

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Supreme Court Committees -- Request for Indication of Interest in Possible Appointment

The Supreme Court, as part of its continuing effort to foster participation by the bench and bar in its various committees as well as to increase the diversity in those committees, is requesting that attorneys and judges interested in being considered for possible committee appointment advise the Court of such interest. The Court's intent is to create, on an ongoing basis, a pool of attorneys and a pool of judges interested in committee service from which to draw appointees.

The list of committees for which the Court is seeking to create this pool of potential appointees includes, but is not limited to, the Rules Committees (Civil Practice, Criminal Practice, Family Practice, Municipal Court Practice, Rules of Evidence, Special Civil Part Practice, Tax Court), the Program and Jury Charge Committees (Arbitration Advisory, Jury Selection in Civil and Criminal Trials, Minority Concerns, Model Civil Jury Charges, Model Criminal Jury Charges, State Domestic Violence Working Group, Women in the Courts), as well as the various regulatory committees (Attorney Advertising Committee, Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee). It also includes present and future ad hoc committees or task forces.

The various Supreme Court committees are appointed at different times and for varying length terms. Rules and Program/Jury Charge Committees are appointed and report on staggered two-year cycles (approximately half in odd-numbered years and half in even-numbered years). The Court's regulatory committees are established and serve pursuant to the relevant enabling Rules of Court. Ad hoc committees are appointed as needed and not necessarily with specific terms of appointment. The Supreme Court committees all are limited in size and the need for continuity requires that members are frequently reappointed, subject to applicable term-limit provisions. Because of these factors, attorneys and judges who express interest in possible appointment either generally or to a specific committee should be aware that they may not be appointed.

Any attorney or judge interested in being considered by the Court for appointment, either generally or specifically to any of the above-listed committees should so indicate in writing (including a resumé with your letter) to the following address:

Supreme Court Committee Appointments
Administrative Office of the Courts
P.O. Box 037, Hughes Justice Complex
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0037

Letters (with resumé) also may be submitted by e-mail to the following address: Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov.

The Chief Justice, the Supreme Court, and I would encourage judges and members of the bar to write to express your interest in committee service. The Court relies on committees to provide advice and recommendations in their respective areas of focus and expertise. Effective committees require diverse expert representation from a broad spectrum of the bench and bar, and the creation of this pool of potential committee appointees will assist in providing that representation, experience, and expertise.

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