

## **NINE (9) PERSONS RECOMMENDED FOR THREE (3) MAGISTRATE JUDGE VACANCIES AT THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

The Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges (“the Committee”) has forwarded to Chief Judge Robert E. Morin the names of nine (9) lawyers for his consideration in selecting three nominees to the Board of Judges to fill three (3) magistrate judge vacancies in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia created by Magistrate Judges Brandt, Brenneman, and Matini.

The Committee carefully evaluated the written applications and resumes of each applicant, checked each applicant’s references, and reviewed all received comments. The Committee interviewed the forty (40) applicants on November 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, and 13, 2019.

The Committee considered each applicant on the basis of judicial temperament, professional skills and abilities, ethics, commitment to diversity, leadership and communication skills, efficiency and organizational skills, writing skills, and community service. As part of its evaluation, the Committee did its best to assess how well an individual would listen, how likely the individual would be to efficiently move through his or her docket while maintaining the appropriate level of flexibility and patience, the level of familiarity and experience with the areas of law likely to be encountered in the position, specific experience in Superior Court, the degree to which the individual is connected to and involved with his or her community and the District of Columbia, the ability to make good decisions based on imperfect or incomplete information, the ability to be objective, fair and impartial, and the willingness to follow and apply the law.

### **THE COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### **Sherri Beatty-Arthur:**

Ms. Beatty-Arthur has been a member of the D.C. Bar for the past ten (10) years. She is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and the University of Maryland, College Park.

Ms. Beatty-Arthur is currently an Administrative Law Judge for the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings, where she has adjudicated matters relating to the enforcement and activities of D.C. Government agencies since 2014. She is also currently a Faculty Member of the Harvard Law School’s Winter Trial Advocacy Workshop.

Prior to her employment as an Administrative Law Judge, Ms. Beatty-Arthur was the Chief of Human Resources for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia from May 2012 – July 2014; Executive Director for the District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings from June 2010 – January 2011; Board Chairman with the District of Columbia Office of Employee Appeals from April 2008 – June 2010; and Partner at Arthur and Arthur, PLLC from August 2003 – June 2010. In her private practice, she handled family law, civil litigation, and small business development.

Ms. Beatty-Arthur is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**William E. Ecenbarger, Jr.:**

Mr. Ecenbarger has been a member of the D.C. Bar since 2008. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and of the Brooklyn Law School.

Mr. Ecenbarger is currently a solo practitioner in the District of Columbia, where he is a member of the Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect Panel and certified to accept Spanish-speaking clients. He focuses his practice on abuse and neglect proceedings and custody and guardianship actions. He acts as a court-appointed Guardian ad Litem and represents birth parents, prospective adoptive parents, and legal guardians.

Mr. Ecenbarger has dedicated more than the last decade of his legal career to representing children and parents in the courtrooms of the D.C. Superior Court. Prior to opening his own law offices in 2010, he worked as a staff attorney for three years at The Children's Law Center, where he served as a court-appointed Guardian ad Litem, representing the interests of children, youth, and parents. He spent the beginning of his legal career as a commercial litigator in New York, Pennsylvania, and California, before moving to the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ecenbarger is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**Rebecca Goldfrank:**

Ms. Goldfrank has been a member of the D.C. Bar since 2005. She is a graduate of New York University and American University Washington College of Law.

Ms. Goldfrank has over fifteen years' experience as a family law practitioner. Currently, she serves as a Managing Attorney at the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition, and helps lead the Detained Undocumented Children's Program. In this capacity, she practices primarily immigration law and family law.

Prior to joining CAIR, Ms. Goldfrank directed the Children's Law Center's Families First Program, which provided free legal counsel to children and caretakers in neglect, custody, adoption, and guardianship cases. Additionally, Ms. Goldfrank has worked at the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, and has been a complaint examiner for the D.C. Office of Police Complaints.

Ms. Goldfrank is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**Charmetra Parker:**

Ms. Parker is a member of the D.C. Bar. She is a graduate of University of West Florida and Wake Forest University School of Law.

Ms. Parker is currently a Section Chief/Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia Office of Attorney General, Family Services Division, Child Protection Section where she, along with supervising and evaluating six Assistant Attorney Generals who prosecute child abuse and neglect cases, manages a case load of child abuse and neglect cases and represents Child and

Family Services Agency (CFSA) in litigation and various hearings. Ms. Parker has served in this capacity since March 2005 but for a year stint as an Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia Office of the Solicitor General, Family Services Division, Child Protection Section, where she managed a caseload of appellate cases including appeals from neglect, termination of parental rights and adoption matters.

Ms. Parker is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**Judith Pipe:**

Ms. Pipe has been a member of the D.C. Bar since 2007. She is a graduate of American University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a graduate of Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

Ms. Pipe is currently a supervising attorney with the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS) for the District of Columbia. She has been with PDS since 2007. Ms. Pipe represents indigent clients accused of criminal offenses, including sexual offenses, homicides and attempted homicides. In addition, Ms. Pipe supervises and trains attorneys who represent clients charged with offenses ranging from misdemeanors to homicides. Ms. Pipe has handled and supervised numerous cases with juvenile clients.

Prior to Ms. Pipe's current position with PDS, she served as a law clerk with PDS in various legal capacities. Ms. Pipe's professional capacity includes being a member of the D.C. Superior Court C-10 committee.

Ms. Pipe is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**Ebony Scott:**

Ms. Scott is a member of the D.C. bar since 2007. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester and American University Washington College of Law.

Since August 2018, Ms. Scott has served at the Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel as its Deputy Director. In this role, she assists the Director in supervising all agency counsel subordinate to the Mayor, and provides legal advice to the Mayor, agency directors, and Deputy Mayors on personnel and programmatic matters, district-wide policies, and ongoing litigation.

Prior to her current employment, Ms. Scott served as: the General Counsel at the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights ("OHR"); an Assistant Attorney General and the Acting Section Chief at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia's Neighborhood and Victim Services section, Public Safety Division; a Law Clerk and Trial Attorney at Chaikin, Sherman, Cammarata & Siegel, P.C.; and a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby at the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Ms. Scott is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions exclusive of family court.

**Raquel Trabal:**

Ms. Trabal has been a member of the D.C. Bar since November 2012. She is a graduate of Oberlin College and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Ms. Trabal is currently employed by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as a Bilingual Attorney Negotiator in the Domestic Violence Division. In this role, she helps manage the docket by drafting proposed orders, preparing settlement agreements and negotiating consent orders between litigants in domestic violence cases. In addition, she has presented in specialized trainings on the role of technology in court proceedings and alternative dispute resolution in domestic violence cases. She also assisted in creating business processes and operating procedures for the Red Flag Law and updated all forms used by the public for filing in the division.

Prior to her employment at the Superior Court, Ms. Trabal served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Child Support Policy and Training Sections of the Office of the Attorney General of D.C. and as a Staff Attorney at Legal Aid of Western Michigan.

Ms. Trabal is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**Thomas Anthony Quinn:**

Mr. Quinn has been a member of the D.C. Bar since 1988. He is a graduate of Amherst College and Emory University School of Law.

Since 1997, Mr. Quinn has been an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where he has prosecuted criminal matters in the Superior Court and in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. In his current role as the Deputy Chief of the Special Proceedings Division, he primarily focuses on collateral attacks on convictions, sealing motions, and mental health litigation. Mr. Quinn has litigated in all of the sections in the Superior Court Division; in the Narcotics section of the District Court Division; in the Appellate Division; and in the Special Proceedings Division.

Prior to his current employment, Mr. Quinn prosecuted affirmative civil environmental litigation at the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Department of Justice. Additionally, Mr. Quinn was employed at Jordan Coyne Savits and Lapata, where he handled complex products liability, malpractice, and insurance defense litigation.

Mr. Quinn is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.

**Natalie Walker:**

Ms. Walker has been an active member of the D.C. Bar since 2006. She is a graduate of Howard University and North Carolina Central University School of Law.

Since 2007, Ms. Walker has been employed at Webster & Fredrickson, PLLC, where she became an equity partner in 2016. She specializes in civil litigation with a concentration in bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Ms. Walker maintains an integral role in the firm's commercial litigation practice, and counsels and represents individuals and small businesses operating in the District of Columbia. Additionally, Ms. Walker represents parties involved in employment discrimination, sexual harassment, and District of Columbia wage payment and collection matters.

Prior to her current employment, Ms. Walker served as a law clerk to the Honorable Erik Christian at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In that role, she gained extensive experience with the court's procedures and operations, and developed a familiarity with Felony I and Felony II cases.

Ms. Walker is applying for a Magistrate Judge position in all divisions.