

1 **Rule 1-305. Board of Senior Judges.**

2 **Intent:**

3 To establish a Board of Senior Judges consisting of ~~senior justices and~~ senior judges of courts  
4 of record and senior justice court judges.

5 To prescribe the composition of the Board's membership, the method of selection of Board  
6 members, the members' terms of office, the Board's officers, the procedures to be followed in  
7 the event of vacancies, the frequency of Board meetings, and the procedures to be followed in  
8 the conduct of Board meetings.

9 To increase the level of participation of ~~senior justices and~~ senior judges in the development of  
10 policy for the judiciary.

11 To improve communication between the Council and ~~senior justices and~~ senior judges.

12 **Applicability:**

13 This rule shall apply to the Board of Senior Judges.

14 **Statement of the Rule:**

15 (1) For purposes of this rule, "senior judge" includes active senior justices, active senior judges  
16 of courts of record, and active senior justice court judges~~means active senior justice or active~~  
17 ~~senior judge~~.

18 (2) **Board of senior judges.**

19 (2)(A) **Establishment.** There is established a Board of Senior Judges.

20 (2)(B) **Membership.** The Board shall be comprised of ~~five-six~~ active senior  
21 judges, elected at the annual judicial conference senior judge business meeting, by all  
22 senior judges who are in attendance. Contingent upon availability of senior judges, each  
23 court level (appellate, juvenile, district, and justice) shall have a minimum of one member  
24 of the Board.

25 (2)(C) **Election.** The senior judges present at the business meeting shall constitute a  
26 quorum. Nominations for Board positions may be made by any senior judge. All senior  
27 judges present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for members of the Board.

28 (2)(D) **Terms.** The terms of the Board members shall be ~~two-year~~ three years. A Board  
29 member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms and the remainder of a  
30 predecessor's term.

31 (2)(E) **Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs for any reason on the Board, the Board shall elect  
32 a replacement for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

33 (3) **Board officers.**

34 (3)(A) **Establishment.** There shall be a chair and vice-chair of the Board. Both the chair  
35 and vice chair shall be ~~active~~ senior judges.

36 (3)(B) **Election.** The chair and vice~~\_-~~chair shall be elected by the Board members.

37 (3)(C) **Chair and vice~~\_-~~chair's term.** The chair and vice-chair shall be elected to serve ~~a~~  
38 ~~one~~ two-year terms, effective immediately after the annual judicial conference. The year

39 following election, ~~as the vice-chair shall assume the chair position. A new vice-chair~~  
40 ~~shall be appointed each year.~~

41 (3)(D) **Chair and vice-chair's responsibilities.** The chair shall preside over all  
42 meetings of the Board and the annual judicial conference senior judge business  
43 meeting, and shall perform other duties as set forth in this Code and as directed by the  
44 Board. The vice-chair shall serve as chair in the absence of the chair or at the request of  
45 the chair.

46 (3)(E) **Vacancy in office of chair or vice-chair.** ~~In the event that~~if the chair resigns or  
47 leaves the Board for any reason, the vice-chair shall become chair, serving both the  
48 unexpired term of the chair and the full term as chair. ~~In the event that~~if the vice-chair  
49 resigns from the Board for any reason, a new vice-chair shall be elected by the Board  
50 from among its members to serve the unexpired term of the vice-chair and to succeed as  
51 chair as otherwise provided in this rule. Voting and replacement of the vice-chair may  
52 be conducted by e-mail if a replacement is needed before the next annual judicial  
53 conference.

54 (3)(F) **Secretariat services.** The Administrative Office shall serve as secretariat to the  
55 Board.

56 (3)(G) **Board responsibility.** The Board shall exercise such authority and assume such  
57 responsibility as delegated by the Council.

#### 58 (4) **Meetings of the Board.**

59 (4)(A) ~~The Board shall meet a minimum of twice a year and otherwise as determined by~~  
60 ~~the chair. One of the meetings shall be a combined Board and Bench meeting~~  
61 ~~conducted during the annual Judicial Conference. The Board shall meet not less than~~  
62 ~~once a year to transact any and all business that is within its jurisdiction.~~

63 (4)(B) The Board shall rule by majority vote. All Board members have the right to vote.  
64 ~~Three-Four~~ members of the Board constitute a quorum.

65 *Effective: ~~June 28~~May 1, 2024*