

**CANDIDATE FOR JUDGESHIP ON THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF ARLINGTON**

→25 years experience (1998 licensed) predominantly in the General District Courts of Virginia but also in Circuit Courts, Federal courts, and Immigration courts:

Over 8000 individual cases, five jury trials in the Circuit Court

→Six years experience conducting adjudications on the Virginia Disciplinary Committee

→25 years experience managing a private firm, supervising attorneys and overseeing dynamic operation in an eight-lawyer firm handling all aspects of management and logistics of operations

→Two decades of service to the local Arlington Bar Association in various settings including the Judicial Selection Committee and service for eight years running as a Director of the Arlington County Bar Foundation (served as former Chairman of the Board)

→Recognized for Bar leadership by the Arlington County Bar Foundation in 2022 with the receipt of the prestigious Campbell Smith Thomson Award

→"Superb A+" rating as a defense lawyer with numerous recognitions based on the "Client Satisfaction" metric

**EDUCATION:** Graduated in 1989 from Justice High School (formerly Jeb Stuart High School). Entered University of Virginia with the Class of 1993. Transferred to George Mason University upon the death of my father to complete my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology (Biopsychology), 1993. Graduated law school in 1996 from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law with distinction in trial practice and moot court.

**SYNOPSIS:** I have approximately 25 years of litigation experience as a trial attorney predominantly practicing in the General District Courts of Northern Virginia. Through the years, I have personally been counsel to 8000 individual matters including civil, criminal, traffic, and immigration cases in both Virginia state and federal courts. My client reviews on AVVO.com speak to my competence in specific cases from my past and my passion in the courtroom. I am rated "Superb A+" and have received numerous recognitions from my "Client Satisfaction" metric.

My professional experience in the justice system is not limited to being an attorney, as I was a sworn police officer certified and trained in matters normally heard by Judges in the General District Courts (namely DUI, misdemeanor crimes such as assault and battery, and traffic matters). Prior to attending law school, I was employed as a Virginia licensed private investigator and a news anchor on WNVC cultural television focused on South Asian issues.

***EXPERIENCE IN LEGAL ADJUDICATIONS AND JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT***

My professional experience related to conducting hearings (which consists of the finding of facts, applying law to facts, and adherence to procedure) was honed and proven during my past tenure on the Virginia State Disciplinary Committee for Arlington and Falls Church which I served for six years (2013-2019). There, I was charged with parsing claims, facts, and allegations on matters involving legal ethics and claims of misconduct against attorneys. I was

tasked to assist in several full panel hearings during my tenure with the Disciplinary Committee in which full courtroom proceedings were initiated by Bar Counsel against individual attorneys and overseen by members of the Disciplinary Committee. In 2015, I received a sterling recommendation from Bar Counsel with regard to my work, temperament and attention to detail.

### ***DEDICATION TO THE NON LEGAL COMMUNITY***

Since 2015, I have volunteered and served the Kiwanis Club of Arlington, a local service organization focused on children issues. I have served on the Board of Directors of this organization and continue to actively participate in the yearly fundraising and service projects. Through the Kiwanis Club, I have taken part in volunteering efforts in AFAC, attended and assisted Doorways, OAR and various other charitable organizations' events.

I have served as Election Commissioner and Director for the past 15 years for BCCDI, a Bangladeshi Community Service and Education Center, overseeing their election processes and assisting the organization with their promulgation of bylaws and adherence to the mandates of 501(c)(3) organizations.

### **UPHOLDING DECORUM**

In upholding the decorum of the Court, the presence of the Judge must warrant substantial respect. As a former police officer, I gained great experience in handling emotional parties- primarily juveniles but also adults in stressful contexts. My manner of speech, presence and calm demeanor which were effective as an officer to calm and provide comfort to others in distress are attributes I shall bring to the courtroom as an adjudicator.

### **PERSONAL JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY**

The Judge is tasked with understanding the rules of evidence and procedure, however, I believe the Judge must allow the lawyers to present their cases and lodge objections in the manner they deem appropriate. The lawyers are tasked with upholding the best interest of their respective parties, not the Judge. This philosophy is critical to me and my judicial philosophy trends against activism from the bench. Understandably, I was against judicial activism as a practicing attorney and I will certainly not change on this issue if I become a Judge. The agreements reached between counsel and key stakeholders including government officials will be respected.

In my second view on Judgeships, I believe it is incumbent on the Judges to inspire congeniality amongst the members of the Bar - a return to civility in the courthouse and true attempt to instill a sense of community amongst the practitioners and stakeholders. I believe we, as the legal community, cannot avail justice for our respective parties without patience and civility from all parties and a collective purpose of civic improvement.

### **UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES**

The General District Court is the People's Court. In addition to simply upholding a sense of integrity, a Judge, upon declaration of a verdict, must look at the totality of the issues affecting

the party and weigh options for sentencing - protecting the rights of the victim, protecting the community and rehabilitating the defendant, if the matter is criminal. Cultural, racial, and ethnic distinctions abound in Arlington. As a cultural advisor and Election Commissioner in a minority organization, I have vast experience in empathizing with distinctions between diverse religions, cultures, and races. These factors are critical in criminal justice matters and a Judge's appreciation for them shall certainly increase the perceived notion of justice important to the integrity and reputation of the People's Court - the General District Court.

### **PERSONAL FAMILY**

My wife of 25 years is Soma Bose. We have three children: Priyanka, Bijon and Srijon. Priyanka is a certified paramedic currently employed by Kaiser Permanente. She earned her Bachelor's degree in December 2022 with honors from Liberty University in Law and Politics. My son, Bijon is a junior at the Virginia Military Institute with academic stars in Computer Science. My youngest, Srijon is a wrestler in Yorktown High School with admission at the Virginia Military Institute and an application pending at Virginia Tech. My mother resides in our family home and was integral to the upbringing of our children and my success in private practice.