

## Proposed Revisions to the Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct

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### RULE 1. DEFINITIONS

RULE 1.D. "Complainant" means a person or entity who has communicated to the Commission a complaint against a judge, **and a person or entity who is or was directly affected by the conduct complained of, whose complaint was already communicated to the Commission by a third party, and who has communicated to the Commission a desire to join in the complaint.**

### RULE 6. COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS: INITIAL STAGES; GENERAL PROVISIONS

RULE 6.B. Screening. The Executive Director shall cause each complaint to be screened promptly upon its receipt. **In the event that a complaint originated from a person or entity other than the person or entity who communicated the complaint to the Commission and the originator of the complaint is a person or entity who is or was directly affected by the conduct complained of, the Executive Director may, during screening, contact the originator and invite that person or entity to join in the complaint. If the originating person or entity elects to join in the complaint, that person or entity shall be treated as a complainant for purposes of these rules.** The screening may **also** include communication with the complainant(s), if any, to clarify the content of the complaint, but shall not include any investigation of the allegations set forth in the complaint.

RULE 6.R. Recommendation Concerning Assignment. At any time the Commission may recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court, or to the Chief Justice ~~of for Administration and Management~~ **the Trial Court** and the appropriate Chief Justice, the non-assignment or special assignment of a judge, pending the final disposition of a proceeding. The Commission shall state the reasons for its recommendation. A copy of any such recommendation shall be sent by the Commission to the judge.

RULE 6.S. Consultation. In the course of a proceeding, the Commission may consult with the Chief Justice ~~of for Administration and Management~~ **the Trial Court** and the appropriate Chief Justice about administrative matters.