

DAVID WAYNE DEANE
(General District Court)

David Deane, 50, was born in Edison, New Jersey. He is married with two (2) children and resides in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Deane received a B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science with minors in Criminal Justice and Sociology from James Madison University in 1994, and a J.D. from George Mason School of Law in 1997. He is admitted to practice in Virginia (1997), as well as the District of Columbia (2018) and the United States District Court in Virginia.

Mr. Deane began his legal career as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Fairfax, Virginia in 1997. In 2000, he moved into private practice with Albo and Oblon (Arlington, Virginia), where he remained until starting his own practice, David Deane, Attorney at Law PLLC, in 2011. While Mr. Deane's current practice consists almost exclusively of criminal and traffic defense, he also has experience in general civil litigation as well as work as a Guardian *ad Litem* in Fairfax County.

LEGAL ABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Deane has experience as a former prosecutor and as a current defense attorney. Mr. Deane showed a clear understanding of new developments in the law. Mr. Deane recognizes that a zealous defense practice is critical in the adversarial process. The Committee feels that Mr. Deane has and continues to give thought and consideration to the changing needs and practice areas of the General District Court and how to address such issues.

TEMPERAMENT

Overall, the Committee believes that Mr. Deane has a very even-keeled personality, and he came across as both genuine and authentic. It is clear that Mr. Deane is a consensus-builder and is well-known in the Arlington Courthouse. The Committee believes that he would treat all litigants with dignity and respect while still efficiently managing the General District Court dockets.

IMPARTIALITY

The Committee believes that Mr. Deane would exercise the impartiality required of a sitting judge as to counsel and members of the community who appear before him. While Mr. Deane has a reputation for treating all people fairly, some members of the

Committee expressed concern about his ability to recognize practical implications of implicit bias.

DILIGENCE AND SERVICE TO THE LAW

Mr. Deane has been a member of the Arlington County Bar Association since 2000 and previously served on its Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006. Mr. Deane has experience on both sides of criminal cases, serving as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. Mr. Deane has an established criminal defense practice and regularly appears before the Arlington General District Court.

OVERALL EVALUATION

The Committee believes that Mr. Deane has the requisite temperament and extensive experience necessary to serve as a General District Court Judge. Mr. Deane expressed a respect for the law and legal process, as well as an understanding of the issues confronting the General District Court at this time. The Committee appreciates Mr. Deane's view that this position is that of a public servant and believes that he has the interest and energy to serve the General District Court and public at a high level.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Highly Recommended: 2

Recommended: 5

Not Recommended: 0

Abstain: 0