

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF
AN AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF
THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE
STATE OF NEVADA.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENTS TO SUPREME COURT
RULES 8 AND 9.

PETITION

COMES NOW, the Secretary of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada and respectfully requests on behalf of the Council, amendments to Supreme Court Rules 8 and 9. The Council met on December 1, 2000, and unanimously approved the proposed amendments for approval by the Supreme Court. It is hereby requested that the Court approve the amendments that are attached to this petition as exhibit "A".

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of December, 2000.

 for

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Judicial Council of the State of Nevada

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**PROPOSED NEW SUPREME COURT RULES
FOR THE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

Rule 7.5. No change

Rule 8. Regional Judicial Councils.

1. Composition, terms. Effective January 1, 2001, and superseding former Supreme Court Rule 8, there is hereby created a regional judicial council in each region. Each regional judicial council shall be composed of one district judge, who shall be chairman, and one limited jurisdiction judge, each of whom shall be elected by a majority of his or her respective colleagues in the region for a term of one, two, or three years; thereafter, all terms shall run three years, except that in the judicial districts required to elect a chief judge pursuant to NRS 3.025, that chief judge, or the chief judge's designate, shall be the district judge member concurrent with his or her term as chief judge.
 - A. The Clark regional judicial council shall consist of:
 - 1) Two additional district judges to be elected by a majority of the district judges in the region. Of the two additional district judges from the Clark region, one must be from the criminal/civil division and one from the family division.
 - 2) One additional limited jurisdiction judge to be elected by a majority of the limited jurisdiction judges in the region.
 - B. The Washoe regional council shall consist of one additional limited jurisdiction judge to be elected by a majority of the limited jurisdiction judges in the region. Of the two limited jurisdiction judges, one must be a justice of the peace and one must be a municipal judge.
2. Election. At the first regional meeting following the adoption of these rules, all judges within each region shall meet and elect a regional judicial council and the chair of the region shall certify the results of the election to the supreme court via the administrative office of the courts. Terms for the regional council members will commence for each region upon the date of its first meeting in 2001.
3. Meetings. The regional judicial councils shall meet at least once every four months, or at the call of the chairman.
4. Purpose. Each regional judicial council shall, subject to the direction of the chief justice, rule or order of the supreme court:
 - A. Coordinate the implementation of, within its region, all administrative rules and orders of the supreme court or the chief justice.

EXHIBIT "A"

- B. Be primarily responsible for the representation of the courts of the region in all matters relating to the court system in local government affairs.
 - C. Define, develop and coordinate programs and projects for the improvement of courts in the region.
5. Voting authority. Only those judges elected by their colleagues within their respective regions, or their designates, are authorized to vote on regional judicial council matters.

Rule 9. Judicial Council of the State of Nevada.

1. Creation, composition. There is hereby created a judicial council of the State of Nevada which shall supersede the council established by former supreme court rule 9 and it shall be composed of the members of each regional judicial council, the chief justice, who shall serve as chairman, and the vice justice. If not otherwise a member, the presidents of the Nevada District Judges Association and Nevada Judges Association shall each be an ex-officio member to provide additional information to the judicial council of the State of Nevada on behalf of their respective associations. If otherwise a member, the presidents of the Nevada District Judges Association and the Nevada Judges Association shall appoint a voting designate to represent their respective association. The state court administrator, Clark region district court administrator and Washoe region district court administrator shall each be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the judicial council of the State of Nevada. All members of the council are voting members except the three court administrators.
2. Meetings. The judicial council of the state of Nevada shall meet at least once every four months.
3. Purpose. The judicial council of the state of Nevada shall, at a minimum:
 - A. Develop and recommend to the supreme court policies for the administration of the judiciary
 - B. Consider issues forwarded to it by the supreme court and/or chief justice
 - C. Review and approve legislation affecting the courts submitted by the Nevada District Judges Association and the Nevada Judges Association
 - D. Recommend legislation and/or rules affecting the courts to the supreme court.
 - E. Establish committees to develop minimum standards, to be recommended to the supreme court for, at a minimum:
 - 1) Judicial administrative performance
 - 2) Education and training for judges
 - 3) Education and training for court support staff
 - 4) Court facilities
 - 5) Court security
 - 6) Court technology
 - 7) Court staffing

- 8) Resolving intra-court discrepancies submitted to the council by one or more courts
 - 9) Resolving discrepancies between the courts and outside organizations submitted to the council by a court or by the outside organization
 - F. Develop recommendations to be approved by the supreme court for the improvement of Nevada's courts and the statewide court system
 - G. Review and recommend changes as needed to the annual report on the judiciary published by the administrative office of the courts.
 - H. In coordination with the administrative office of the courts, seek and accept federal and private funding for the improvement of Nevada's courts and statewide court system
 - I. Establish procedures to be followed by the council to achieve its purpose
4. Support. The administrative office of the courts shall provide support services to the council including, at a minimum:
- A. Developing and publishing regional judicial council and council of the State of Nevada agendas
 - B. Recording and publishing the council of the State of Nevada's meeting minutes