

COMMISSION ON THE RULES OF SUPERINTENDENCE FOR OHIO COURTS

The Supreme Court of Ohio has established the Commission on the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts effective January 1, 2006.

Section 1. Creation of Commission.

Pursuant to the powers vested in the Supreme Court of Ohio by Article IV, Section 5(A) of the Ohio Constitution regarding general superintendence over all courts in the state, and to assist the Court in the exercise of its rule-making powers, there shall be a Supreme Court Commission on the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts.

Section 2. Duties of Commission.

The Commission shall review all rules of superintendence for Ohio courts. The Commission shall receive and consider proposed rules and amendments, and recommend rules and amendments for adoption to the Court.

Section 3. Membership.

The Commission shall consist of twenty members appointed by the Supreme Court.

(A) The Chief Justice shall appoint seven members who shall be members of the following organization and nominated by:

- (1) The President of the Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association;
- (2) The President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association;
- (3) The President of the Ohio Association of Probate Judges;
- (4) The President of the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges;
- (5) The President of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges;
- (6) The President of the Association of Municipal/County Court Judges of Ohio;
- (7) The President of the Ohio Association of Magistrates.

(B) Six members shall be appointed by a justice of the Court other than the Chief Justice as follows:

- (1) One court of appeals judge;
- (2) One judge of the court of common pleas, general division;

- (3) One judge of the court of common pleas with probate jurisdiction;
 - (4) One judge of the court of common pleas with domestic relations jurisdiction;
 - (5) One judge of the court of common pleas with juvenile jurisdiction;
 - (6) One judge of a municipal or county court.
- (C) Six members appointed by the Chief Justice, including one clerk of court, one court administrator, and one attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio.
- (D) The Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Ohio shall serve as a non-voting, ex officio member.
- (E) Initial appointments shall be made as follows:
- (1) The court of appeals judge appointed by a justice, the judge of the court of common pleas with domestic relations jurisdiction appointed by a justice, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, the magistrate appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Ohio Association of Magistrates, and two at large appointees made by the Chief Justice shall be appointed to a term that ends on December 31, 2006.
 - (2) The judge of the court of common pleas with general jurisdiction appointed by a justice, the judge of the court of common pleas with juvenile jurisdiction appointed by a justice, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Ohio Association of Probate Judges, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Association of Municipal/County Court Judges of Ohio, and two at large appointees made by the Chief Justice shall be appointed to a term that ends on December 31, 2007.
 - (3) The judge of the court of common pleas with probate jurisdiction appointed by a justice, the judge of the municipal/county court appointed by a justice, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Ohio Court of Appeals Judges Association, the judge appointed by the Chief Justice upon the nomination of the President of the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges, and two at large appointees shall be appointed to a term that ends on December 31, 2008.

Section 4. Terms.

- (A) Members of the Commission shall serve three year terms beginning on the first day of January. Members shall be eligible for reappointment, but shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms of three years without a six month break in service.

(B) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his or her predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term. If a judge member leaves office, if an attorney member no longer practices in Ohio, if the magistrate member is no longer employed as a full-time magistrate, if the clerk of court leaves office, if the court administrator is no longer employed in that capacity, the member shall be disqualified and a vacancy shall occur.

Section 5. Chair; Vice-Chair.

The Court shall appoint one of the members as chair and one of the members as vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair shall serve for two years, and may be reappointed, but a member shall not serve as chair or vice-chair for more than two consecutive terms of two years.

Section 6. Compensation.

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Section 7. Staff.

The Administrative Director of the Supreme Court, or the director's designee, shall serve as staff liaison to the Commission.

Section 8. Member Attendance.

The staff liaison to the Commission shall notify the Chief Justice and the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court if a member of the Commission misses three meetings of the Commission within a twelve-month period. Upon such notice, the Administrative Director shall inform the Justices of the Supreme Court in order that the Justices may consider the replacement of the member.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This rule shall take effect on January 1, 2006; amended effective October 15, 2007; amended effective October 15, 2024.