



SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA
REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JANUARY 17, 2017

The Supreme Court is requesting nominations for appointment of a superior court judge to the Commission on Judicial Performance for a four-year term commencing February 28, 2017. Pursuant to the California Constitution, article VI, section 8, the Supreme Court of California appoints the three judicial members of the Commission on Judicial Performance for four-year terms. Members can be reappointed but cannot serve more than ten years.

The Commission on Judicial Performance is an independent state agency responsible for investigating complaints of judicial misconduct and judicial incapacity and for disciplining state court judges. The commission is comprised of eleven members: two trial court judges and one justice of the Court of Appeal, two lawyers, and six public members.

The commission typically meets seven times a year. Meetings take place at the commission's office in San Francisco and usually last one to two days. Members are expected to attend every meeting. The commission members receive a mailing of reports two weeks before the meeting and a second mailing one week before the meeting. After becoming familiar with the work of the commission, most members spend an average of 20 to 25 hours preparing for each meeting. In addition, each member serves on at least one commission committee. Committee work does not usually require more than ten hours a year although some committees may be more active than others from time to time. Some members also participate in outreach programs for judges, lawyers, and the public.

More information about the commission can be found at the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov>.

QUALIFICATIONS: Nominees must have served on the bench for at least five years. A background in judicial ethics, experience in a variety of court assignments, and experience in court administration and management are desirable, as are an excellent reputation within the judicial community and demonstrated leadership skills.

A form for submitting nominations is attached. Please feel free to self-nominate and to recommend more than one nominee, using a separate form for each nomination. When nominating others, please ascertain, if possible, that the nominee is interested in serving. The nomination form is a Microsoft Word document, which you may fill out on your computer using as much space as necessary to provide complete information. Alternatively, you may print the form and type or handwrite clearly with dark ink.

DEADLINE: Nomination forms must be postmarked or received by January 17, 2017. Forms may be mailed to Jorge E. Navarrete, Court Administrator and Clerk, Supreme Court of California, 350 McAllister Street, Room 1295, San Francisco, CA 94102, or emailed to Jorge.Navarrete@jud.ca.gov.