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Hampton nominated for ATL city attorney

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Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed on Friday nominated Cathy Hampton, former chief legal officer, general counsel and secretary at RARE Hospitality International Inc., as his choice for city attorney for Atlanta.

RARE Hospitality is a franchiser of 300+ restaurants with more than \$1 billion in revenue and 20,000 employees. Hampton led the legal strategy for the \$1.4 billion sale of the company to Darden Restaurants in 2007.

Prior to joining RARE Hospitality, Hampton was vice president and assistant general counsel at Atlanta-based Earthlink Inc. (NYSE: ELNK). She is the former counsel at Turner Entertainment Group and the National Basketball Association.

The Mayor's Office said Hampton's areas of expertise include the management of litigation, employment, real estate, licensing, team development, outside counsel, cost containment measures and budgeting. She also specializes in general corporate law, including Sarbanes-Oxley and SEC compliance; acquisitions, dispositions, technology, outsourcing, intellectual property, negotiation and contract administration.