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Judicial Council: Advisory Committee Membership Requirements (Action Required)

Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends amending the rule that governs the committee to broaden its membership definition of "presiding judge" and to extend eligibility for reappointment to an existing presiding or past presiding judge member. In response to low numbers of nomination submissions from presiding judges, these changes would expand the pool of candidates who are knowledgeable and experienced in budget matters and avoid the loss of expertise. Finally, the committee recommends amending the rule to limit the Judicial Council's nonvoting members to those members who have direct oversight over Budget Services-the chief administrative officer and the director of Budget Services.

Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2019, amend rule 10.64 to:

- 1. Redefine "presiding judge" to mean a current presiding judge or one who has served within six years of the year of the appointment as a committee member;
- 2. Extend eligibility for reappointment to an existing presiding or past presiding judge member; and
- 3. Limit the Judicial Council's nonvoting members to the chief administrative officer and the director of Budget Services, thus removing the chief of staff and chief operating officer.