

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

**EDWARD V. O'CONNOR, JR.**

Edward V. O'Connor, Jr. resides with his wife in Fairfax County. He received his B.A. from Duke University in 1975 and his J.D. from New York Law School in 1981. Mr. O'Connor is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Virginia (1982) and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1983), as well as local federal courts.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY**

Mr. O'Connor has practiced law in Northern Virginia for over 30 years. His practice focuses primarily on family law issues including divorce, equitable distribution, child and spousal support, domestic violence, protective orders and child custody. Mr. O'Connor has an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He also serves as guardian *ad litem* in child custody, abuse and neglect cases at the trial and appellate levels. Mr. O'Connor was appointed by the Circuit Court in January 2007 as a substitute judge for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. He was reappointed in 2013 and sits frequently in that position. His experience includes serving as a Substitute Judge over 700 times during the past 10 years.

Mr. O'Connor lectures regularly for various bar associations and seminar providers.

**FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT**

Mr. O'Connor impressed the committee with the sensitivity, demeanor, fairness and temperament required of a judge in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

**PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY**

Mr. O'Connor's extensive record of service to the legal and general communities is most impressive. In 2017, he was awarded the Honorable Arnold B. Kassabian Award from the Fairfax Bar Association for service to the populations served by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. He is also a recipient of the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year (Fairfax County) award from Legal Services of Northern Virginia and the James Keith Public Service award from the Fairfax Bar Association. He has served on the Board of Directors of Legal Services of Northern Virginia and on the Potomac Legal Aid Society. He is a former member of the Fifth District Disciplinary Committee.

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

Mr. O'Connor continues to demonstrate a high degree of knowledge and ability in the field of domestic and juvenile law. He remains an exceptionally strong candidate for the Bench. His performance as a substitute judge, along with his outstanding reputation, further demonstrates why he should be selected a Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**