



One Columbus Center  
Suite 635  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Direct (757) 581-2903  
Office (757) 490-7868  
Facsimile (757) 282-2508  
[jerrell@jrlawva.com](mailto:jerrell@jrlawva.com)

November 21, 2022

Mr. Ed Booth, Esq.  
President  
Virginia Beach Bar Association  
2425 Nimmo Parkway  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

*Re: Nomination of Judge Afshin Farashahi for the Virginia Beach Circuit Court*

Dear Mr. Booth:

It is with pleasure that I write to you to nominate Judge Afshin Farashahi for the judicial vacancy on the Virginia Beach Circuit Court.

Judge Farashahi is a judge of the Virginia Beach General District Court. Prior to being elevated to the bench, he was a solo practitioner focusing on criminal defense, appeals, and juvenile cases. He also handled complex civil litigation as an associate with a Norfolk law firm. Earlier in his career, he was a deputy commonwealth's attorney in Virginia Beach.

Recently, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia appointed Judge Farashahi to serve on the Law Revision Committee of the Judicial Conference for District Courts. Judge Farashahi is also a member of Virginia Beach's Community Criminal Justice Board, having been appointed to that position by the Virginia Beach City Council pursuant to Virginia Code § 9.1-178. When in private practice, he served as the chair of the Second District Disciplinary Committee, the vice chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, a member at large of the Virginia State Bar Council, and a member of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board.

He has been a member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association (VBBA) since 1992. He served on the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation, the VBBA's Juvenile Court Committee, and the VBBA's Judicial Recommendation Panel. He is also a member of the Virginia Bar Association.

Judge Farashahi has lectured and published articles on criminal procedure, statutory interpretation, juvenile law, and ethics. In private practice, his recognitions included Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating of A.V., Virginia Business Legal Elite in criminal law, and Super Lawyer in criminal law.


Judge Farashahi is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, James Madison University, and Bayside High School. He was born on October 15, 1967, in Tehran, Iran. He is a resident of Virginia Beach and has been a continuous member of the Virginia State Bar since 1992.

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Bylaws, please be advised that Judge Farashahi has neither been publicly reprimanded nor has his license to practice law been suspended or revoked.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this candidate.

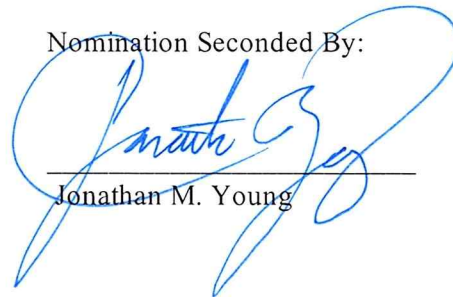
Sincerely,

Nomination Seconded By:




---

Jerrell R. Johnson



---

Jonathan M. Young



---

Judge Afshin Farashahi

Enclosure

Afshin Farashahi is a judge of the Virginia Beach General District Court. Prior to being elevated to the bench, he was a solo practitioner focusing on criminal defense, appeals, and juvenile cases. He also handled complex civil litigation as an associate with a Norfolk law firm. Earlier in his career, he was a deputy commonwealth's attorney in Virginia Beach. Recently, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia appointed Judge Farashahi to serve on the Law Revision Committee of the Judicial Conference for District Courts. Judge Farashahi is also a member of Virginia Beach's Community Criminal Justice Board, having been appointed to that position by the Virginia Beach City Council. When in private practice, he served as the chair of the Second District Disciplinary Committee, the vice chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, a member at large of the Virginia State Bar Council, and a member of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board. He has been a member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association (VBBA) since 1992. He served on the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation, the VBBA's Juvenile Court Committee, and the VBBA's Judicial Recommendation Panel. He is also a member of the Virginia Bar Association. Judge Farashahi has lectured and published articles on criminal procedure, statutory interpretation, juvenile law, and ethics. In private practice, his recognitions included Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating of A.V., *Virginia Business* Legal Elite in criminal law, and Super Lawyer in criminal law. Judge Farashahi is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, James Madison University, and Bayside High School.