

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, sections 150.3(a) (terms of office), 150.4 (quorum), and 150.5 (evaluation of a candidate) of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, relating to Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions, to read as follows:

§ 150.3. Terms of Office

(a) Except as set forth below, each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority for a term of three years, and shall be eligible to serve for one additional three-year term. **Following completion of two terms, a member may be newly appointed by a separate appointing authority.**

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§ 150.4. Quorum

~~Two-thirds~~ **One half** of the members of the full commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting any business.

§ 150.5. Evaluation of Candidate

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(b) The criteria for evaluation shall include professional ability; character, independence and integrity; reputation for fairness and lack of bias; and temperament, including courtesy and patience. **Candidates found highly qualified must be preeminent members of the legal profession in their community; have outstanding professional ability, work ethic, intellect, judgment and breadth of experience relevant to the office being sought; possess the highest reputation for honesty, integrity and good character, including the absence of any significant professional disciplinary record; and either demonstrate or exhibit the highest capacity for distinguished judicial temperament, including courtesy, patience, independence, impartiality and respect for all participants in the legal process.**

(c) Where a quorum exists, a majority vote of the members present shall be required to find a candidate ~~highly qualified or~~ qualified for judicial office. A two-thirds majority of the members present shall be required to find a candidate highly qualified for judicial office.

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Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: May 24, 2013

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