

Rule 50. Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia.

(a) Purpose. In accordance with D.C. Code § 11-744 (2001), there will be held annually, at a time and place designated by the Chief Judge of this court, a conference of all the active judges of this court and the active judges of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, for the purpose of considering the state of business of the courts and advising ways and means of improving the administration of justice within the District of Columbia. It will be the duty of each judge summoned to attend the conference and, unless excused by the Chief Judge of this court, to remain throughout the conference. The conference will be called the Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia.

(b) Composition. In addition to the active judges of this court and the active judges and magistrate judges of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, invited participants of the conference who will have voting privileges consist of the following:

- (1) The retired judges of this court and of the Superior Court.
- (2) The Clerks of this court and of the Superior Court.
- (3) The Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Courts.
- (4) The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.
- (5) The Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia.
- (6) The deans of local law schools (ABA approved).
- (7) The President and President-Elect of the District of Columbia Bar.
- (8) The Presidents and Presidents-Elect of the voluntary bar associations of the District of Columbia.
- (9) Members of the Bar of the court and representatives of the District of Columbia administration of justice system in such numbers as will promote the purpose of this rule as defined in section (a). Selection of the members pursuant to this subsection will be subject to the approval of this court.
- (10) The following officials will be invited annually as guests of the Conference:
 - (i) The Chief Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
 - (ii) The Clerks of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
 - (iii) The Circuit Executive of the District of Columbia Circuit.

(c) Pre-conference Arrangements. The Chief Judge of this court will appoint a Committee on Arrangements for the Conference consisting of at least one active judge of this court and one active judge of the Superior Court and one member of the Bar. The Committee must:

(1) Prepare and submit for the approval of the Board of Judges of this court a plan for the conference to include:

(i) Location.

(ii) Program of professional matters to be covered during the Conference.

(iii) Coordination of arrangements in instances where the Judicial Conference is to be held jointly with a Bar activity.

(2) Carry out such other tasks relative to the Conference as may be assigned by the Chief Judge of this court.

(d) Conference Procedures.

(1) The Chief Judge of this court will preside at the meetings of the Judicial Conference and the meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

(2) The Chief Judge of this court may appoint such committees as may be appropriate, including those committees authorized by the Conference or determined by the Chief Judge to be necessary to implement its actions, and may fill vacancies in or reconstitute such committees.

(3) The Clerk of this court will serve as Secretary to the Conference and must make and preserve an accurate record of its proceedings.