

## PARISA TABASSIAN

Parisa Tabassian is Judge Gelfman's current law clerk. Raised in Richmond, Virginia, Parisa attended an all girls Episcopal preparatory school, St. Catherine's School. During her time at St. Catherine's, she was student body President and a prefect. She participated in volleyball, theater, and the visual arts.

After high school, Parisa attended Georgetown University, where she was enrolled in the School of Foreign Service, and her major was Culture and Politics. She was raised bilingual in both English and Farsi, and is also proficient in French. During college she spent a semester abroad in Strasbourg, France at Sciences Po. After college, she worked as a paralegal for two years at a business/employment immigration law firm in Washington, D.C.

Parisa attended William and Mary Law School, where she participated in several externships. She was a member of the Journal of Women and the Law, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Competition Team, and several clubs. After law school, Parisa sat for and passed the Virginia Bar.

Parisa feels that she has been learning so much from Judge Gelfman and the position. She feels privileged to have this experience behind the scenes in the justice system. She has appreciated learning how to analyze and synthesize a variety of positions on every case based on her neutral position as a law clerk. Parisa has internalized many lessons from Judge Gelfman, including the importance of attention to detail, adherence to procedural rules, and professional integrity, competence, and candor. Parisa will be working for a medical malpractice defense/healthcare firm in Fairfax, Virginia after she completes her clerkship with Judge Gelfman.

In her free time, Parisa enjoys to read fiction, watch movies, and play volleyball. She loves to travel and explore new places and cultures. She recently sat for the Maryland Bar.