

SUPREME COURT

No. 2003- 05

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court under R.I.G.L. 1956 (1997 Reenactment) § 8-15-2, it is hereby ordered that on September 12, 2003, a judicial proceeding with all judicial officers of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the District Court, the Family Court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Traffic Tribunal shall be convened in Newport, Rhode Island in accordance with Article VIII, Supreme Court Rules, Judicial Conduct (see attachment). The Judicial Conference agenda includes topics relative to the improvement in practice and procedure in the courts in order that the ends of justice will be served more promptly and efficiently.

Entered as an Executive Order this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

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By Order:

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/s/  
Frank J. Williams  
Chief Justice

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/s/  
Clerk

cc: Presiding Justice Joseph F. Rodgers, Jr.  
Chief Judge Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr.  
Chief Judge Albert E. DeRobbio  
Chief Judge Robert F. Arrigan

## ARTICLE VIII. THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

*Compiler's Notes.* This article, consisting of Rules 1 through 5, was added by a Supreme Court order, dated January 25, 1993.

**Rule 1. Judicial conference established.** — Pursuant to the general supervisory power of the Supreme Court over all courts of inferior jurisdiction (G.L. 1956, § 8-1-2) and in aid thereof, there is hereby established until otherwise provided by a law a judicial conference consisting of all the justices of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the District Court, the Family Court, the Workers' Compensation Court, and the Administrative Adjudication Court. The conference shall be consultative solely and shall concern itself with the making of recommendations for the improvement in practice and procedure in such courts and generally in their internal administration in order that the ends of justice will be served more promptly and efficiently.

**Rule 2. Executive Committee.** — There shall be an executive committee consisting of the members of the Supreme Court, the Presiding Justice and the Senior Associate Justice of the Superior Court, the Chief Judge of the District Court, the Chief Judge of the Family Court, the Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court, and the Chief Judge of the Administrative Adjudication Court. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be the chairperson of the executive committee and shall convene it from time to time during the year to make necessary preparations for the holding of the regular or special meetings of the conference.

**Rule 3. Meetings.** — There shall be a regular meeting of the conference at least once a year at a place and on a date to be designated by the Supreme Court. Each member of the conference shall be notified thereof in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior thereto.

**Rule 4. Conference Agenda.** — A suggested agenda of new business to come before each regular annual meeting shall be prepared by the executive committee and submitted to each member of the conference at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting. Any member may propose other business at the meeting but the agenda business shall take precedence over any such proposals.

**Rule 5. Secretary of the Conference.** — The Supreme Court shall designate a secretary of the conference who need not be a judge. He or she shall have charge of the records of the conference, make minutes of its meetings, mail all notices, and perform all other secretarial services as may be required by the Supreme Court in aid of the efficient and orderly transaction of the business of the conference.