

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
OCTOBER 2020 FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING

DENNIS A. SOMECH

Mr. Somech resides with his wife and three children in Fairfax County, Virginia. He received his B.A. from the Emory University in 1996, and his J.D. from The George Washington University School of Law in 1999. He was admitted to practice law in Virginia (2000); District of Columbia (2002); United States District Court for the District of Columbia (2003); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2010); United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia (2012).

EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY

Mr. Somech began his legal career in the District of Columbia in 1999 in civil litigation. Since 2005, Mr. Somech has practiced law primarily in Northern Virginia. Mr. Somech practiced with the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in the City of Alexandria (2005-2009) and later opened The Law Office of Dennis Somech, PLLC, where he practiced for more than a decade (2009-2020). Currently Mr. Somech is a Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney with Fairfax County.

FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT

The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Somech's frankness, demeanor and language skills (Spanish). Mr. Somech provided candid responses during his interview which demonstrate to the Committee his future potential as a candidate for the Circuit Court of Fairfax County.

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

Mr. Somech has demonstrated a commitment of service with the Hispanic Bar Association. He has served as President, Vice President, and a member of the judicial review committee of the Hispanic Bar Association. The Committee recommends that Mr. Somech increase his involvement with the Fairfax Bar Association.

OVERALL EVALUATION

The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Somech and viewed him as qualified for the Circuit Court Bench. Mr. Somech demonstrated a sincere interest in a position as a Judge and will benefit from further service to the Fairfax Bar Association and continued work in the Fairfax legal community. In addition, the Committee believes that Mr. Somech's continuing practice and trial work in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County will also be a benefit to him.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: QUALIFIED