

# Committee on International Judicial Relations

## Judicial Conference of the United States



### Purpose

The Committee on International Judicial Relations works to advance international judicial relations, the rule of law, and the administration of justice around the world. The Committee coordinates judicial branch support for U.S. Government agencies engaged in rule of law work abroad, including the Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, Department of State, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the Congressional Office for International Leadership. Committee members also engage directly in foreign rule of law work at the request of foreign courts and other international and non-governmental organizations.

### Expertise

The Committee uses the federal judiciary to support its work. In addition to its members, the Committee calls on other federal judges, court staff, federal defenders, and the Administrative Office and Federal Judicial Center to advance the rule of law. The Committee's work addresses a variety of issues:

- Promoting judicial independence and integrity by assisting in development of ethical, accountable, and transparent judiciaries that foster public trust.
- Addressing substantive law and procedure, including commercial law, criminal law (including corruption, transnational organized crime, and terrorism), intellectual property law, bankruptcy and insolvency law, and the development of court rules of procedure.

- Enhancing judicial skills and judicial administration by consulting on case management, courtroom management, judicial governance and administration, alternative dispute resolution, and judicial branch relations with the public and the media.
- Improving judicial education through work with foreign judicial training institutes, justice ministries, judicial councils, and appellate courts.

### Committee Members

The Committee consists of federal court of appeals, district, magistrate, and bankruptcy judges, all of whom are appointed to the Committee by the Chief Justice of the United States. The Director of the Federal Judicial Center (the judicial branch's research and education arm) serves as an ex-officio Committee member, the Counselor to the Chief Justice serves as a Committee advisor, and representatives from the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services and the Federal Court Clerks Association serve as Committee liaisons. The Committee is supported by staff from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The Committee was established in 1993 by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the national policy-making body for the judicial branch.

To request Committee assistance or for additional information, contact staff at the Administrative Office at [international@uscourts.gov](mailto:international@uscourts.gov)

## About the Judicial Conference of the United States

Established in 1922, the Judicial Conference of the United States is the national policy-making body for the federal courts. The Chief Justice of the United States presides over the Conference, which is composed of the chief judge of each court of appeals, the chief judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, and one district court judge from each regional circuit. The Conference works through subject-matter committees that evaluate and recommend national policies on all aspects of federal judicial administration.

## About the Administrative Office of the United States Courts

Established in 1939, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts is a judicial branch agency that provides a broad range of legislative, legal, financial, technology, operational, and program support services to the federal courts. The Chief Justice of the United States appoints the Director of the Administrative Office in consultation with the Judicial Conference. The Administrative Office is supervised and directed by the Judicial Conference and is responsible for carrying out Conference policies.

