

ADAM MICHAEL KRISCHER
(General District Court)

Adam Krischer, 48, is married with two (2) children and resides with his family in Arlington, Virginia. He received his B.A. in English from The George Washington University in 2000, and his J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law in 2003. Mr. Krischer is a member of the Virginia State Bar (2003) and the District of Columbia Bar (2005), and has been admitted to practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (2008), the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2010), the U.S. Supreme Court (2011), and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2013).

Mr. Krischer has practiced with Dennis, Stewart & Krischer, PLLC since October 2010, and has been a partner since 2013. His practice focuses primarily on criminal defense, but he also has experience as a guardian *ad litem* and representing parents in abuse and neglect cases. Previously, he practiced with the National Center for Prosecution of Violence Against Women and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the County of Arlington and City of Falls Church. He also served as a statutory volunteer with the United States Army Garrison Stuttgart Legal Office while his wife was deployed to Germany.

Mr. Krischer has served on the Arlington County Bar Foundation since 2016, most recently serving as chair until July 2022, and has been on the Board of Directors for the Arlington County Alcohol Safety Action Program since 2017 and currently serves as its chair. He was a member of Leadership Arlington's 2020 class.

LEGAL ABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Krischer's practice is focused on the area of criminal defense and he has extensive trial experience in both state and federal courts. He also served as a guardian *ad litem* and represented parents in civil cases involving abuse and neglect, child protective orders, and foster care placements. Additionally, he was appointed as a substitute judge in 2019 and has presided over cases in the Arlington County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, the Alexandria City General District Court (for traffic and criminal cases), and the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

The Committee was impressed with Mr. Krischer's depth and breadth of his legal experience and knowledge of the judicial canons. His thoughtful answers to questions posed by the Committee demonstrated a clear commitment to achieving fair and

impartial outcomes in the Arlington County General District Court. Mr. Krischer's writing sample demonstrated sound analysis of a complex legal issue.

TEMPERAMENT

The Committee believes Mr. Krischer possesses an excellent temperament to be a judge. He is well-respected by members of the bar – judges, fellow defense attorneys, prosecutors, and civil practitioners who have appeared in front of him as a substitute judge – for his professionalism and collegiality. As a practitioner, he treats everyone fairly and with respect, and the Committee is confident that his demeanor would not change if he were appointed to the bench. During his interview, he expressed an appropriate level of humility and introspection that would serve him well as a general district court judge.

IMPARTIALITY

The Committee believes Mr. Krischer would exercise the impartiality required of a sitting judge. He demonstrated an understanding of the need for impartiality and the need to be vigilant to guard against implicit biases. The Committee appreciated Mr. Krischer's responses regarding the impact of implicit biases on different communities and emphasis on the necessity of training, education, and self-reflection to identify where implicit biases may exist so they can be addressed.

DILIGENCE AND SERVICE TO THE LAW

The Committee was impressed by Mr. Krischer's dedication to the practice of law and his service to the legal community. At the local level, he has been a member of the Arlington County Bar since 2005 and served as Chair from 2016-2017. He has served on the Arlington County Bar Foundation since 2016 and was its Chair from 2021-2022. Statewide, he was a member of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Committee, Section 4-1 (Arlington) from 2013 to 2020 and was its Chair from 2018-2019. Since 2021, he has been a member of the Virginia State Bar Council.

Mr. Krischer's participation as a legal instructor for the Arlington Department of Human Services Crisis Intervention Team and presenter for CLE credits through the Arlington Bar Association further demonstrate his commitment to the legal development of those around him. The Committee was impressed with his level of preparation and initiative to effect change, including the desire to start a Veterans' Court.

OVERALL EVALUATION

Mr. Krischer has spent the majority of his career committed to serving Arlington County in a multitude of roles – prosecutor, defense attorney handling both court-appointed and retained cases, guardian *ad litem*, parents' representative during civil cases, and substitute judge. His knowledge of the law and judicial canons, demeanor, and passion for serving the community stood out to the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Highly recommended: 7

Recommended: 0

Not recommended: 0

Abstained: 0