



FY 2012 PERFORMANCE PLAN
District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission

MISSION

The mission of the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (JNC) is to screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for nomination for judicial vacancies on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and to appoint the chief judges for both courts.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The Judicial Nomination Commission notifies the bench, bar and public of upcoming judicial vacancies and solicits the bench, bar, and public comment on applicants. The JNC also screens, selects, and recommends candidates to the President of the United States for nomination for judicial vacancies on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia. It also appoints the chief judges for District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

AGENCY WORKLOAD MEASURES

Measure	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 YTD
Number of Superior Court Judicial Vacancies	3	4	6	2
Number of Court of Appeals Judicial Vacancies	0	0	3	

OBJECTIVE 1: Increase the pool of highly qualified applicants to fill each judicial vacancy within the required 60- day period either prior to or following the occurrence of a vacancy in accordance with the agency’s statute.

INITIATIVE 1.1 Redesign and enhance the content of the JNC website to fully automate the application process, simplify the solicitation and receipt of comments on applicants, and enhance outreach efforts to increase the number of applicants for each judicial vacancy.

The expected outcomes include, but are not limited to, streamlining the application process, increasing the number of highly qualified applicants with diverse backgrounds, and improving the quality of information received by the JNC to enable the JNC members to review applications and related background investigation results in a more efficient manner.



PROPOSED KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Measure	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Target	FY 2012 Target	FY 2013 Projection	FY 2014 Projection
Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within statutory time frames	100	100	100	100	100
Percent of required background investigations conducted and completed on judicial vacancy applicants within statutory time frames	100	100	100	100	100