

NOTICE TO THE BENCH AND 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, Complementary Dispute Resolution, Criminal Practice, Family Practice, Municipal Court Practice, Rules of Evidence, Special Civil Part Practice, Tax Court), the Program and Jury Charge Committees (Arbitration Advisory, Bench/Bar/Media, 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 and advisory committees (including Attorney Advertising Committee, Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, Disciplinary Review Board, Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct, Board on Continuing Legal Education, Board on Attorney Certification, Advisory Committee on Extrajudicial Activities, Advisory Committee on Outside Activities of Judiciary Employees). 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 is presently considering appointees for the **2014-2016** term (September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016) for the following Rules and Program/Jury Charge Committees:

- (1) Civil Practice Committee
- (2) Special Civil Part Practice Committee
- (3) Committee on the Tax Court
- (4) Arbitration Advisory Committee
- (5) Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges
- (6) Committee on Women in the Courts
- (7) Committee on Jury Selection in Civil and Criminal Trials

An expression of interest in other Rules or Program/Jury Charge committees will be kept on file until next year when those committees on odd-numbered two-year cycles are reconstituted.

The Court's regulatory and advisory committees are established and serve pursuant to the relevant enabling Rules of Court. The names of individuals expressing interest in possible appointment to any of the regulatory or advisory committees will be considered when vacancies occur on those committees, including vacancies resulting from members having reached established term limits.

Supreme Court committees all are limited in size. Because of the need for a certain amount of continuity, the Court frequently reappoints committee members, 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 an expression of interest does not guarantee appointment.

Any attorney or judge interested in being considered by the Court for appointment, either to specific committees or generally, should so indicate by e-mail as soon as practicable to the following address: CommAppts.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us. The subject line of your e-mail should state "Interest in Supreme Court Committees." Please include the following in your e-mail: your full name, the county or counties in which you practice (for attorneys), and the name(s) of the committee(s) in which you are interested. Attorneys should include a resumé with their letter.

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. The creation of this pool of potential committee appointees will assist the Court in providing that representation, experience, and expertise.

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