

November 25, 2022

Virginia Beach Bar Association

ATTN: Ed Booth

2425 Nimmo Pkwy., Bldg. 10, Room 0049

Virginia Beach, VA 23456

RE: Nomination of Patricia West for judicial vacancy on the Virginia Beach Circuit Court.

Dear Mr. Booth,

I would like to nominate Patricia West to fill a vacancy on the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. Ms. West's nomination is also supported by the Honorable Colin Stolle.

Ms. West was born on August 10, 1961 in Roanoke, Virginia and is currently residing at 2109 Heron Ridge Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. After graduation from Kellam High School, she received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Minor in English from the College of William and Mary. Thereafter, she earned her Juris Doctorate from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and has been an active member of the Virginia Bar since 1986 (36years).

After being admitted to the bar, Patricia West began her career as a law clerk to the Honorable Sam W. Coleman III of the Court of Appeals Of Virginia. After her clerkship, she worked as an Assistant City Attorney and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach before being named a Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Norfolk. Governor George Allen appointed Ms. West to his cabinet as Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety in 1996. While Secretary, Ms. West was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for her role in acquiring Fort Pickett from the Federal Government to become the State Headquarters for the Virginia National Guard. She also served the Allen administration as Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice and was actively involved in reforming Virginia's juvenile justice system by heading the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform. She has also served in an advisory capacity to two previous attorneys general. She was a member of Attorney General Mark Earley's 1998 Commission on Gangs and Youth Violence where Judge West chaired the Opportunities for Youth Subcommittee and also served on General Earley's commission investigating child abuse fatality rates in the Hampton Roads area. Under Attorney General Jerry Kilgore, she served on his Advisory Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault as chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee and Legal Services Committee.

In 1997, Patricia West was appointed to the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court until the General Assembly named her to the Circuit Court bench in 2000. Since serving in Circuit Court Ms. West has served as Chief Deputy Attorney General for Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. Also, she served as Interim Dean for Regent University School of Law and as a Commissioner of the Virginia State Corporation Commission. She is currently sitting as a recall/substitute judge in jurisdictions around the Commonwealth and handles Judicial Settlement Conferences for the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Additionally, Ms. West has served on many boards, committees, commissions, and task forces. Most recently in July 2022, she was appointed to the Virginia State Crime Commission by Governor Glenn Youngkin. She was also selected by the Virginia Beach City Council to serve on the Virginia Beach Citizen Review Panel Task Force in 2021. In 2016 through 2018 she was Vice-chair and then Chair of the Virginia

Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council appointed by the Speaker of the House to fill a statutorily mandated judicial role. She was also a member of the Virginia Code Commission in her judicial capacity from 2010 through 2012.

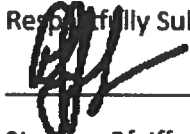
From 2003 through 2012 and then again from 2014 through 2019, Patricia West was a member of the James Kent Inn of Court, a national organization founded to promote legal excellence, civility, professionalism, and ethics in the practice of law. Ms. West was also a committee member on the Virginia Beach Bar Association Foundation from 2018 through 2020. She served on the Virginia Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission and Pro Bono Coordinating Consortium during those same years. Patricia West served as a Board member for the Virginia Family Foundation, 2018 through 2020. She has been Chair of the Virginia Beach National Day of Prayer Task Force since 2018 and assisted with that same event for many years prior to being named Chair. She currently is on the Hampton Roads Leadership Prayer Breakfast Board and has served on that Board since 2020.

Ms. West has been an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church since a child. She has taught Youth Sunday School, led a mission trip to work with migrants on the Eastern Shore of Virginia from 2004 through 2017, and is a Trustee there.

Ms. West has neither been publicly reprimanded nor has her license to practice law been suspended or revoked in proceedings initiated by a Virginia State Bar Ethics Committee (formerly District Committee) or JIRC or any similar bar agencies in any other states in which she is licensed to practice law.

Based on the foregoing, we hereby nominate Patricia West to be highly recommended for the judicial vacancy on the Virginia Beach Circuit Court.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen Pfeiffer, Esquire



The Honorable Colin Stolle Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach

Seconding Nomination



Patricia West

Nominee