

November 21, 2022

Virginia Beach Bar Association
ATTN: Ed Booth
2425 Nimmo Pkwy., Bldg. 10, Room 0049
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

RE: Nomination of Wanda Cooper for judicial vacancy on the General District Court.

Dear Mr. Booth,

I would like to nominate Wanda Cooper to be recommended to fill a vacancy on the General District Court should the selection of a Circuit Court judge create an open seat. Ms. Cooper's nomination is seconded by Ryan Ferguson.

Ms. Cooper was born on November 12, 1974 in Norfolk, Virginia but has been a lifelong resident of Virginia Beach currently residing at 2636 Highland Meadows Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. After graduation from Bayside High School, she attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice in 1997. In 2002 she received her Juris Doctorate degree from Regent University here in Virginia Beach and has been an active member of the Virginia Bar since 2003 (19 years).

After being admitted to the bar, Ms. Cooper worked as General Counsel for Sona International Corporation, which was located in Chesapeake, VA. She led the legal department in dealing with contract negotiations, healthcare issues, personal injury matters and franchise law. Soon thereafter she along with her identical twin sister founded their own law firm. Today Ms. Cooper is the managing partner of The Cooper Law Firm. The firm is located at 5741 Cleveland Street, Suite 220, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Her main practice areas are criminal defense, traffic matters, civil matters and toll enforcement. As a litigator, Ms. Cooper practices in both state and federal courts on a daily basis. In 2019 Ms. Cooper was appointed by the Virginia Beach Circuit Court to serve as a substitute judge at the district court level.

Ms. Cooper is currently a member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association. She is also a member of the Federal Bar, Southampton Roads Bar Association, The National Bar Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is a past member of the American Bar Association. She was a member of the Virginia State Bar 2nd District Disciplinary Committee where she served as Secretary and Chair.

Ms. Cooper 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 any similar bar agencies in any other states in which she is licensed to practice law.

Based on the forgoing we hereby nominate Wanda Cooper to be recommended for the judicial vacancy on the General District Court should an open seat become available.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen Pfeiffer, Esquire



Ryan Ferguson, Esquire
Seconding Nomination



Wanda Cooper, Esquire
Nominee

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Wanda Cooper, Esq.-Educational Background: Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, B.S. in Political Science, Minor in Criminal Justice, May 1997; Regent University School of Law, Juris Doctorate Degree 2002. Experience: Sona International Corporation- contract negotiations, healthcare issues, personal injury matters and franchise law; Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, Assistant Public Defender, Chesapeake, VA; The Cooper Law Firm, P.C., Partner. Professional Activities; Virginia Beach Bar, South Hampton Roads Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer, VA State Bar Disciplinary Committee 2nd District, Virginia Beach Legal Studies Academy, Community Partner, Civic Leadership Institute, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation Board of Directors, Towne Bank Leadership Alliance, Green Run Collegiate School Board Member, Virginia Beach Library Foundation Board of Directors, Tidewater Community College Board of Directors, Adjunct Faculty-Norfolk State University.