

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered October 11, 2012.

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Effective immediately, Supreme Court Rule 41 is amended, as follows.

Rule 41. Judicial Conference

(a) Duties. There shall be a Judicial Conference to consider the work of the courts, to suggest improvements in the administration of justice, and to make recommendations for the improvement of the courts.

(b) Membership.

(1) The membership of the Judicial Conference shall consist of:

(A) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois who shall preside over the conference;

(B) The other members of the Supreme Court, who shall be *ex officio* members of the conference, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, who shall also be an *ex officio* member;

(C) The chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Appellate Court of the First Judicial District and the presiding judge of the appellate court in each judicial district other than the First Judicial District;

(D) Thirty judges from the First Judicial District;

(E) Ten judges from each judicial district other than the First Judicial District.

(F) The Supreme Court may appoint any judge, lawyer, or person involved with the judicial branch or administration of justice to the Judicial Conference pursuant to the Operating Procedures and Policies of the Illinois Judicial Conference.

(2)(A) All members designated in subparagraphs (1)(D) and (E) shall be appointed by the Supreme Court; however, at least one chief circuit judge shall be appointed from each judicial district.

(B) At least 10 of the judges appointed from the First Judicial District shall be associate judges of the circuit court, and at least three of the judges appointed from each of the other judicial districts shall be associate judges of the circuit court.

(C) One-third of the initial members appointed by the court from the First Judicial District shall serve until January 1, 1994; one-third shall serve until January 1, 1995; and one-third shall serve until January 1, 1996, or until their successors are appointed. In each of the other judicial districts, four of the initial members appointed by the Court shall serve until January 1, 1994;

three shall serve until January 1, 1995; and three shall serve until January 1, 1996, or until their successors are appointed. Each term thereafter shall be for three years, and no member may be appointed to more than three full consecutive terms.

(c) Executive Committee.

(1) The Supreme Court shall appoint six members of the conference from the First Judicial District and two members from each of the other districts to serve on the Executive Committee, which shall act on behalf of the conference when the conference is not in session.

(2) The Chief Justice shall serve as chairperson of the committee, and shall convene the committee as necessary to attend to the business of the conference.

(3) At least 60 days prior to the date on which the Judicial Conference is to be convened the committee shall submit to the Supreme Court a suggested agenda for the annual meeting.

(d) Other Committees. The Executive Committee, on behalf of the conference, shall recommend to the Supreme Court the appointment of such other committees as are necessary to further the work of the conference and shall annually receive from each committee a recommendation as to whether that committee should be maintained or abolished and make appropriate recommendations to the Supreme Court. Each recommendation shall be accompanied by a justification for the recommendation.

(e) Meetings of Conference. The conference shall meet at least once annually at a place and on a date to be designated by the Supreme Court.

(f) Secretary. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts shall be secretary of the conference.

Amended effective July 1, 1971; amended March 1, 1993, effective immediately; amended September 23, 2008, effective immediately; amended Oct. 11, 2012, effective immediately.