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Re: Nomination of Tariq K. Louka for Potential Judicial Vacancy on the Virginia
Beach General District Court

Dear Edward:

I am writing with my nomination of Tariq K. Louka for the potential judicial vacancy for the Virginia Beach General District Court in the event that an appointment to the Circuit Court seat creates a vacancy in the General District Court. I have known Tariq for almost twenty years and we have had a number of cases together during that time. It is always a pleasure to deal with Tariq as I know that he will take a fair and rational approach to resolving the matter whilst still fighting hard for his client. I know that Tariq has the intelligence, work ethic, dedication and most importantly temperament to succeed as a General District Court Judge. Further, Tariq has considerable experience practicing in civil, criminal and traffic courts, a trait that will serve him well from day one if he is chosen for this position. It is without hesitation that I offer my full support for his nomination. Pursuant to the Bylaws, I provide the following information in support:

1. Tariq was born on March 19, 1979 in London, U.K.
2. Tariq graduated with a B.A. in Political Science and Minor in History from the College of William and Mary in 2001 and a J.D. from William and Mary Law School in 2004.
3. Tariq resides in the City of Virginia Beach and has been a VBBA member since 2004.
4. Tariq has practiced law since 2004, beginning with Stallings & Bischoff, P.C., and




now as a Partner with Bischoff Martingayle, P.C., since 2013. He focuses his practice in civil, criminal/traffic and a variety of immigration matters. A majority of his practice is in the General District Court, specifically in Virginia Beach. In addition, Tariq has served as a Substitute Judge for the City of Virginia Beach and surrounding localities since January, 2019. Further, Tariq is an adjunct Professor of Law at William and Mary Law School since 2019.

5. Tariq is a member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association and Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.
6. Tariq has neither been publicly reprimanded nor has his license ever been suspended or revoked by the Virginia State Bar or any other agency.
7. Tariq seeks recommendation for the potential Virginia Beach General District Court vacancy.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Very truly yours,



James T. Cromwell, Esq.

Seconded:



R. Edward Bourdon, Jr., Esq.

Nominee:



Tariq K. Louka, Esq.

Having spent the majority of my eighteen years of practice handling cases in the civil, criminal and traffic divisions of the General District Court, I feel I have the necessary experience and skill set for the position of General District Court Judge for the City of Virginia Beach. Further, I have served as a Substitute Judge in Virginia Beach and surrounding localities since January, 2019. I believe I was selected by the court to sit as a Substitute Judge as they felt I have the knowledge, skill set and most importantly, temperament, required to effectively perform in this position. During my time as a substitute judge, I have become intimately familiar with the procedures of the court and have built an excellent relationship with the clerks and support staff. The most important thing I have learned from my time as a sub-judge, is that if you can relate to the litigants and clearly explain the reason for your decision, they will walk away content even if the result was not entirely in their favor. Having come from a diverse background, I feel my strongest asset is my ability to relate to people from all walks of life and communicate in a way that is clear and understandable based on the law, facts and common sense. It would be my greatest honor to be chosen for this position. Thank you.