

Supreme Court Internal Operating Procedures

§ 13. Temporary Judicial Assignments to the Supreme Court

(A) Where a quorum of the Court cannot be assembled to transact the business of the Court, or where extraordinary circumstances warrant appointment of additional Justices, the Chief Justice or senior participating Justice may request temporary judicial assignment(s) to the Court as set forth below.

(B) A request for one or more temporary judicial assignments shall be made in accordance with the affirmative vote of a majority of the Justices voting on that question.

(C) The Court Administrator will select the requested number of temporary judges by random drawing from a pool of all commissioned judges of the Superior Court, or the Commonwealth Court, or both, excluding any judges who previously participated in the matter(s) to be considered by the Court. In the event a judge so selected is unable to serve, the Court Administrator shall select another temporary judge from the pool by random drawing. The Court Administrator will submit the selected names to the Chief Justice or senior participating Justice for appointment to the Court.

(D) This Section supplants Rule of Judicial Administration 701(C)(1) and (2) relative to temporary judicial assignments to the Supreme Court. The balance of the Rules of Judicial Administration continue to pertain, to the extent otherwise applicable.