

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

MELINDA L. VANLOWE

Melinda Laverne VanLowe lives in Fairfax, Virginia. She was born in Columbia, Maryland, and attended University of Virginia where she received a Bachelor's of Arts in 1997. She thereafter attended American University Washington College of Law and graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree in 2002. She served as a law clerk for the Honorable Dennis J. Smith in the Fairfax County Circuit Court from 2001 to 2003. She is currently admitted to practice before all the courts in Virginia and District of Columbia.

EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY

For a period of seven years Ms. VanLowe practiced as an associate at Greenspun & Mann. During that time, she handled juvenile and adult cases in stages of criminal, civil, domestic and administrative practice. In 2011, she became a solo practitioner in Fairfax, Virginia focusing her practice on criminal, traffic, and limited domestic relations matters. In May 2016, Ms. VanLowe was appointed to serve as a Substitute Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit Juvenile and Domestic Relations District and General District Courts.

FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT

The Committee was impressed with Ms. VanLowe's judicial demeanor and presentation. Ms. VanLowe demonstrated an excellent understanding of the importance of civility and professionalism as related to a candidate for judicial selection. It is the opinion of the Committee that Ms. VanLowe would execute her duties as a Judge with dignity, fairness, and a well reasoned approach to the administration of justice that would serve the bar and community well. The Committee noted that her demeanor and temperament would be a valuable asset to the community and bar.

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

Ms. VanLowe demonstrated a professional demeanor and appearance, and conducted herself with a high degree of professionalism and integrity. The Committee notes her high level of involvement in the Fairfax Bar Association. Ms. VanLowe's past and professional conduct demonstrates consistent adherence to high ethical standards. Her reputation to truthfulness and fair dealings lead this Committee to believe she is completely free of bias.

OVERALL EVALUATION

The Committee found that Ms. VanLowe was passionate in her desire to serve litigants in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Ms. VanLowe exceeds the requirements of experience, intellect, fairness, temperament and integrity and should be appointed as a Judge of the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED