

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**JANUARY 2015 FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL SCREENING**

**MICHAEL J. LINDNER**

Michael Lindner resides in Falls Church, Virginia with his wife. Mr. Lindner graduated from Kenyon College in 1981 with a B.A. in history and received his J.D. from the American University, Washington College of Law in 2001. Mr. Lindner was admitted to practice law in Virginia in 2002 and became a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in 2005. Mr. Lindner has been in private practice as a sole practitioner or an attorney in a small firm since 2002.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY**

Mr. Lindner has gained extensive and diverse trial experience in his thirteen years of practice. He has handled approximately 1,100 civil and criminal cases during his practice. Mr. Lindner appears frequently in Fairfax County General District Court. Prior to entering the practice of law, Mr. Lindner worked as a software designer, implementer and engineer. He went on to become an owner and manager of a computer game software company. In 2010 he was appointed a substitute judge for Fairfax General District Court and since that time, has sat as a judge in the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts for Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun counties.

**FAIRNESS AND TEMPERAMENT**

Mr. Lindner exhibited a calm and pleasant demeanor. The Committee is impressed with Mr. Lindner's judicial temperament and is convinced that he would be open-minded, courteous, compassionate and fair as a Fairfax County General District Court judge. The Committee was struck by Mr. Lindner's passion regarding possible appointment to the Fairfax County General District Court. Mr. Lindner's temperament and demeanor are ideal for managing a General District Court docket.

**PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY**

This candidate demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and integrity. He also exhibited intellectual honesty, obedience to the law, and impartiality. The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Lindner's affinity and dedication to public service.

**OVERALL EVALUATION**

The Committee believes that Mr. Lindner's qualifications make him especially well-qualified for the position of General District Court Judge and merits special recommendation. His intellect, fairness, temperament, professionalism, integrity, extensive criminal litigation experience and service as a substitute judge in the General District Court, meet the requirements to highly recommend him as a Fairfax General District Court judge.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**