

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ) Administrative Order  
COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE ) No. 2016 - 57  
UNIFORM RULES OF PROCEDURE )  
FOR COMMISSIONS ON APPELLATE )  
AND TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS )  
AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS )  
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Article 6, Sections 36(E) and 41(K) of the Arizona Constitution require this Court, after public hearings, to adopt rules of procedure for the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments and the Commission on Superior Court Appointments. These rules are published in the Rules of the Supreme Court as the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments.

Rule 7 of the Uniform Rules requires applicants to complete and file with the Administrative Office of the Courts an application form approved by the Supreme Court after opportunity for public comment. The current Uniform Rules were adopted in 1993. Although they have been amended since their adoption, a review of those rules would now be beneficial.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. ESTABLISHMENT: The Committee on the Review of the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments (Uniform Rules) is established.
2. PURPOSE: The Committee shall review the Uniform Rules and, as appropriate, recommend revisions to clarify or improve the rules, to make the judicial nominating process more effective and efficient for the Commissions and judicial applicants, and to promote public participation in the process. Additionally, the Committee shall review provisions related to the form application required by Rule 7(a); records retention required by Rule 7 (b); and confidentiality required by Rule 7(d).

The Committee shall seek input from the public and any others interested in the merit selection process, submit recommendations to the Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments for their comment, and file a rule petition by November 1, 2016, with respect to any proposed rule changes.

3. MEMBERSHIP: The individuals listed in Appendix A are appointed as members of the Committee effective immediately and ending December 31, 2017. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.
4. MEETINGS: Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1202: Public Meetings.
5. STAFF: The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff for the Committee and shall assist the Committee in developing recommendations and preparing any necessary reports and petitions.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2016.

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice

Appendix A

**Committee on the Review of the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on  
Appellate and Trial Court Appointments (Uniform Rules)**

***Chair***

Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer  
Arizona Supreme Court

***Members***

Monica Klapper  
Attorney Member  
Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission

Ron Reinstein  
Attorney Member  
Maricopa County Judicial Nominating Commission

Judge Cindy Kuhn  
Pima County Superior Court

Doug Cole  
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Commission on Judicial Performance Review  
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Maricopa and Appellate Judicial Nominating Commissions

Mike Hellon  
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Commission on Judicial Performance Review

Stephen Cooper  
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Pinal County Judicial Nominating Commission

Marty Farnsworth  
Former Public Member  
Maricopa County Judicial Nominating Commission