

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Before MAYER, Chief Judge.

ORDER

ADVISORY COUNCIL

(1) **Purpose.** In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2077(b), there will be an Advisory Council for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The council will generally 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 conference and educational programs.

(2) **Membership.** The council will consist of not more than fifteen active members of the bar of this court, who will be selected by the chief judge. The chief judge will select the 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 will generally serve three-year terms. In addition, the council will have the following

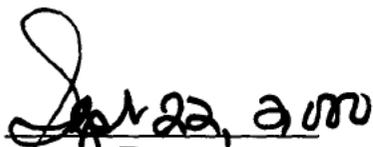
ex officio members: the circuit executive/clerk of the court, the senior staff attorney of the court, and the president of the court's bar association. The chief judge will appoint one of the members as chair of the committee.

(3) **Meetings.** The council will meet or confer at least twice a year. The council will hold additional meetings at the request of the chair or the chief judge. The presence of a majority of the active members of the council will constitute a quorum, which is necessary to hold committee meetings. The meetings may be conducted telephonically or any member may participate by telephone.

(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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Date

Haldane Robert Mayer
Chief Judge