

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

**DANIEL TOMAS CROWE LOPEZ**

Mr. Lopez graduated from Beloit College in 1987 with a joint degree in English Literature / Composition and Spanish, and earned his JD from the George Washington University Law School in 1996. He was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1996. He was subsequently admitted to practice in the U.S. Federal Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in 1998. He was admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in 2012; the United States Supreme Court in 2014. Mr. Lopez was also admitted to the Executive Office for Immigration Review in 1996. He is married with three children and lives in Arlington, Virginia.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY**

Mr. Lopez practiced law between 1997 and 2002 with the Office of the Public Defender for Fairfax County, Virginia. From 2002 to 2009 Mr. Lopez was with Lopez, Meleen & Sprano, PLC focusing on criminal defense and immigration. From 2009 to the present Mr. Lopez has been with BrigliaHundley, PC with a primary focus on criminal defense and litigation.

Mr. Lopez is currently a member of the Fairfax Bar Association. He coaches and is on the Board of Arlington youth soccer. He is involved in other community organizations including mentoring for at risk youth gang prevention.

**FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT**

The Committee was impressed with Mr. Lopez's demeanor and presentation. Mr. Lopez demonstrated an excellent understanding of the importance of professionalism and civility as these qualities relate to a candidate for judicial selection. He expressed the value of his experience serving as a substitute judge. It is the opinion of the Committee that Mr. Lopez would execute his duties as a judge with dignity, fairness, and a well-reasoned approach to the administration of justice that would serve the bar and the community well. The Committee was impressed with his ability to relate to the diverse nature of the litigants in the General District Court. The Committee noted that Mr. Lopez is fluent in Spanish which the Committee feels would be a valuable asset to the bench and to the community.

**PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY**

Mr. Lopez demonstrated a high level of professionalism and integrity. He possesses the ability to disregard prejudices, uphold the law and adhere to high ethical standards.

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Lopez's calm demeanor and breadth of legal experience which includes representing clients on the most serious of criminal cases. Mr. Lopez exhibited a high degree of intellectual interest and ability in the law, coupled with a fair, earnest

and professional temperament. The Committee is confident that he would serve the citizens of Fairfax County with dignity and honor.

Based on the Committee's review of his application and in consideration of his interview, this Committee recommends Mr. Lopez to serve as a General District Court Judge.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMENDED**