Lindsley Williams is an experienced land use planner and has extensive knowledge of the comprehensive planning processes (with both Federal and "municipal" components), and the zoning regulations of the District of Columbia. He has appeared as an expert witness in before the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia, and has provided assistance to clients with matters pending before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Mr. Williams has also testified as an expert in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and been deposed as an expert in zoning matters before that Court.

He also has extensive knowledge of the permitting process of the District of Columbia, and its relationship to the locally prevailing building code (BOCA), and the designation of historic areas and properties, and their relationship to both the permitting process and relevant aspects of zoning procedures where historic designations play a role.

For eight years, concurrent with his full-time Federal employment as a Commissioned Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, Mr. Williams served on the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia including serving as its Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. By virtue of that position, Mr. Williams also served, as did other Commission members, as one of the members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

While serving on the Commission itself, Mr. Williams participated in a wide variety of matters appropriate to its jurisdiction, which in the District of Columbia includes the approval (or disapproval) of rezonings and Planned Unit Developments -- matters most often decided in other jurisdictions by a local elective body such as a City or County Council. During his tenure, the Zoning Commission considered and decided an average of two cases per month. These included significant, and hotly debated, development proposals and complex reforms of the Zoning Regulations themselves in areas of policy (e.g., rules applicable within given zones, map changes) and technical matters (e.g., standards for parking and loading).

While serving as one of the "rotating" members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Mr. Williams considered typical requests for variances and special exceptions, along with appeals of decisions reached by the Zoning Administrator. Under District rules, the Board of Zoning Adjustment is the body that reviews and approves "campus plans" on which approval of individual development projects of local institutions of higher learning rest. He also suggested ways by which the Board could streamline its processes, which were adopted.

Mr. Williams is widely regarded in matters of land use, planning and zoning. After retiring from his career of active-duty as a PHS officer (August 1966 - September 1996), and in addition to providing planning advice to various clients, Mr. Williams served as Co-Chairperson of a Task Force designed to produce the legislative materials needed by which the Council of the District of Columbia could proceed to adopt reforms identified by the Business Regulatory Reform Commission (BRRC). This effort involved bringing together more than a dozen land use professionals (mainly attorneys), analyzing each of the nearly 100 recommendations, and preparing a written report for the Council and its committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. That report, along with the underlying recommendations of the BRRC, formed the basis for statutory changes that were effected within six months of the start of the Task Force -- a remarkably short time in the District of Columbia where final approval of statutory changes includes normal review by the Mayor, but also additional reviews by the District of Columbia

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Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (commonly called the "Control Board") and further layover before the United States Congress.

Mr. Williams served as one of two key individuals in the contract awarded by the "Control Board" to the law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP, which reviewed regulations and procedures affecting building and land use in the District of Columbia. Mr. Williams not only identified the processes but also the key organizing principles of the database in which findings were captured and then analyzed. This led to that firm's recommending, with input from Mr. Williams and others, a wide-ranging number of changes streamlining procedures and reducing requirements.

Mr. Williams served as Director for Land Use within the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Government of the District of Columbia. Mr. Williams provided guidance to staff of the Office of Planning at a time when it had no director, and helped the Director assume his duties once appointed. In the course of this, he provided advice on planning and zoning issues that formed the nucleus of the positions enunciated by municipal officials.

Mr. Williams is currently affiliated with the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP as a land use, planning, and zoning consultant. This relationship, which became effective March 1, 2002, followed a period of part-time employment by that firm (April 2000-Feburary 2002). He currently provides professional services to that firm's clients through their organization, while providing independent advice to others from time to time.

Mr. Williams is a member of the Economic Development Committee of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association. Mr. Williams has also served or as a member of the Board of several voluntary organizations, including Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake (Garrett County, Maryland), and Cleveland Park Historic Society.

Within the domain of urban planning, Mr. Williams has not been involved solely in "land use" and zoning issues. For nearly thirty years, he has had substantial involvement in transportation issues in the communities in which he has resided, including: conducting comprehensive analysis of transportation issues generated by major hotel on surrounding residential community, including parking and many other issues resulting in improved plan and facilities; organizing and planning for the elimination of "reversible" lanes on a minor arterial (Reno Road – 34th Street, NW); recommending revisions to the configuration of Metro stations, recommending design changes to WMATA, which were adopted. Mr. Williams was appointed to Transportation Citizen's Advisory Committee, Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments for two two-year terms, and was elected by TCAC's members to serve as its Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with honors from Haverford College and a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.