

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Duties and Responsibilities

The Judicial Conference makes policy for the administration of the U.S. courts. It surveys court operations, makes long-range plans, and suggests management procedures to the courts to promote uniformity and efficiency. It also studies the operation and impact of rules of practice and procedure, as prescribed by the U.S. Supreme Court, and consults with the U.S. Marshals Service regarding court security. In addition, the Conference reviews matters related to judicial conduct and disability.

The Conference operates through an executive committee and 24 policy-advisory committees assigned to different administrative areas. The Conference convenes twice a year, usually at the Supreme Court building.

Membership

- Chief Justice of the United States (presiding officer)
- Chief judges of the 13 courts of appeals
- One district judge from each circuit (elected)
- Chief judge of the Court of International Trade
- Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (secretary)

Policy-Advisory Committees

The Chief Justice has sole authority to make committee appointments. Matters to be considered are suggested by, among others, the Chief Justice, the Executive Committee, Congress, federal judges, circuit judicial councils, and other Conference committees. Acting committees of the Judicial Conference are listed below.

- Committee on Audits and Administrative Office Accountability
- Committee on the Budget
- Committee on Court Administration & Case Management
- Committee on Defender Services
- Committee on Financial Disclosure
- Committee on Intercircuit Assignments
- Committee on the Judicial Branch
- Committee on Judicial Resources
- Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System
- Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System
- Committee on Codes of Conduct
- Committee on Criminal Law
- Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction
- Committee on Information Technology
- Committee on International Judicial Relations
- Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability
- Committee on Judicial Security
- Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
- Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules
- Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules
- Advisory Committee on Civil Rules
- Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules
- Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules
- Committee on Space and Facilities

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