

ARTICLE VIII. THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

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 judicial officers, which includes the chief justice, justices, presiding justice, chief judges, associate justices, associate judges, chief magistrate, and magistrates comprising the Rhode Island Judiciary. Topics for the judicial conferences shall include, but are not limited to, Judicial Education, matters relating to judicial business, the improvement of the judicial system, and the administration of justice.

Rule 2. Planning of the Judicial Conferences. - The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint a judicial officer(s) as a judicial coordinator to assist the Executive Director of the education programs (Director) to make the necessary preparations for the holding of the conferences.

Rule 3. Meetings. - A conference shall be held in the fall and winter of each calendar 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 by the Director.

Rule 4. Conference Agenda. - The judicial coordinator(s) and the Director shall prepare an agenda for approval by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The conference agenda shall be submitted to each judicial officer at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting. Any judicial officer may propose other business at the conference but the agenda business shall take precedence over any such proposals.

Rule 5. Secretary of the Conference. - The Director shall have charge of the records of all conferences, meetings, and agendas, 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 conferences.