

SUDEEP BOSE
(General District Court)

Sudeep Bose, 51, was born in Calcutta, India. He is married and has three children whom he and his wife raised in Arlington County, Virginia. Mr. Bose graduated in 1989 from Jeb Stuart High School (now Justice High School) in Fairfax County. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from George Mason University in 1993 and earned his Juris Doctor from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University in 1996. He is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Virginia Bar (1998), and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (1999).

Mr. Bose is the Principal Attorney of the Bose Law Firm, established in 1998. Mr. Bose has historically practiced in criminal defense including DUI and traffic matters, as well as civil matters. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Bose was employed as a Virginia licensed private investigator and as a news anchor on WNVC cultural television focused on South Asian issues. Mr. Bose is also a former Police Officer. Mr. Bose now describes himself as a semi-retired attorney, limiting his litigation practice to three to four cases, and focusing his services on consultancy and legal strategy.

LEGAL ABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bose started his practice of law as a solo attorney in 1998 handling criminal and civil cases. He grew the Bose Law Firm to eight attorneys. He reports he began to wind his practice down so he could focus on consultancy and other community service activities. He has been, by trade, a criminal defense attorney but also has significant experience in many civil issues that come before a General District Court judge. Mr. Bose has also litigated in circuit courts, federal courts, and immigration courts. During his service on the VSB's Fourth District, Section I Subcommittee proceedings, Mr. Bose participated in several full panel hearings on matters pertaining to attorney ethics violations.

The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Bose's intellectual acumen and accuracy in analyzing legal issues. His answers to hypotheticals showed exceptional knowledge and grasp of criminal and civil procedures, as well as the application of the law. When asked about the role of the court when cases involve police officers rather than the Commonwealth's Attorney or being presented with a plea agreement, Mr. Bose's answers demonstrated that he would exercise judicial restraint. His wisdom, maturity, intelligence and capacity in this regard is impressive.

TEMPERAMENT

Mr. Bose conducts himself in a civil, professional, and direct manner. Mr. Bose expressed his desire to be a judge that listened to every person. However, some members of the Committee have concerns about what it perceived as a lack of humility in his presentation, manner, and demeanor.

The Committee believes Mr. Bose generally demonstrated the requisite temperament of a General District Court judge. However, some members of the Committee have concerns that his presentation and delivery methods undermine his stated goal of making all litigants feel that they had an opportunity to be heard.

IMPARTIALITY

The Committee believes that Mr. Bose would exercise the impartiality required of a judge. Mr. Bose possesses an understanding as to the nature of implicit bias and identifies the natural tendencies for individuals, including himself, to have them in certain situations. He expressed his belief that awareness of biases and the ability to set them aside was a critical skill for a judge.

Mr. Bose also consistently expressed it would not be appropriate for him to create policy from the bench and his answers to hypotheticals reflected this neutrality.

DILIGENCE AND SERVICE TO THE LAW

Mr. Bose's long history of service to Arlington bar organizations, district subcommittee and local charities demonstrates his dedication to the Arlington community and the legal system.

He has served the Board of the Arlington County Bar Foundation, previously holding the position of Chairman and currently serving as a Director. For his service, Mr. Bose received the ACBF's Campbell Smith-Thompson Award for the year 2022. He is also a former Director on the Board of the Kiwanis Club of Arlington. Through the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Bose assisted volunteer efforts with the Arlington Food Assistance Center, Doorways, OAR and various other charitable organizations'

events. He previously served on the Arlington County Bar Association Judicial Selection Committee and was a member of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Subcommittee for Arlington and Falls Church (2013-2019). He has also served as Election Commissioner and Director for the past 15 years for BCCDI, a Bangladeshi Community Service and Education Center, where he oversees their election processes and adherence to the requirements of 501(c)(3) organizations.

OVERALL EVALUATION

Notwithstanding concerns about temperament, the Committee was impressed with Mr. Bose's qualifications, community service and exceptional legal analysis, knowledge and acumen. Mr. Bose's impartiality and adherence to the law would be a value added to the bench. If selected, Mr. Bose's ethnicity would bring diversity to the bench.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Highly Recommended: 2

Recommended: 5

Not Recommended: 0

Abstain: 0