

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**DECEMBER 2017 FAIRFAX JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT**  
**COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING**

**CHRISTIE A. LEARY**

Christie Ann Leary resides in Fairfax, Virginia, with her husband and son. Ms. Leary received her Bachelors of Arts from the College of William and Mary in 1997, and her J.D. from George Mason University School of Law in 2000. She was admitted to practice in Virginia in 2001, and in the District of Columbia in 2005. Ms. Leary previously worked at Greenspun Shapiro, P.C. and SmolenPlevy. Since 2011, she has been the owner and managing partner of The Law Offices of Christie A. Leary, P.C., focusing on criminal, civil, and personal injury cases.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY**

Ms. Leary has appeared at all levels of Virginia trial and appellate Courts, as well as Federal Courts. Her civil practice includes representing clients in protective orders, abuse and neglect matters, and child delinquency proceedings, among other cases in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Ms. Leary also has represented both juveniles and adults defending prosecutions ranging from serious felonies, including murder, rape, sex trafficking, and lottery fraud, to misdemeanor and traffic offenses. She has represented clients in complex litigation in both state and federal court.

In 2014, Ms. Leary was selected to become a substitute judge in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

**FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT**

Ms. Leary possesses the sensitivity, demeanor and temperament required of a Judge in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. She has performed admirably in her role; there have been no issues exhibited during her tenure as a substitute judge.

**PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY**

Ms. Leary has served on the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Bar Association since 2008, and currently serves as the President-Elect. She has also served as President of the Fairfax Law Foundation and has served on the Virginia State Bar 5<sup>th</sup> District Disciplinary Committee. Ms. Leary is a recipient of an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

Since becoming a substitute judge, Ms. Leary has presided over many custody, visitation and support matters, in addition to criminal, child delinquency, abuse and neglect and traffic matters. She has demonstrated her well-rounded exposure to matters in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**