



Judicial Nomination Committee JNC (RL)

MISSION

The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (Commission) solicits, screens, and recommends a panel of three candidates to the President of the United States for each judicial vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. From the panel of names recommended by the Commission, the President nominates a person for each vacancy and submits the name of the nominee to the United States Senate for confirmation. The Commission also appoints the chief judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

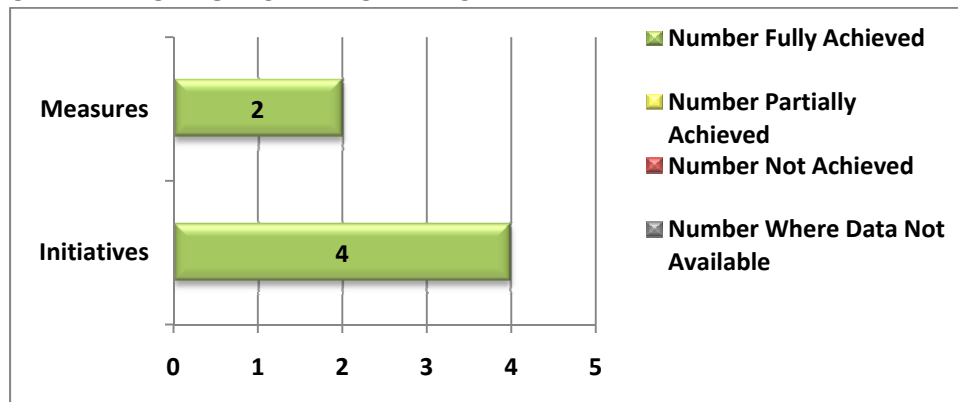
SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- Notifies bench, bar and public of upcoming judicial vacancies.
- Solicits public comments on the suitability of candidates.
- Recruits, screens, select, and recommend a panel of three candidates to the President of the United States for each judicial vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.
- Appoints the chief judges of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ The Commission advertised; processed applications materials for 91 candidates; conducted required investigations; solicited public comment; screened, selected and recommended to the President of the United States three candidates to fill vacancies on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia created by the retirements of Judges Geoffrey M. Alprin, Cheryl M. Long, and Odessa F. Vincent.
- ✓ The Commission participated in a number of outreach initiatives to encourage lawyers with diverse backgrounds to apply for judicial vacancies. Commission members participated in events sponsored by the 1) District of Columbia Judicial Bar Conference; 2) Women's Bar Association; 3) Asian/Pacific Bar Association; 4) Greater Washington Area Chapter (GWAC) of the Women's Division of the National Bar Association; 5) Department of Justice, Association of Black Attorneys; and 6) DC Diverse Partners Network.
- ✓ The Commission maintained its website and its electronic mailbox to facilitate the electronic submission of application materials.

OVERVIEW OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE





Performance Initiatives – Assessment Details

Performance Assessment Key:

 Fully achieved  Partially achieved  Not achieved  Data not reported

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 Revise judicial application materials, process, and procedures as needed to improve the JNC’s ability to advertise and recruit potential candidates for judicial vacancies.**

All of the application materials were revised and the application instructions clarified to facilitate the timely submission of applications for judicial vacancies. In addition, Commission staff created a spreadsheet to collect and track investigation results, letters of endorsements and recommendations, and applicant evaluation forms so that Commission members can readily determine if they have received all relevant information for each applicant. This has significantly simplified the process, eliminated duplication, and enhanced the application process so that the Commission members can receive and review application materials and all other related information in a timely and efficient manner in order to meet critical deadlines.

- **INITIATIVE 1.2 Enhance outreach efforts to continue to improve the number and diversity of applicants for judicial vacancies.**



The Commission has participated in a number of outreach efforts to solicit experienced lawyers from small and large firms to apply for judicial vacancies. These efforts are beginning to show promise. There were 28 applicants for the Judge Alprin vacancy and 32 applicants for the Judge Long vacancy, including 7 new applicants. There were 21 applicants, including one new applicant, for the Judge Vincent vacancy, but this application process was truncated because the Commission received late notice of the Judge Vincent vacancy.



Key Performance Indicators – Details

Performance Assessment Key:

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	Measure Name	FY2009 YE Actual	FY2010 YE Target	FY2010 YE Actual	FY2010 YE Rating	Budget Program
	1.1 Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within 60 days	100	100	100%	100%	
	1.2 Percent of required background investigations conducted and completed on judicial vacancy applicants	100	100	100%	100%	