



Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

June 6, 2019

CHIEF JUSTICE DIRECTIVE NO. 9

In exercise of my implied constitutional authority as administrative head of the judicial system, with the advice and support of the Supreme Court, and pursuant to the Efficient Function and General Duties Act, I direct as follows:

Section 1. Findings. I find that re-establishing the Judicial Conference, adapted to represent and reflect the personnel and structure of our court system, to perform certain duties and to make recommendations to the Supreme Court with respect to procedural rulemaking would promote the effective administration of justice.

Section 2. Judicial Conference; Composition.

(a) The Judicial Conference of the United States (hereinafter "the Conference") shall be established as a standing entity within the Judicial Branch, to be convened monthly. The Chief Justice shall preside at the sessions of the Conference and may call special sessions at such times and places as he may designate.

(b) The Conference shall consist of six full members besides the Chief Justice. Those members shall comprise of two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the chief judge of the Court of Appeals, the chief judge of the District Court, and two District Court judges.

(c) The Associate Justices and District Court judges to serve on the Conference shall be designated by their respective courts for terms lasting two months at a time.

(d) The members of the Conference shall each have one vote in all matters, except the Chief Justice, who may only vote in the case of

a tie. The Chief Justice, after consulting with the members of the Conference, may invite special, non-voting participants to participate in the business of the Conference.

Section 3. Powers of the Conference.

The Conference shall have the power to:

(1) make recommendations to the Supreme Court for changes in the Global Court Rules, as well as the Federal Rules of Evidence, Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, and Appellate Procedure;

(2) directly promulgate rules pertaining to the legal profession;

(3) amend and revise the Code of Conduct for Judges;

(4) oversee and control both the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Federal Judicial Center;

(5) appoint staff to assist the Conference in the performance of its functions;

(6) issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum as necessary to carry out the functions of the Conference—such subpoenas shall be issued under the seal of the Supreme Court; and

(7) establish committees and subcommittees and delegate responsibilities and powers of the Conference to such committees.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. W. Holmes", written in a cursive style.

OLIVER W. HOLMES
CHIEF JUSTICE

CC: Speaker of the House;
President pro tempore.