

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**

Before MICHEL, Chief Judge.

ORDER

ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. Purpose. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2077(b), there is reestablished and reconstituted an Advisory Council for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. This Advisory Council succeeds the Advisory Council established by order of the chief judge dated September 22, 2000. The council will continue generally to advise the court on ways to improve the administration of justice. In performing this function, the council may, from time to time:

(a) provide a forum for the review and study of the rules and internal operating procedures of the court;

(b) review, study, and make recommendations with respect to any proposed amendments to the rules and internal operating procedures of the court;

(c) draft and recommend for the court's consideration, where appropriate, rules and internal operating procedures, and amendments thereto;

(d) review, study, and make recommendations with respect to any suggestions, comments, or recommendations relating to the practices and procedures of the court;

(e) provide other reports, evaluations, and recommendations, either on the council's own initiative or at the request of the chief judge;

(f) serve as a conduit between the public, including the bar, and the court regarding procedural matters and suggestions for change; and

(g) advise and assist the court on court-sponsored and court-related programs, such as the court's judicial conferences, educational programs, and judges' retreats.

2. **Membership.** The council will consist of not more than fifteen active members who shall be members of the bar of this court, or of tribunals reviewed by the court, and who may be appointed or reappointed by the chief judge. The chief judge will select the active members in such a way as to represent, in the chief judge's judgment, a broad cross-section of those appearing before the court, including both government and private attorneys. The active members generally will serve three-year terms, and shall be eligible for reappointment for another such consecutive term. Appointments and reappointment will take into consideration the desirability of staggering terms to provide continuity. In addition, the council will have the following ex officio members: the circuit executive and clerk of the court, the senior staff attorney of the court; the executive director, founding executive director, the president of the court's bar association; and the immediate former chair or co-chairs. The chief judge will appoint one or more active members as chair or co-chair of the council. The membership shall be posted on the court's website to facilitate contact

between the public, including the bar, and the members of the council.

3. **Meetings.** The council will meet or confer at least twice a year. The council also will meet or confer at the request of the chair or the chief judge. A majority of the active members of the council will constitute a quorum, which is necessary to hold council meetings. The meetings may be conducted telephonically, or any member who is unable to attend a meeting may participate by telephone. In addition, business may be conducted between meetings, or telephone conferences, by e-mail at the discretion of the chair.

4. **Committees.** The council will maintain a standing committee on the court's rules and internal operating procedures. The chair or the chief judge may establish other committees as appropriate.

FOR THE COURT

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January 4, 2005
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Paul R. Michel
Chief Judge