

**Congratulations from HE Mahinda Samarasinghe, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States and the Embassy of Sri Lanka, Washington D.C.**



Investiture of the Honorable Divani Nadarajah as a judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 4.30 pm. Fairfax County Courthouse, Virginia.

On October 20, 2023, the Judiciary of the Nineteenth Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Virginia will host a ceremony for the Investiture of the Honorable Divani Raveena Nadaraja. Judge Nadaraja joined the Fairfax County of Virginia's Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court bench on May 1, 2023, with a wealth of experience. She began her career as the Domestic Violence Attorney for Fairfax County at Legal Services of Northern Virginia, a legal aid organization dedicated to access to justice for indigent and low-income persons. In that role, she represented hundreds of victims and survivors of domestic violence, litigating protective orders as well as contested custody, visitation, child support, spousal support, and divorce cases. She quickly garnered a reputation among attorneys, prosecutors, police, detectives, victims'

advocates, and several community and social services organizations as a zealous and fair advocate for her clients.

Following her time at Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Judge Nadaraja moved to private practice, joining some of Northern Virginia's and Washington D.C.'s most elite family law firms. Judge Nadaraja was highly sought out to handle complex divorce and custody cases, relocation matters, and international kidnapping cases. She represented a range of clientele, including celebrity clients.

Prior to her appointment as a permanent judge, Judge Nadaraja served as a Substitute Judge, an honor bestowed on a small select group of attorneys who have demonstrated the highest degree of integrity, competence, and professionalism throughout their career.

Judge Nadaraja is a graduate of the prestigious University of Pennsylvania, and she earned her law degree from The George Washington University Law School in Washington D.C. Judge Nadaraja is the daughter of immigrants from Sri Lanka, making her only the second Sri Lankan-American judge appointed to the judiciary in the United States of America and the very first female Sri Lankan-American judge in the nation. Originally from California, Judge Nadaraja now resides in Northern Virginia with her husband and three children.