

APPLICATION FOR EVALUATION BY THE FAIRFAX BAR ASSOCIATION'S
JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMITTEE

(Please note: Changes were made to this application in September 2013.)

You are requested to provide the Fairfax Bar Association's (FBA) Judicial Screening Committee (JSC) with the following information and answers:

▪ <i>Answers must be typed after each question.</i>
▪ <i>An electronic version of this application and the JSC Rules are available on the Fairfax Bar Association web site and by contacting the FBA office.</i>
▪ <i>The stapled original(s) along with a total of thirty-six (36) copies must be returned to the FBA office in accordance with the JSC deadline. Please do not bind the applications.</i>
▪ <i>Please do not copy the JSC Rules along with your application.</i>
▪ <i>Please provide one photo (at least passport size) and one copy of a One Hundred (100) word biography with the completed application. Biographies over 100 words will be returned to the candidate for editing. Do not attach the biography or the photo to the applications.</i>

1. State your full name, VSB number, and the position for which you are applying.
2. State your contact information: addresses (office and home), telephone numbers (home, office and cell), fax numbers, and email addresses.
3. State the date and place of your birth.
4. Indicate your marital status (married, separate, divorced, widowed, single); and, if applicable, the name of your current spouse and the names and birth dates of your children.
5. Indicate the periods of your military service, if applicable, including: (a) the dates of your service; (b) the branch in which you served; (c) your highest rank or rate; and (d) your serial number.

6. List each college and law school you attended, including: (a) the dates of your attendance; (b) any degree(s) awarded to you; and (c) your reason for leaving each school if no degree from the institution was awarded.
7. List all courts in which you are presently admitted to practice, including the date of your admission for each court. Provide the same information for administrative bodies (which have special admission requirements) before which you are admitted to practice.
8. Are you actively engaged in the practice of law at the present time? If you are connected with a law firm, a corporate law department, or a governmental agency, please state its name and indicate the nature and duration of your relationship with that entity.
9. If in the past you have practiced law in other localities or have practiced with other law firms, corporations, partnerships or governmental departments or agencies, please give the particulars, including the locations; the names of the law firms, corporations, partnerships, governmental departments or agencies and your relationships thereto; and the relevant dates. Indicate also any period in the past during which you practiced law alone.
10. What is the general nature of your law practice? Describe your typical clients and mention any areas of concentration you possess. If the nature of your practice has been substantially different at any time in the past, give the details, including the nature of such and the periods involved.
11.
 - a) Do you regularly appear in court?
 - b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in:
 - 1) Federal courts?
 - 2) State courts of record?
 - 3) Other courts?
 - c) What percentage of your litigation in the last five years was:
 - 1) Civil?
 - 2) Criminal?
 - d) What percentage of your trials in the last five years was:
 - 1) Jury?
 - 2) Non-jury?

- e) Have you in the past five years tried (a) less than 5; (b) 5 to 10; (c) 10 to 20; (d) 20 or more cases to conclusion in courts of record during the past five years?
 - f) Describe some of the more significant litigated matters you have handled and give the citations if the cases were reported.
 - g) State in detail your experience in adversarial proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last five years.
12. a) Summarize your experience in court prior to the last five years.
- b) Summarize your experience in adversarial proceedings before administrative boards or commissions prior to the last five years.
13. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If so, please give the details, including dates.
14. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, please give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service. If it is not your intention to resign such positions and give up any other participation in the management of any of the foregoing enterprises, please so state, giving reasons.
15. Were criminal charges ever instituted against an organization during your affiliation with it as an officer or director? If so, please give the particulars thereof and state the resolution/outcome.
16. Have you ever held a judicial office? If so, give the details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the periods of service.
17. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office? If so, give the details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service.
18. Have you filed your state and federal income tax returns and paid all tax liability for the past five years? If not, please explain in detail.

19. Have you filed for bankruptcy protection within the past seven years? If so, please attach a copy of your Petition and all Schedules you filed, as well as copies of all adversarial proceedings filed therein.
20. Have you ever been arrested or charged by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$100.00 or less was imposed.
21. Are you presently under investigation or indictment by any state or federal entity? If so, please provide complete details.
22. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, please give the particulars thereof and state the resolution/outcome.
23. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any other legal proceedings (law, chancery or administrative - including also any divorce or family related litigation)? If so, give the particulars. Include all proceedings in which you were a party in interest, were named as a co-conspirator or a co-respondent, and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject.
24. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or are you now the subject of, a complaint to any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give the particulars and state the resolution/outcome.
25. Have any grievances ever been filed against you? If so, please state their nature and the outcome/resolution.
26. Are there any factors or conditions involving physical or mental health issues or alcohol or drug usage that may interfere or otherwise impact your ability to perform the duties assigned to a judge?

If so, please explain.
27. Have you published any legal books or articles? If so, please list them, giving the citations and dates.

28. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition you have received.
29. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional societies, and memberships on any committees you believe to be of particular significance (e.g. judicial selection committee, committee of censors, grievance committee, etc.).
30. State any other information you regard as pertinent (you may also include here any Martindale-Hubbell ratings you have obtained, professional memberships in academies or other similar organizations requiring a high level of experience for membership).
31. Please identify any and all other judicial positions for which you have applied, and for each such position, the year in which you applied.

Affirmation, Acknowledgement and Agreement

I, _____, the undersigned applicant for a vacancy on the _____ Court of Fairfax County, as an officer of the Court and a member in good standing of the Virginia State Bar and the Fairfax Bar Association, hereby affirm, acknowledge, and agree to the following:

- 1) The answers to Questions #1-31, above, are complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- 2) I have read and agree to the Rules of the FBA Judicial Screening Committee.
- 3) I voluntarily submit to the Fairfax Bar Association screening process. No FBA officer or staff member and no JSC member or alternate has compelled me to participate in this process. I state affirmatively that no FBA officer or staff member and no JSC member or alternate has made me any promises to the outcome of the screening, and I acknowledge and agree that no person has any authorization to do so. I further understand and agree that the deliberations engaged in by the JSC are subject to confidentiality constraints, and that I shall not under any circumstances

seek to discover what transpired in those deliberations except as otherwise may be provided by the rules governing this process.

- 4) I acknowledge I am seeking the opinion of the JSC members and I am voluntarily asking for their assessment of my candidacy for the judicial position I am seeking. I understand the JSC may conclude that I am not as qualified as I believe myself to be and as I hoped that it would conclude.
- 5) I hereby waive any and all claims for damages or claims, known or unknown, of any nature whatsoever, and waive any cause of action, for any conclusions reached by the JSC on behalf of the FBA, and for any statements or writings made by the JSC and/or the FBA in its assessment of my candidacy for the position I seek.
- 6) I expressly consent to the use and disclosure of information pertaining to my physical or mental health or alcohol or drug usage in conjunction with my application, with the JSC's and/or FBA's assessment of my candidacy, and with the written Executive Summary prepared by the JSC.
- 7) I further understand and acknowledge that neither the FBA nor the JSC is interviewing me for placement in a position in either of their employ and that neither is an "employer" from whom I am seeking employment.
- 8) Following screening of my application and an interview by the Fairfax Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee (JSC), I request that a written Executive Summary be prepared of the Panel's opinion on my application and its reasons therefore.
- 9) The Executive Summary will be provided to me prior to its submission to the appropriate legislators and the membership of the Fairfax Bar Association.
- 10) After receipt of my Executive Summary, I will have the option to terminate my participation in the application process, and to decline to submit my application to a vote of the membership of the FBA or to seek to be interviewed by the members of the Northern Virginia Legislative Delegation. If I do terminate my participation in the application process and do not seek to be interviewed by the Northern Virginia Legislative Delegation, the Executive Summary will not be made public and will be kept confidential by the members of the JSC and the FBA staff.
- 11) If I allow my name to be submitted for the vote of the Fairfax Bar Association membership and/or seek to be interviewed by the Northern Virginia Legislative Delegation, the Executive Summary will be made available to the public, the members of the Northern Virginia Legislative Delegation and/or to the membership of the FBA.

- 12) As a candidate for the judicial position for which I am being screened, I agree not to contact any JSC member or alternate regarding this screening process, deliberations or vote, or any application or interview. If I have any questions or concerns regarding the screening process or my application or the JSC, I will only contact the FBA liaison to the JSC.

OATH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I shall not under any circumstances repeat or discuss any information from the judicial screening process outside the confines of the interview sessions. Should I breach my oath of confidentiality by discussing the Judicial Screening process in contradiction to this Agreement, I acknowledge and agree that the Fairfax Bar Association Board of Directors, through its President, reserves and has the right to publicly respond to any breach of confidentiality with regard to the Judicial Screening Process. Responses and corrections by the FBA may be written or oral, and may be directed to whomever the Board deems appropriate under the circumstances, including but not limited to the Northern Virginia Delegation to the Virginia General Assembly.

Signature

Date

Commonwealth of Virginia:

: To wit

City/County of _____:

_____, whose signature is affixed above this jurat, signed this document in my presence on the ____ day of _____, 201____, and swore under oath that he/she had read and understood this JSC Application as well as the JSC Rules, and had fully and truthfully provided the information sought in the Rules and Application.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

My Registration No. is: