

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rules 2:15-2 and 2:15-3 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: January 22, 2019

2:15-2. Appointment and Membership

The Committee shall consist of [nine] eleven members. The Court shall designate one member to serve as Chair and another member to serve as Vice Chair. At least [two] three members shall be retired Justices or Judges of the Supreme Court or Superior Court, no fewer than three members shall be members of the Bar, and no more than [four] five members shall be members of the public who do not hold public office of any nature. Members shall be appointed by the Supreme Court for a term of three years and may be reappointed for such additional term or terms as the Court shall determine. Membership on the Committee shall terminate if a member is appointed or elected to public office or to any position considered by the Court to be incompatible with such service. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.

Note: Adopted July 23, 1974, effective immediately; amended July 2, 1984 effective immediately; amended June 28, 1996 to be effective September 1, 1996; amended February 3, 1997, to be effective March 1, 1997; amended January 22, 2019 to be effective immediately.

2:15-3. Quorum and Hearing Panels

(a) A quorum shall consist of [five] six members of the Committee. No action of the Committee shall be valid unless concurred in by a majority of its membership, provided, however, that if the Committee finds sufficient cause therefor and recommends to the Supreme Court the institution of formal proceedings, which may lead to reprimand, censure, suspension, or removal of a Judge, such recommendation shall be made only on the affirmative vote of [five] six members of the Committee who have considered the record and at least [three] four of whom were present at any hearing at which oral testimony was produced.

(b) ... no change

Note: Adopted July 23, 1974, effective immediately; paragraph (b) amended June 28, 1996 to be effective September 1, 1996; paragraphs (a) and (b) amended February 3, 1997, to be effective March 1, 1997; paragraph (a) amended January 22, 2019 to be effective immediately.