**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**
**OCTOBER 2026 FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING**

## TRISTON CHASE O'SAVIO

Triston O'Savio was born in Washington D.C. in 1990 and currently resides in Centreville, Virginia. He graduated from Dickinson College in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He received his Juris Doctorate in 2018 from Penn State Dickinson Law.

## EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY

After receiving his Juris Doctor degree from Dickinson Law in 2018, Mr. O'Savio served as a federal law clerk, and has worked at a variety of law firms, most recently Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig PLLC in Virginia. He now serves as an Assistant Solicitor General for the Commonwealth of Virginia. His practice has focused on appellate litigation, civil litigation, and in public service and government matters.

Mr. O'Savio has extensive experience with Federal and State appellate work, and he also serves as a quasi-judicial commissioner on the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals. The Committee noted that his experience in the Fairfax General District Court is limited. Mr. O'Savio acknowledged that he has not yet handled a district court case from start to finish. However, the Committee was satisfied that his overall legal work and credentials spoke highly of his ability to learn and engage in complex legal practice.

## FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT

The panel found Mr. O'Savio to be considerate and possesses a professional, calm demeanor. He is committed to advancing justice, both through his appellate work and also in the answers given to the questions posed by the panel about barriers to justice in the courts. He emphasized the need to help individuals without counsel navigate a complex and often daunting system.

## PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY

The panel has no concerns about Mr. O'Savio's integrity to serve as a General District Court judge. He displayed honesty, professionalism, thoughtfulness, as well as commitment to the law. His answers were forthright. His diversity of legal experience and congenial personality make him suited to sit on the bench.

## OVERALL EVALUATION

Mr. O'Savio has a history of volunteerism and has engaged in complex litigation and high level appellate work. The specific concerns of the panel were that his lack of direct experience in the matters commonly before the General District Court would present an obstacle to his immediate success on the bench, although he has demonstrated an ability to learn and grow early in his legal career.

Based on its evaluation, the Committee finds Mr. O'Savio meets all of the requirements for integrity, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, diligence, health, financial responsibility, and public service to serve as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: QUALIFIED