

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
OCTOBER 2016 FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING

TANIA M. L. SAYLOR

Ms. Saylor resides with her husband and two children in Fairfax County, Virginia. She received her B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1999, and her J.D. from The George Washington University School of Law in 2003. She was admitted to practice law in Virginia (2003); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2007); United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia (2007); and United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2009).

EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY

Since 2003, Ms. Saylor has practiced law primarily in Northern Virginia. Her legal career began in the area of civil litigation involving personal injury and medical negligence defense cases. Her practice currently consists of estate litigation and contested guardianship matters.

In 2015, Ms. Saylor was appointed by the Fairfax County Circuit Court as a Substitute Judge. Ms. Saylor has served in this capacity most frequently in Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court. Ms. Saylor demonstrated a sincere and on-going interest in these matters, and will benefit from further service as a Substitute Judge. She demonstrated a strong interest in expanding her experience into other areas as a Substitute Judge.

FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT

The Committee was very impressed with Ms. Saylor's fairness, judgment, and temperament. She distinguished herself during the interview with her direct and succinct responses. She demonstrated an open mind and strong ability to learn from her service as a Substitute Judge.

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

Ms. Saylor has demonstrated a commitment of service to the Fairfax Bar Association. She has served on the FBA Membership Committee and the FBA Circuit Court Committee. She has also served the legal community through her efforts with the Virginia Women Attorneys Association and the Northern Virginia Black Attorneys Association.

OVERALL EVALUATION

The Committee was very impressed with Ms. Saylor and viewed her as qualified for the Circuit Court Bench. The Committee agreed that continued service as a Substitute Judge will provide her additional experience in the areas of criminal and family law.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: QUALIFIED