

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
MARCH 2025 FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DAY

Christopher Day is a resident of Oakton, Virginia and the managing partner of Juris Day, PLLC. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University in Financial Administration in 1991 and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the George Mason University School of Law in 1994. Mr. Day was appointed as a substitute judge for the General District and Juvenile Domestic Relations Courts in January 2024 by appointment of the Chief Judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court. He has also served as a substitute judge in Prince William County.

EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY

Mr. Day began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Bruce C. Levine as the Commodities Futures Trading Commission in Washington, D.C. from 1994 to 1995. Following his clerkship, Mr. Day served as an Assistant Attorney General in Fairfax, Virginia, where he served as lead counsel to the Commonwealth of Virginia and its associated agencies in matters including, but not limited to, employment law, torts, and administrative law. He has also practiced in the Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission and Virginia Employment Commission since 1995.

Mr. Day has been in private practice since 1999 and has appeared in and tried numerous cases in state and federal court in civil and criminal matters. He was the managing partner of Gura, Day, Possessky, & Cuccinelli, PLLC from 2003-2006 where he also appeared in and tried numerous cases in state and federal court in both civil and criminal matters. He has served as managing partner of Juris Day since 2006.

Mr. Day is very involved in the Fairfax Bar, including the GDC Committee, court tours, and attorney of the day program. During the interview he understated his community involvement particularly in the Fairfax Bar so he would benefit from striking the balance between self-advocacy and humility.

FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT

The panel believes he has the requisite judicial temperament. Mr. Day's reputation as a substitute judge is as a fair jurist. Mr. Day possesses a professional temperament and is very respectful and patient. He acknowledged feedback provided in the last panel's Executive Summary and took steps to improve on expressed concerns, specifically with regard to temperament.

PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

The panel had no concerns about Mr. Day's honesty, truthfulness, or professionalism. Mr. Day's thoughtfulness on how to make the court dockets move more efficiently while ensuring that parties are shown respect and heard demonstrates his professionalism and integrity. Those who have appeared before Mr. Day while he has sat as a substitute judge shared that he possesses the professionalism required of a judge.

OVERALL EVALUATION

Mr. Day came before the Committee with extensive criminal, civil, administrative, and substitute judge experience. A vast majority of this experience is in the General District Court. He expressed a love and passion for serving on the bench. Mr. Day meets all ABA requirements for integrity, legal knowledge, professional experience, judicial temperament, diligence, and public service. The Committee recommended a higher ranking for Mr. Day than the ranking from September 2024 because he demonstrated seriousness and sincerity while responding to questions and demonstrated his passion for being a member of the GDC bench, including having thoughtful answers about how the Court can be improved in terms of efficiency and processes. The Committee recommends that Mr. Day continue serving as a substitute judge and reflect on his communication style.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMENDED