

1 **Rule 1-305. Board of Senior Judges.**

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3 Intent:

4 To establish a Board of Senior Judges consisting of senior justices and senior judges of courts of
5 record.

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7 To prescribe the composition of the Board's membership, the method of selection of Board
8 members, the members' terms of office, the Board's officers, the procedures to be followed in the
9 event of vacancies, the frequency of Board meetings, and the procedures to be followed in the
10 conduct of Board meetings.

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12 To increase the level of participation of senior justices and senior judges in the development of
13 policy for the judiciary.

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15 To improve communication between the Council and senior justices and senior judges.

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17 Applicability:

18 This rule shall apply to the Board of Senior Judges.

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20 Statement of the Rule:

21 (1) For purposes of this rule, "senior judge" means active senior justice or active senior judge.

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23 (2) Board of senior judges.

24 (2)(A) Establishment. There is established a Board of Senior Judges.

25 (2)(B) Membership. The Board shall be comprised of ~~seven~~ five active senior judges, elected at
26 the annual judicial conference senior judge business meeting, by all senior judges who are in
27 attendance ~~at the meeting~~.

28 (2)(C) Election. The senior judges present at the business meeting shall constitute a quorum.
29 Nominations for Board positions may be made by any senior judge. All senior judges present at
30 the meeting shall be entitled to vote for ~~all~~ members of the Board.

31 (2)(D) Terms. The terms of the ~~initial~~ Board members shall be ~~determined by lot, with four~~ three
32 ~~members selected to serve two-year terms and three members selected to serve one-year terms.~~
33 Successors shall be elected for two-year terms. A Board member shall not serve more than two
34 consecutive terms and the remainder of a predecessor's term.

35 (2)(E) Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs for any reason on the Board, the Board shall elect a
36 replacement for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

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38 (3) Board officers.

39 (3)(A) Establishment. There shall be a chair and vice-chair of the Board. Both the chair and vice
40 chair shall be active senior judges.

41 (3)(~~B~~) Election. The chair and vice chair shall be elected by the Board members.

42 (3)(~~B~~)(C) Chair and vice chair's term. The chair and vice-chair shall be elected to serve a one-
43 year term, effective ~~The chair shall serve a one-year term beginning~~ immediately after the annual

44 judicial conference, ~~in the~~ The year following election as the vice chair shall assume the chair
45 position. A new vice chair shall be appointed each year.

46 ~~(3)(C)(D)~~ Chair and vice chair's responsibilities. The chair shall preside over all meetings of the
47 Board and the annual judicial conference senior judge business meeting, and shall perform other
48 duties as set forth in this Code and as directed by the Board. The vice-chair shall serve as chair
49 in the absence of the chair or at the request of the chair.

50 ~~(3)(D)(E)~~ Vacancy in office of chair or vice chair. In the event that the chair resigns or leaves the
51 Board for any reason, the vice-chair shall become chair, serving both the unexpired term of the
52 chair and the full term as chair. In the event that the vice-chair resigns from the Board for any
53 reason, a new vice-chair shall be elected by the Board from among its members to serve the
54 unexpired term of the vice-chair and to succeed as chair as otherwise provided in this rule.
55 Voting and replacement of the vice chair may be conducted by e-mail if a replacement is needed
56 before the next annual judicial conference.

57 ~~(3)(E)~~ Election. The vice chair shall be elected by the Board members at the commencement of
58 the first year of the vice chair's two-year term on the Board.

59 ~~(3)(F)~~ Vice chair's responsibilities. The vice chair shall serve as chair in the absence of the chair
60 or at the request of the chair.

61 ~~(3)(G)~~ Vacancy in office of vice chair. In the event that the vice chair resigns from the Board for
62 any reason, a new vice chair shall be elected by the Board from among its members to serve the
63 unexpired term of the vice chair and to succeed as chair as otherwise provided in this rule.

64 ~~(3)(H)(F)~~ Secretariat services. The Administrative Office shall serve as secretariat to the Board.

65 ~~(3)(H)(G)~~ Board responsibility. The Board shall exercise such authority and assume such
66 responsibility as delegated by the Council.

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68 (4) Meetings of the ~~h~~Board.

69 (4)(A) The Board shall meet not less than ~~twice~~ once a year to transact any and all business that
70 is within its jurisdiction.

71 (4)(B) The Board shall rule by majority vote. All Board members have the right to vote. ~~Four~~
72 Three members of the Board constitute a quorum.

73 ~~(4)(C)~~ Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and this
74 Code.

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76 Effective June 28, 2021