

William Jackson
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November 25, 2022

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

Dear Mr. Booth:

I write to express my interest in filling the upcoming judicial vacancy on the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. My strong legal background makes me well-suited to be a circuit court judge.

I've served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Norfolk Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia for more than six years. During that time, I have successfully prosecuted more cases per year—and more varied cases, from gangs, guns, and drugs to white-collar fraud, public corruption, and obstruction of justice—than anyone else in the Norfolk Division.

What's more, I am the Lead Task Force Attorney in charge of the Eastern District of Virginia's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF). OCDETF is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's strategy to combat transnational organized crime and to reduce the availability of illegal drugs in the nation by using a prosecutor-led, multi-agency approach to enforcement. I approve and supervise all OCDETF cases originating in the District.

For the past three years, I have been an adjunct professor at William & Mary Law School, where I teach first-year law students how to become proficient in the oral communication skills essential to the successful practice of law.

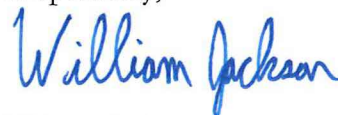
I also have significant civil experience. As a member of Winston & Strawn's Appellate and Critical Motions practice group in D.C., I was the primary author of many winning dispositive and non-dispositive motions, and I helped represent global organizations in a variety of matters.

I learned important lessons on how to be an effective judge in my federal district and appellate court clerkships. Watching how judges skillfully approached their cases and helping them draft their opinions was an eye-opening experience that only confirmed my desire to join the ranks.

Finally, I have extensive ties to Virginia Beach. My wife, five children, and I live roughly a mile and a half from the Virginia Beach courthouse. Three of my children attend Virginia Beach public schools. My oldest daughter starts on the Princess Anne Middle School basketball team. I also volunteer my free time at Great Neck Baseball League, where both my sons play little league baseball. These community ties will serve me well in carrying out the duties of a Virginia Beach circuit court judge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



William Jackson

William Buchanan Jackson

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EXPERIENCE

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Assistant United States Attorney, Norfolk, VA *October 2016–Present*

- Lead Task Force Attorney, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program
- Lead counsel on more than 300 cases as a member of the Violent Crimes and Narcotics Section
- Received the U.S. Secret Service Award for Outstanding Assistance in crimes involving counterfeit motion picture money
- Received the FBI Director's Award for helping secure 11 guilty pleas and a guilty verdict at trial in Operation Hardest Hit, an investigation and prosecution of one of the largest heroin rings in the Tidewater area
- Received the Chesapeake Police Department Award for Outstanding Teamwork in prosecuting drug-trafficking crimes
- Successfully defended a dozen convictions and sentences in appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- Litigating post-conviction petitions brought under 18 U.S.C. § 2255, 28 U.S.C. § 2241, and the First Step Act of 2018

William & Mary Law School, Adjunct Professor, Williamsburg, VA *August 2020–Present*

- Teaching Lawyering Skills, a two-semester class designed to help first-year law students become proficient in the oral communication skills essential to the successful practice of law

Winston & Strawn LLP, Associate, Washington, D.C. *October 2014–September 2016*
Summer Associate, Washington, D.C. *June–August 2011*

- As court-appointed lead counsel in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, successfully briefed and argued a constitutional issue raised by a 100-year sentence imposed on a 16-year-old boy for homicide
- Received the firm's Pro Bono Commitment to Service Award for that appellate victory
- Represented a national consumer-products company in a multi-billion-dollar qui tam suit over military contracts, including co-authoring appellate briefs in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- Conducted a cross-border internal investigation into potential FCPA violations at a global corporation's Chinese affiliate
- Obtained dismissal of a tax-refund suit against the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and co-authored an appellate brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- Drafted pleadings, non-dispositive motions, and supporting memoranda and managed discovery on behalf of the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands in tax litigation spanning ten cases in the District Court of the Virgin Islands

The Honorable Kent A. Jordan, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Law Clerk, Wilmington, DE *September 2013–2014*

The Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno, U.S. District Court, E.D. Pa., Law Clerk, Philadelphia, PA *September 2012–2013*

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Fraud Section, Legal Intern, Washington, D.C. *August–September 2011*

- Drafted jury instructions, a motion to consolidate, and a memorandum on conflicts of interest at trial

Virginia Attorney General's Office, Insurance & Utilities Regulatory Section, Intern, Richmond, VA *June–August 2010*

- Researched regulations governing the licensing, construction, and operation of nuclear power plants

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School

J.D., June 2012

- Stanford Law & Policy Review—Senior Editor; Features Committee
- Stanford Criminal Defense Clinic, Public Defender's Office of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, CA—Represented eight clients accused of misdemeanor crimes; conducted a trial in which the jury acquitted a client of all charges

Brigham Young University

B.A., *cum laude*, Communications and Political Science, double major, December 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- *California's Nonpartisan Blanket Primary: A Blanket Too Short & Too Narrow*, Stanford Law & Policy Review (2012)

Nomination of William Buchanan Jackson as Candidate for Judicial Endorsement

The undersigned members of the Virginia Beach Bar Association hereby nominate William Buchanan Jackson as candidate for judicial endorsement. The following information is provided in accordance with Article XI, Sections 3(b) and (c) of the Bylaws of the Virginia Beach Bar Association.

(1) Date and place of birth of candidate:

Mr. Jackson was born on January 28, 1983, in Orange, California

(2) Collegiate and law school degrees and dates thereof:

Mr. Jackson received his Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in political science and communications from Brigham Young University in December 2008. He received his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School in June 2012.

(3) Present place of residence and inclusive dates of membership in the Virginia State Bar:

Mr. Jackson resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and has been a member of the Virginia State Bar since October 2012.

(4) Number of years of active practice, location thereof, areas of practice, and prior judicial experience:

Mr. Jackson has practiced law for more than ten years. He began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He next clerked for the Honorable Kent A. Jordan on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Wilmington, Delaware. From October 2014 to September 2016, he was an associate member of the appellate and critical motions practice in the D.C. office of Winston & Strawn LLP. His areas of practice were civil litigation and appeals, as well as constitutional law. Since October 2016, Mr. Jackson has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Norfolk Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he focuses on criminal law and appeals. And since August 2020, he has taught lawyering skills to first-year law students as an adjunct professor at William & Mary Law School. The class includes instruction on oral advocacy, public speaking, negotiation, and ethics.

(5) Membership and activities in nation, state, and local bar associations:

Mr. Jackson is an active member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia Bar Association, the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the P'Anson Hoffman American Inn of Court, where he is part of the mentoring program.

(6) Statement of good standing:

Mr. Jackson has neither been publicly reprimanded nor has his license to practice law been suspended or revoked in proceedings initiated by a Virginia State Bar Ethics Committee (formerly District Committee) or by a similar bar agency in the other local jurisdiction in which he has practiced law—the District of Columbia.

(7) The position for which Mr. Jackson seeks recommendation:

Mr. Jackson seeks to fill the judicial vacancy in the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. He is also interested in a lower court seat, should the selection of a Circuit Court judge open a seat in a lower court.

Biography:

William B. Jackson currently serves as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Norfolk Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. He is the Lead Task Force Attorney overseeing the District's organized crime and drug enforcement task forces. He received the FBI Director's Award, the U.S. Secret Service Award for Outstanding Assistance, and the Chesapeake Police Department Award for Outstanding Teamwork. He also teaches lawyering skills to first-year law students as an adjunct professor at William & Mary Law School. Before that, he was an associate member of the appellate and critical motions practice in the D.C. office of Winston & Strawn LLP, during which time he received the Pro Bono Commitment to Service Award. And he was a law clerk to two federal judges. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Brigham Young University and Stanford Law School, where he was a senior editor of the Stanford Law & Policy Review and represented indigent defendants as part of the Criminal Defense Clinic. He enjoys spending time with his wife and five children and volunteers at Great Neck Baseball League, where his sons play little league baseball.

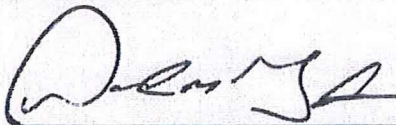
Nomination:

I, Diane Toscano, Esq., a regular member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, hereby nominate William Buchanan Jackson as candidate for judicial endorsement.



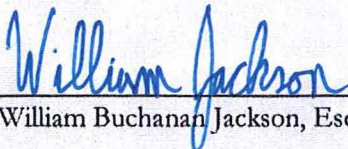
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I, David Good, Esq., a regular member of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, hereby second the nomination of William Buchanan Jackson as candidate for judicial endorsement.



David M. Good, Esq.
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I, William Buchanan Jackson, hereby accept the nomination as candidate for judicial endorsement.



William Buchanan Jackson, Esq.