

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2023 FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING

ROBERT V. BRYAN, JR.

Robert Bryan was born and raised in Fairfax County and graduated from Mount Vernon High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia in 2003, his Master of Business Administration from Saint Joseph's University in 2009, and his Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law in 2012. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar and the United States Eastern District Court in 2014.

Mr. Bryan resides in Haymarket with his wife and three children. They are currently expecting their fourth child. He and his wife are already exploring moving to Fairfax County and he is prepared to move if he is elected to this position. Mr. Bryan manages several residential properties for the church he attended for most of his life. He also volunteers his time as the church pianist for services.

EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY

Mr. Bryan has been the managing partner of Bryan Law PLC since 2015. Before opening his own firm, Mr. Bryan worked as an associate with The Simms Firm in Fairfax. As a solo practitioner, Mr. Bryan's practice focuses on criminal defense, including traffic infractions, misdemeanors, and both low-level and serious felony offenses. His representation has included countless numbers of retained and court appointed cases, including bond appeals to the Court of Appeals. He has successfully defended numerous misdemeanor trials and handled dozens of felony jury trials which resulted in acquittals or favorable verdicts.

Mr. Bryan is a member of the Fairfax Bar Association, the Prince William County Bar Association, and NOVABAA. He has been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has a perfect rating for Avvo and Lawyers.com.

FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT

Mr. Bryan has a reputation for having a kind and courteous temperament as a colleague and with opposing counsel. Mr. Bryan recognized that personal stressors can negatively affect attorney wellness, community stakeholders, and the public perception of the judiciary. Mr. Bryan also recognized the emotional toll on litigants that comes with court involvement in civil and criminal cases. The Committee believes Mr. Bryan's demonstrated patience will enable him to render decisions with empathy and compassion so that all litigants feel respected and heard.

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

The Committee finds that Mr. Bryan has a reputation for honesty and integrity within the legal community. He is known for being approachable, congenial, and helpful to fellow attorneys. The Committee was also impressed with Mr. Bryan's forthcoming demeanor and thoughtful responses to the Committee's questions. The Committee appreciates Mr. Bryan's candor about his limited experience in civil practice and was pleased with his commitment to learning civil practice through CLEs, courtroom observation, and attorney feedback.

OVERALL EVALUATION

The Committee commends Mr. Bryan for accepting court appointed work to expand his legal footprint and diversify the socioeconomic group of people he represents. That commitment to public service and providing access to justice gives the Committee confidence that his legal decisions will be fair, unbiased, and consider community diversity.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMENDED