

## Item SP12-05 Response Form

**Title: Strategic Evaluation Committee Report**

The Strategic Evaluation Committee (SEC) was appointed by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye in March 2011 to conduct an in-depth review of the AOC with a view toward promoting transparency, accountability, and efficiency. The Chief Justice received the report and recommendations on May 25. At its meeting on June 21, 2012, the Judicial Council accepted the report and directed that it be posted for public comment for 30 days. Comments received will be considered public and posted by name and organization.

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### **To Submit Comments**

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Please include the following information:

**Name:** Michael Sweet    **Title:** Superior Court Judge

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Commenting on behalf of an organization**

*General Comment:* I don't understand why the recommendations of the SEC are not already implemented. The Chief Justice commissioned this committee to "conduct an in-depth review of the AOC with a view toward promoting transparency, accountability and efficiency." Now we have yet another committee appointed to "study" the recommendations. Their view is to first seek public comment. This response does not dignify the committee's work. A committee to study a committee is the worst form of bureaucracy and is the antithesis of "transparency, accountability and efficiency." Let's not wait for the Legislature to act for us. We should be able to manage our branch without interference. Make the changes already.

*Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number* \_\_\_\_:

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENT: 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012**

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