



**FY 2013 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 his consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The JNC also appoints the chief judges of both courts.

**SUMMARY OF SERVICES**

The JNC advertises judicial vacancies, solicits applications, conducts background investigations, carefully reviews investigative materials, reads briefs and other application materials, interviews applicants, solicits and considers input from the bench, bar, and public regarding applicants' fitness to serve, and carefully evaluates each candidate's application and background. The JNC also appoints the chief judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

**AGENCY WORKLOAD MEASURES**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2010 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2011 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2012 YTD</b>
Number of Superior Court Judicial Vacancies	4	6	2
Number of Court of Appeals Judicial Vacancies	0	3	0
Number of Superior Court Chief Judge Designations	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A	1

**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 governing 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 by the end of fiscal year 2013.**

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. Completion Date: September 30, 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> Superior Court Chief Judge Designations only occur every 4 years.  
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### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – Judicial Nomination Commission

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2011 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2012 Target</b>	<b>FY 2012 YTD</b>	<b>FY 2013 Projection</b>	<b>FY 2014 Projection</b>	<b>FY 2015 Projection</b>
Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within statutory time frames	100%	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%	100%