

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

RULES RELATING TO JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Rule 602

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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Rule 602 is hereby amended, effective July 1, 2012.

(a) Under the authority granted by Article 3, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and in the exercise of the inherent power of the Supreme Court, there is hereby created a commission to be known as the Commission on Judicial Qualifications which, subject to direction and approval of this court, shall assist the court in the exercise of its responsibility in judicial disciplinary matters.

(b) The commission shall consist of fourteen members, including six active or retired judges, four non-lawyers, and four lawyers to be appointed by the Supreme Court. ~~Initial terms of the members appointed to the expanded commission shall be as follows:~~

- ~~For a one-year term: 1 lawyer, 1 non-lawyer~~
- ~~For a two-year term: 1 judge~~
- ~~For a three-year term: 1 non-lawyer~~
- ~~For a four-year term: 1 judge~~

~~At the conclusion of the initial terms members shall be appointed for four-year terms. Each appointment shall be for a term of four years. The Supreme Court will appoint a new member to fill a vacancy on the commission occurring during a term. A new member appointed to fill a vacancy serves the unexpired term of the previous member. No member may serve more than three consecutive four-year terms, except that a member initially appointed to serve an unexpired term may serve three consecutive four-year terms thereafter. A vacancy shall occur when the qualifications for the appointment of any member are no longer met.~~

~~(c) A vacancy shall occur upon the death or resignation of a member, or when the qualifications for the appointment of any member are no longer met. Vacancies shall be filled by the Supreme Court.~~

(d) (c) The commission shall meet each January to select a chair and vice-chair, each of whom shall serve for a term of one year and until a successor is elected. At the

initial meeting of the expanded commission, the chairs shall divide the commission into two seven-person panels, one to be designated Panel A and the other Panel B. Each panel shall consist of three judges, two non-lawyers and two lawyers. The chair of the commission shall chair Panel A and the vice-chair of the commission shall chair Panel B. Each panel shall elect a second vice-chair, who shall serve for a term of one year and until a successor is elected.

(e) ~~(d)~~ A quorum for the transaction of business by a panel shall be four members. A quorum for the transaction of business by the commission shall be nine members.

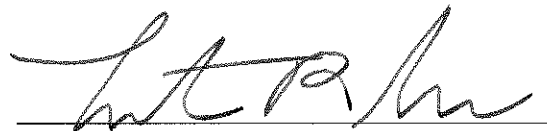
~~(f)~~ (e) The entire commission shall meet upon call by the Supreme Court or by the chair of a panel of the commission or in accordance with rules of the commission. If there are matters to consider, each panel of the commission shall meet every other month, alternating such meetings with the other panel. Hearing panels shall meet as needed to conduct formal hearings.

~~(g)~~ (f) If the commission anticipates difficulty in discharging its responsibilities due to the disqualification or unavailability of its members, the Supreme Court, upon request of the chair or vice-chair of the commission, may appoint temporary commission members to serve as specified.

(h) (g) The second vice-chairs shall perform all of the duties and exercise the authority of chair or vice-chair, in their absence.

By order of the Court, this 30th day of April, 2012.

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawton R. Nuss', written over a horizontal line.

Lawton R. Nuss
Chief Justice