

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

OCTOBER TERM, A.D. 2002

In the Matter of the Adoption of)
Amendments to the Rules)
Governing the Commission)
on Judicial Conduct and Ethics)

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JUDY PACHECO, CLERK

**ORDER ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO
THE RULES GOVERNING THE COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

This matter came before the Court by direction of the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration to amend the Rules Governing the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. It is therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to the Rules Governing the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, a copy of which is attached hereto, are adopted and that the amendments shall be effective January 6, 2003.

Dated this 2ND day of December, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

William U. Hill
WILLIAM U. HILL
Chief Justice

Rules Governing the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics

PART I: PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF JUDGES; STAGGERING OF TERMS; REMOVAL AND FILING OF VACANCIES; AND, APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL SUPREME COURT

Rules Providing for the Election of Judges to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics and Providing for the Staggering of Terms and for the Removal and Filing of Vacancies of Commission Members and Providing for the Appointment of a Special Supreme Court

Rule 1. Election of judges and staggering of terms of judges.

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(b) On or before January 31, 1997, the full-time, active, Wyoming judges of the circuit county courts shall elect one of their numbers to a two year term as a member of the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Thereafter, the judges of the circuit county courts shall meet, as necessary, on or before the 31st of January of each year so as to ensure that appointments are current and consistent with Art. 5, §§ 6 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(c) In accordance with Rule 3(d)(1)(I) of the Rules for the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, the commission shall inform the President of the District Judges Division of the Judicial Council and the President of the Circuit County Court Judges Division of the Judicial Council of vacancies on the Commission of judge members and new members shall thereafter be elected or appointed by the appropriate body within 30 days of the notification.

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PART II: PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDING EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSION'S DISCIPLINARY POWERS

State of Wyoming Rules for the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics

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Rule 2. Definitions.

In these rules and regulations, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

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(b) "Judge" means any person or judicial officer performing judicial functions or exercising judicial powers in the judicial branch of Wyoming government, including, but not limited to, justices of the supreme court, district court judges and commissioners, circuit court judges and magistrates and municipal judges, whether serving full time or part time, including a retired judge, commissioner or magistrate who has been given a general or special appointment to hear cases by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

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