



Judicial Nomination Commission (JNC) FY2016 Performance Accountability Report (PAR)

Introduction

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' progress 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.

Overview – Agency Performance

The following section provides a summary of JNC performance in FY 2016 by listing JNC’s top accomplishments, and a summary of its progress achieving its initiatives and progress on key performance indicators.

In FY 2016, JNC had 2 Key Performance Indicators. Of those, 0 were neutral. Of the remaining measures, 100% (2 KPIs) were met, 0% (0 KPIs) were nearly met, and 0% (0 KPIs) were unmet. In FY 2016, JNC had 1 Initiatives. Of those, 0% (0) were completed and 100% (1) were nearly completed, and 0% (0) were not completed. The next sections provide greater detail on the specific metrics and initiatives for JNC in FY 2016.

FY16 Objectives

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FY16 KPIs

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Measure	Target	Freq	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	KPI Status	KPI Barriers
Percent of candidate panels for judicial vacancies presented within statutory time frames	100	Q	100	100	100		100	Met	
Percent of required background investigations on judicial vacancy applicants conducted and completed within statutory time frames	100	Q	100	100	100		100	Met	

FY16 Workload Measures

Measure	Freq	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Number of Superior Court Judicial Vacancies	A					
Number of Court of Appeals Judicial Vacancies	A					
Number of Superior Court Chief Judge Designations	A					
Number of Court of Appeals Chief Judge Designations	A					

FY16 Initiatives

Title: Enhance website and outreach

Description: Enhance the content of the JNC website to enhance outreach efforts and simplify the solicitation and receipt of comments on applicants, and automate the application review process consistent with keeping applicant data secure, by the end of FY2016

Complete to Date: 75-99%

Status Update: JNC has to date (a) simplified the process for soliciting and receiving comments, (b) enhanced outreach efforts, and (c) has worked closely with OCTO to automate the application review process consistent with data security. Outreach includes list serves, Twitter, Facebook, and live events.