

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, and its Appendix A, relating to the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions, to read as follows:

PART 150. INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL ELECTION QUALIFICATION COMMISSIONS

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Section 150.5 Evaluation of Candidates

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(c)[Two-thirds of the quorum's vote] Where a quorum exists, a majority vote of the members present shall be required to find a candidate qualified for judicial office.

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(e) Each commission shall publish an alphabetical listing of the names of all candidates that it has found qualified and it has not found qualified for election to judicial office.

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Section 150.6 Procedures

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(a)(4) A process for [re-hearing] reconsideration upon application of the applicant.

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Section 150.9 Conflicts of Interest

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(c) The following persons shall not be eligible to serve as a member of a qualification commission:

(1) Any person who presently holds or has held a political party elective office within the past three years, other than a county committee member;

(2) Any person who was a candidate for or who has held elective public office during the three years preceding the year of commission service, or is presently a candidate for public office;

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APPENDIX A. UNIFORM GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL ELECTION QUALIFICATION COMMISSIONS

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Section 3. Scope of the Commissions' Determination

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C. Any candidate not found qualified for election to judicial office shall be deemed not to be qualified for that judicial office for one year from the date of submission of the candidate's application to the commission.

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Section 5. Investigation of Candidates' Qualifications and Background

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C. The commission may personally interview the candidate.

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3. The commission shall not permit an announced candidate for a specific judicial office to withdraw his or her application for evaluation by the commission once a personal interview has commenced.

Section 6. Results of Evaluation Process

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B. Pursuant to section 150.5(e) of the Rules of the Chief Administrator, each commission shall publish at such times as it may determine, but not less than annually, an alphabetical list of those candidates found qualified and not found qualified for election to judicial offices.

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2. There shall be no communication to the public regarding those candidates who did not participate in the commission's evaluation process [or who are found not qualified for election to a judicial office], nor shall the commission provide any

additional comment or information regarding any [approved] candidate other than the written notice provided for herein.

Section 7. [Rehearings] Requests for Reconsideration

A. Any candidate [found] not found qualified for election to a judicial office may request [a rehearing before] reconsideration by the commission by making a written request to the commission's chair within [20] seven business days following the date of receipt of notification of the commission's decision.

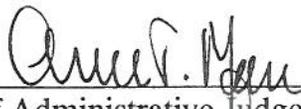
B. In support of a [rehearing] reconsideration application, the candidate may submit additional material and may request an interview with the commission.

C. The commission shall advise the candidate promptly, in writing, after its determination of the candidate's application upon [rehearing] reconsideration.

D. In the event the candidate, upon [rehearing] reconsideration, is found qualified for the judicial office, the commission shall add his or her name to the publicly available list of candidates found qualified for election to the judicial office. The commission shall also provide the candidate with a statement of ethical guidelines addressing the permitted use of the commission's rating.

Section 8. Records Retention

All records considered by a commission with respect to a candidate shall be retained by the commission for at least three years from the date of its final determination for that candidate.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: January 29, 2008

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