

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**JANUARY 2015 FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING**

**SUSAN FRIEDLANDER EARMAN**

Susan Friedlander Earman is married with three children, ages 16, 18 and 20. She resides in Falls Church, Virginia. She received a B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Virginia in 1987, and her J.D. from George Mason University in 1993.

Ms. Earman is admitted to practice law in the federal and state trial courts of Virginia, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Ms. Earman has been acting as a substitute judge in the General District Courts for two years. Ms. Earman served on the Falls Church City Board of Zoning Appeals from 1999-2009, serving as Chairman for two terms. Prior to serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals she was a Planning Commissioner for Falls Church City from 1993-1998, serving as Vice Chairman for one term. She has been actively involved with the McLean Bar Association, having served as President for two years. Ms. Earman has served as the President of all three of the PTA organizations in the Falls Church City School System, and has been active in the PTA for several years.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY**

Ms. Earman is a partner with Friedlander, Friedlander & Earman, P.C. Ms. Earman focuses her practice on landlord tenant matters, as well as some limited traffic and criminal matters, only 5% of her practice is related to criminal law. She has also handled matters before local Board of Zoning Appeals and Building Compliance Boards. Approximately 75% of Ms. Earman's practice is in the General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts. Additionally, in the past five years, Ms. Earman has tried ten to twenty cases to conclusion in courts of record.

**FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT**

The Committee concluded that Ms. Earman has the demeanor and temperament to serve as a General District Court judge.

**PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY**

This Committee believes that Ms. Earman's experience as a trial attorney establishes that she has the professionalism and integrity to be a Fairfax County General District Court judge. She would benefit from more experience in the criminal and traffic area of the law.

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

The Committee believes that Ms. Earman is more than qualified to be a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMENDED**