

ATTACHMENT*

**UNIFORM RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COMMISSIONS
ON APPELLATE AND TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS**

RULE 4. COMMISSIONER IMPARTIALITY

a. A Commissioner shall consider each applicant for a judicial office in an impartial, objective manner.

b. A Commissioner shall disclose to the Commission any relationship with an applicant (business, financial, personal, fiduciary, or attorney-client) or any other possible cause for conflict of interest, bias or prejudice. A Commissioner shall also disclose efforts to recruit an applicant. A Commissioner is disqualified from voting or otherwise participating in the nominating process so long as a member of the Commissioner's immediate family (spouse, child, parent, sibling, or step-relative in any of these relationships) is an applicant under consideration for nomination. A Commissioner is disqualified from voting on ~~the an~~ application by a spouse of the Commissioner's child; a Commissioner's in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, grandparent, grandchild, or first cousin; or by an applicant who currently works in the same company, firm or organization as the Commissioner ~~of a family member within the third degree of consanguinity or a present co-worker in the same company or firm as the Commissioner.~~ A Commissioner ~~shall disqualify himself or herself~~ is also disqualified from voting on ~~an~~ any application ~~if voting on that application~~ would present a conflict of interest. At the commencement of any Commission meeting where qualifications of any applicant are to be considered, the Chair shall inquire as to any basis of disqualification or disclosure pursuant to this rule.

c.-d. [No change in text.]

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