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INCOMING MAYOR RAWLINGS-BLAKE NAMES CHIEF OF STAFF

Baltimore Attorney Sophie Dagenais to Bring Experience and Leadership to City Government.

BALTIMORE - Incoming Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake has named prominent Baltimore attorney Sophie Dagenais to serve as Chief of Staff in the Rawlings-Blake administration. Ms. Dagenais has been a Baltimore City resident and homeowner for nearly two decades and has broad knowledge of economic development and job creation efforts.

"Ms. Dagenais brings with her a wealth of expertise and leadership abilities that will help my administration make Baltimore better, safer, and stronger," Ms. Rawlings-Blake said.

Ms. Dagenais is a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP, a leading law firm with more than 475 lawyers in 12 offices nationwide. Ms. Dagenais has more than 20 years' experience working with financial institutions, energy project developers, and municipalities in a variety of complex business transactions, acquisitions, and dispositions. She was named one of 2009's "Smart Lawyers" by SmartCEO magazine and is a frequent speaker on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"I am honored to serve the people of Baltimore and our dynamic new Mayor as she moves the city forward," Ms. Dagenais said. "There is no question that, under the leadership and direction of our new mayor, Baltimore will become a better place for families and businesses to thrive."

Ms. Dagenais has deep ties to the Baltimore community, having served on the boards of Park Heights Renaissance, Live Baltimore, Parks & People Foundation, and Arabber Heritage. She is a board member emeritus of The Family Tree, Maryland's largest non-profit organization dedicated to providing solutions to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect. She served on the Transportation Committee of the Transition Team for Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and is a member of the Maryland Clean Energy Center's Advisory Board.

Ms. Dagenais, a native of Montréal, Québec, is a graduate of the Collège Jean-De-Brébeuf (D.E.C. 1984) and McGill University Faculty of Law (LL.B. and B.C.L. 1988). She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Maryland Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

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