

**SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
ORDER ESTABLISHING
THE JUDICIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

In order to expand and enhance the planning capability of the Colorado Judicial system and to develop effective methods of improving and administering that system more effectively, the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court hereby establishes the Judicial Advisory Council of Colorado.

PURPOSES

The general purpose of the Judicial Advisory Council shall be:

- to study the needs of the judicial system;
- to develop an intermediate and long-range plan for the judicial system;
- to monitor the evolution of the Vision 2020 recommendations and resulting projects;
- to identify particular problems in the judicial system and to recommend solutions;
- to recommend ways of improving the judicial system and to suggest appropriate measures to achieve the recommended improvements;
- to provide policy guidance to the Chief Justice with respect to the programs and activities that might be appropriately undertaken by the judicial system;
- to coordinate planning efforts among groups and associations and governmental bodies concerned with improving the judicial system.

RESPONSIBILITIES

In keeping with its general purposes, the Judiciary Advisory Council shall:

- periodically report to the Chief Justice describing needs and problems of the judicial system and suggesting methods for improving the judicial system and its administration;
- serve as an advisory board to the Chief Justice concerning proposals or plans affecting the administration of justice in the state of Colorado

- conduct reviews of Vision 2020 recommendations adopted by the Supreme Court and develop plans for accomplishing the objectives of these recommendations;
- provide periodic reports to the Chief Justice concerning recommendations for improving the judicial system and its administration and any proposed rules or legislative changes the Council recommends;
- advise the Chief Justice on the establishment of the Colorado Center for Justice;
- plan for commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of Colorado's Judicial Merit Selection System;
- perform such services and functions as may be reasonably implied by the general statement of purposes and responsibilities set forth above.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Judicial Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Chief Justice for staggered terms of one, two and three years. Upon expiration of the initial terms, all terms shall be for three years. The Chief Justice shall determine which members are appointed for initial one and two-year terms. Membership shall include the following:

- one Supreme Court Justice who shall chair the council;
- one Court of Appeals Judge;
- three District Court Judges;
- one Juvenile Court Judge or judge serving in a juvenile division of a District Court;
- two County Judges;
- one member of the State Court Administrator's Office;
- one Probation Officer;
- one District Court Administrator;
- one Clerk of a County or District Court
- one member of the Colorado State Public Defender's Office;
- one District Attorney;
- one University of Colorado Law School representative;

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- one member of Attorney Regulation;
- one member of the Attorney General's Office;
- one member of the Access to Justice Commission;
- one member of the Colorado Bar Association;
- not less than six nor more than nine members who shall be appointed from the public at large.

In no event shall the total membership of the Commission exceed twenty-nine members.

OFFICERS

The Supreme Court Justice serving as chairperson of the Council shall preside at all meetings and be responsible to the Chief Justice for the Council's performance of all duties and functions assigned to it. The chairperson shall appoint a vice-chairperson from the membership of the Council. The vice-chairperson shall have the authority of the chairperson when the chairperson is unable to act or when requested to act by the chairperson or the Chief Justice.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The chairperson shall have the power to appoint committees for such purposes and to perform such duties as the chairperson may determine.


Any vacancy in the membership of the Council shall be filled by the appointment of the Chief Justice in accordance with the membership qualifications stated above and for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant position.

Regular meetings of the Judicial Advisory Council shall be held at least quarterly each year. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chair.

The Council shall be assisted in its works by the Planning and Analysis Division of the State Court Administrator's Office, which shall provide such information and services as may be required by the Council. The Council is authorized to adopt rules of procedure for its meetings.

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