Attorney Education: Juris Doctor from Univ. of Michigan

Civic Activities: Volunteer at San Francisco Food Bank, coordinate pro bono work for my department

Ethnicity (optional): White Sex (optional):  M  F

Other Personal Information (optional) ██████████

Would you be able to attend Day Meetings?  Yes  No Evening meetings?  Yes  No

How many days a week would you be available for hearings? 5 (M-F) How many evenings a week? 5 (M-F)

Have you attended an Assessment Appeals Board meeting?  Yes  No

**Appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made.**

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year.

Date: 1/7/16 Applicant's Signature: [Signature]

**For Office Use Only:** Appointed to Board #: ██████████ Seat #: ██████████ Term Expires: ██████████

## **Application Statement of Joseph Lake for Assessment Appeals Board 3**

*January 7, 2016*

### Qualifications and experience

I have been an attorney in California for over nine years. I spent my first three years in the litigation group at a large law firm. For the last six years, I have been a trial attorney for the federal government at the U.S. Department of Labor. I regularly face novel sets of facts and have to analyze regulations, statutes and case law to come to a decision on what the law does or does not permit.

In a recent matter, I resolved a case regarding whether a cable company was responsible for paying the workers who installed their equipment the minimum wage and overtime pay required by the law. The installers technically worked for a contractor of the cable company. So I had to review thousands of pages of documents, interview executives at the cable company, meet with several installers, and eventually decide whether or not the cable company was responsible for the wages. Once I decided the cable company was responsible, I then had to marshal the facts and law in federal court to persuade the judge that our argument should prevail. I was ultimately successful in setting a new precedent that will be used in future cases. This litigation experience will serve me very well as a member of the Assessment Appeals Board, as my daily work is quite similar to the analysis that will be required to serve as a Board member.

Beyond my professional experience, I have personal experience that will be of use to the Assessment Appeals Board. I have lived in San Francisco for many years, and have spent the past year looking to purchase a home in the city. It's been a slow process but, being a lawyer, I've learned a great deal about the city's real estate laws. For example, I've considered purchasing Tenancy in Commons, and have learned all about the condominium conversion process, soft story retrofitting, and fractional lending. I've also looked at homes with in-law units, and have learned about how those are legally classified. From this adventure in home buying, I've also realized I have a strong interest in real estate and the intersection between real estate and law. So I'd be very excited and honored to bring my enthusiasm and experience to the Assessment Appeals Board.