

Judicial Nomination Commission FY2018

FY2018 Performance Accountability Report

The Performance Accountability Report (PAR) measures each agency's performance for the fiscal year against the agency's performance plan and includes major accomplishments, updates on initiatives, and key performance indicators (KPIs).

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.

FY18 Top Accomplishments

What is the accomplishment that your agency wants to highlight?	How did this accomplishment impact residents of DC?	How did this accomplishment impact your agency?
The Judicial Nomination Commission (JNC) conducted numerous live and "open conference call" outreach sessions. The purpose of these outreach sessions was to educate members of DC's legal community about the DC courts' judicial selection process and to provide practical advice for prospective applicants. Another goal of JNC's outreach sessions was to increase the number of qualified applicants for judicial vacancies, in addition to the diversity of the applicant pool.	Holding outreach sessions allows DC residents to better understand how the judicial selection process works in the DC courts. As such, there is increased engagement with the judicial branch, which impacts the day-to-day lives of DC residents and shapes the professions of those in the DC legal community. Moreover, expanding the applicant pool for judicial vacancies allows it to include a broader range of backgrounds and professional experiences. Breadth of experience of those who serve on the bench directly impacts the residents of DC because judges of the DC courts make daily decisions that affect many DC residents.	By providing frequent opportunities for individuals to learn and to ask questions about the judicial selection process in DC, outreach sessions allow for greater transparency regarding JNC's work. Additionally, a robust applicant pool helps to ensure that JNC is able to transmit strong candidate lists to the President to fill judicial vacancies on the DC courts with individuals who have a high degree of skills and qualifications.

2018 Strategic Objectives

Objective Number	Strategic 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.
2	Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent and responsive District government.**

2018 Key Performance Indicators

Measure	Freq	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY2018	KPI Status	Explanation
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. (2 Measures)									
Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within statutory time frames	Annually	100%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	100%	Met	
Percent of required background investigations on judicial vacancy applicants conducted and completed within statutory time frames	Annually	100%	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	100%	Met	

**We've revisited a project to standardize District wide measures for the Objective "Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent and responsive District government." New measures will be tracked in FY18 and FY19 and published starting in the FY19 Performance Plan.

2018 Workload Measures

Measure	Freq	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2018
1 - Screen, select, and recommend candidates to the President of the United States for consideration in appointing judges to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and Superior Court of the District of Columbia. (4 Measures)						
Number of Superior Court Judicial Vacancies	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	5
Number of Court of Appeals Judicial Vacancies	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	0
Number of Superior Court Chief Judge Designations	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	0
Number of Court of Appeals Chief Judge Designations	Annually	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	Annual Measure	0

2018 Strategic Initiatives

Title	Description	Complete to Date	Status Update	Explanation
No strategic initiatives found				