

**Amendment to SCR 70.14 Section (2),
formalizing vice-chairperson
position on the Planning and Policy
Advisory Committee (PPAC)**

PETITION

The Director of State Courts hereby petitions this court to amend SCR 70.14, pursuant to the court's rulemaking authority under Wis. Stats. s. 751.12. This petition is submitted on behalf of the Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which is the court's advisory committee on planning initiatives, the administrative structure of the court system and the expeditious handling of judicial matters. The purpose of this proposed amendment is to amend language in SCR 70.14, Section (2), to formalize the position of PPAC vice-chairperson.

The position of vice-chairperson of PPAC has existed informally for over a decade. In the absence of the formal chairperson (Chief Justice or his/her designee), the vice-chairperson acts as chairperson by leading PPAC meetings, and/or representing PPAC's interests at other engagements in the absence of the chairperson, and serves as an ex-officio member on the PPAC Planning Subcommittee. For this reason, PPAC proposes the following language to formalize the position of vice-chairperson in SCR 70.14, which outlines the membership and role of PPAC.

PPAC proposes the following amended language to SCR 70.14 (2).

(2) The chief justice, or his or her designee, ~~or such other member as the chief justice shall appoint~~ will act as chairperson of the planning and policy advisory committee. The

chairperson shall appoint an existing judicial member of the planning and policy advisory committee to serve as vice-chairperson. The vice-chairperson will act in a leadership capacity in the absence of the chairperson and will serve in this capacity at the discretion of the chairperson.

Based on the foregoing, the Director of State Courts requests that the Supreme Court amend SCR 70.14 as proposed.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

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ATTACHMENT A.

SCR 70.14 Planning and policy advisory committee.

- (1) The planning and policy advisory committee shall consist of:
 - (a) The chief justice of the supreme court, or such other justice as the supreme court may designate.
 - (b) One judge of the court of appeals selected by the court of appeals.
 - (c) Thirteen circuit judges, with one judge elected by the judges of each of judicial administrative districts 2 to 4 and 6 to 10, with 2 judges elected by the judges of judicial administrative district 5 and 3 judges elected by the judges of judicial administrative district 1.
 - (d) One municipal judge elected by the Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association.
 - (e) Two persons selected by the board of governors of the state bar.
 - (f) Three nonlawyers, one of whom shall be an elected county official, appointed by the chief justice.
 - (g) A public defender appointed by the chief justice.
 - (h) A court administrator appointed by the chief justice.
 - (i) A prosecutor appointed by the chief justice.
 - (j) A clerk of court appointed by the chief justice.
 - (k) One circuit court commissioner, who shall be selected for a three-year term, the selection to be made alternately, first by the Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, then by the Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners.
- (2) The chief justice, his or her designee, or such other member as the chief justice shall appoint will act as chairperson of the planning and policy advisory committee.
- (3) The director of state courts shall meet with and participate in the deliberations of the

committee. The director shall have full floor privileges, including the right to be an advocate on any issue before the committee. The director shall not be a member of the committee and shall not have a vote on matters before the committee.

(4) The purpose of the planning and policy advisory Committee is to advise the supreme court and the director of state courts in the director's capacity as planner and policy advisor for the judicial system. The committee shall also assist the supreme court and the director in evaluating the administrative structure of the court system, including recommending appropriate changes in the administration and methods of operations of all the courts of the state, the volume and condition of business in those courts, and advise on the expeditious handling of judicial matters in the future. The planning and policy advisory committee shall be kept fully and timely informed by the director of state courts about all budgetary matters affecting the judiciary to allow it to participate in the budget process.

(5) The committee shall meet at the call of its chairperson, but shall meet at least quarterly. The agenda shall include reports from and recommendations by the subcommittees. Staffing for the committee shall be provided by members of the director's staff assigned to subject matter areas under consideration by the committee.

(6) The planning and policy committee is authorized to create subcommittees where appropriate and shall appoint a subcommittee to confer with the supreme court and the director of state courts in the court's review of the budget.

(7) The supreme court shall meet with the planning and policy advisory committee on an annual basis for a full discussion of judicial matters of mutual concern.