

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

**ANITA V. MCFADDEN**

Anita McFadden resides in Fairfax County, Virginia. She is a 1990 graduate of the University of New Mexico, and received her J.D. in 1993 from Georgetown University. Ms. McFadden is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Virginia, District of Columbia Courts, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY**

From 1994-1999 Ms. McFadden worked in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Richmond. She has had a diverse career in the private sector, including at Surovell, Jackson, Colten, & Dugan, followed by Allstate as staff counsel. She later worked at two small law firms before starting her own practice in 2005, The McFadden Law Office, PLLC, where she currently works. Her current practice focuses on family law, and with limited general civil litigation and some criminal and traffic defense. Ms. McFadden demonstrated knowledge of some of the issues facing litigants in General District Court.

**FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT**

The committee found that she presented well at her interview, although some concerns were raised about demeanor. The committee believes Ms. McFadden would benefit from a substitute judge position for an opportunity to consistently display judicial temperament.

**PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY**

This candidate appeared to possess the requisite qualifications of professionalism and integrity for the position of a General District Court Judge in Fairfax County.

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

It is the opinion of the committee that Ms. McFadden meets the requirements of experience, intellect, fairness, temperament, professionalism, and integrity to be appointed as a General District Court Judge in Fairfax County.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: QUALIFIED**