

## **Judicial Nomination Commission**

## JNC (DV)

#### **MISSION**

The Mission of the Judicial Nomination Commission is to promote justice by screening, selecting, and recommending candidates to the President of the United States for nomination to judicial vacancies on the District of Columbia Superior Court and the Court of Appeals, and to appoint the chief judges to those courts.

#### **SUMMARY OF SERVICES**

- Notify bench, bar and public of upcoming judicial vacancies.
- Recruit, screen, select and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for Nomination to judicial vacancies on the D.C. superior Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals.
- Appoint the chief judges to the D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Court of Appeals.

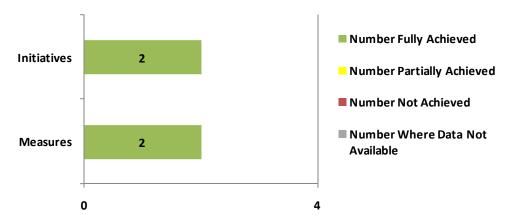
#### **AGENCY OBJECTIVES**

1. Solicit highly qualified applicants to fill judicial vacancies within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy as indicated by the agency's statute.

#### **3 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ✓ Established a website for the purpose of improving the visibility of the Commission and the ability to advertise and recruit potential candidates for judicial vacancies.
- ✓ Established an electronic component of the application process for judicial vacancies to encourage a higher number of applicants and to make the application process more efficient.
- ✓ Specifically related to designating Chief Judges and filling judicial vacancies: (a) designated the Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court; (b) advertised vacancy on the D.C. Superior Court, processed applications for the vacancy, conducted required investigations, and screened, selected and recommended to the President of the United States within the required 60- day period candidates to fill the vacancy; (c) advertised vacancy on the D.C. Court of Appeals, processed applications for the vacancy, conducted required investigations, and screened, selected and recommended to the President of the United States within the required 60- day period candidates to fill the vacancy; and (d) announced vacancy on the D.C. Superior Court.

### **OVERVIEW OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE**





## Performance Initiatives – Assessment Details



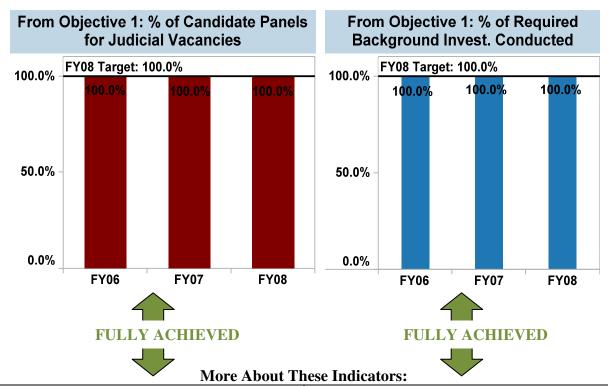
OBJECTIVE 1: Solicit highly qualified applicants to fill judicial vacancies within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy as indicated by the agency's statute.

- INITIATIVE 1.1: Establish and maintain a website for the purpose of improving the visibility of the Commission and the ability to advertise and recruit potential candidates for judicial vacancies.

  Fully Achieved. This initiative has been very effective in providing complete, accurate, current and timely information about judicial vacancies, the application process, the Commission and the Commission's designations and recommendations.
- INITIATIVE 1.2: Initiate an electronic component of the application process for judicial nominations to encourage a higher number of applicants and to make the application process more efficient.
  Fully Achieved. This initiative has been very effective in making the application process easier for applicants and more manageable for the JNC. There have been a higher number of applicants; and the application process is more efficient.



## Key Performance Indicators – Highlights



# How did the agency's actions affect this indicator?

- The agency's creation of a website ensured that complete, accurate, current and timely information was available to the public, including information about judicial vacancies and the application process.
- The agency's initiation of an electronic component of the application process made the application process easier for applicants and more manageable for the JNC.

## What external factors influenced this indicator?

 Because of the large number of judges retiring in FY08, the electronic application and the website were critical to the JNC's being able to (a) efficiently and effectively advertise judicial vacancies, process applications, conduct required investigations and screen, select and recommend to the President of the United States candidates to fill the vacancies and (b) designate the Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court.

# How did the agency's actions affect this indicator?

 The agency's initiation of an electronic component of the application process made it possible for required background investigations to be conducted and completed in a more efficient manner.

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## **Key Performance Indicators – Details**

**Performance Assessment Key:** 

Fully achieved

Partially achieved

Not achieved

Data not reported

FY06 Actual	FY07 Actual	FY08 Target	FY08 Actual	FY09 Projection
OBJECTIVE 1: Solicit highly qualified applicants to fill judic either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy as it		-		eriod
% of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within 60 days	100%	100%	100%	100%
 and completed on judicial vacancy applicants 100%	100%	100%	100%	100%