

Commission Membership

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State/Commission	Total members	Membership composition	Selection method	Term (years)	Establishment
Alabama					
Judicial Inquiry Commission	9	4 judges	1 appellate judge appt'd by supreme court 2 circuit judges appt'd by circuit judges ass'n 1 district judge appt'd by lieutenant governor, subject to senate confirmation Appt'd by state bar Appt'd by governor, subject to senate confirmation	4	1973 by constitution
Court of the Judiciary	9	2 attorneys 3 public members	1 appellate judge selected by supreme court 2 circuit judges selected by circuit judges ass'n 1 district judge selected by district judges ass'n Selected by state bar 2 appt'd by governor, subject to senate confirmation 1 appt'd by lieutenant governor, subject to senate confirmation	No provision	
The Judicial Inquiry Commission determines whether to file a formal complaint; the hearing is before the Court of the Judiciary					
Alaska					
Commission on Judicial Conduct	9	3 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	Elected by state court judges Appt'd by governor (upon recommendation by state bar) w/approval of legislature Appt'd by governor w/approval of legislature	4	1968 by constitution
Arizona					
Commission on Judicial Conduct	11	6 judges 2 attorneys 3 public members	Appt'd by supreme court Appt'd by state bar Appt'd by governor	6	1970 by constitution
A 3-member investigative panel determines whether to file a formal complaint; the hearing is before the other 8 members of the commission					



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Arkansas					
Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission	9	3 judges 3 attorneys	App't'd by supreme court 1 app't'd by att'y general 1 app't'd by president of senate 1 app't'd by speaker of house App't'd by governor	6	1988 by constitution
California					
Commission on Judicial Performance	11	3 judges 2 attorneys 6 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by governor 2 app't'd by governor 2 app't'd by speaker of assembly 2 app't'd by state senate committee on rules	2	1960 by constitution
Colorado					
Commission on Judicial Discipline	10	4 judges 2 attorneys 4 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by governor w/consent of senate App't'd by governor w/consent of senate	4	1967 by constitution
Connecticut					
Judicial Review Council	12	3 judges 3 attorneys 6 public members	App't'd by governor, from list of 6 judges selected by members of the superior court, w/approval of general assembly App't'd by governor w/approval of general assembly App't'd by governor w/approval of general assembly	4	1977 by statute



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Delaware					
Preliminary Investigatory Committee	12	8 attorneys 4 public members	Appr'd by chief justice w/concurrence of court	3	1979 by constitution
Board of Examining Officers	1 or more	Active or retired judge(s)	Appr'd by Court on the Judiciary	Ad hoc	
Court on the Judiciary	7	7 judges	By virtue of office held: 1—chief justice 4—associate justices 1—chancellor 1—president judge, superior court		
A panel of the Preliminary Investigatory Committee determines whether there is probable cause; the Board of Examining Officers conducts the hearing and prepares a report reviewed by the Court					
District of Columbia					
Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure	7	1 judge 4 attorneys 2 public members	Appr'd by chief judge of U.S. District Court for D.C. 2 appr'd by D.C. bar 1 appr'd by mayor of D.C. 1 appr'd by President of the U.S. 1 appr'd by mayor of D.C. 1 appr'd by city council of D.C.	President's appointee has a 5-yr. term, all other members have 6-yr. terms	1970 by statute
Florida					
Judicial Qualifications Commission	15	6 judges	2 circuit court judges selected by circuit court judges 2 district court of appeals judges selected by district court of appeals judges 2 county court judges selected by county court judges Appr'd by state bar Appr'd by governor	6	1966 by constitution
A 9-member investigative panel decides whether to file a formal complaint; the hearing is before a 6-member hearing panel					



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Georgia					
Judicial Qualifications Commission	7	2 judges 3 attorneys 2 public members	Selected by supreme court Elected by state bar App't'd by governor	4	1972 by constitution
Hawaii					
Commission on Judicial Conduct	7	3 attorneys 4 public members	All members app't'd by supreme court	3	1978 by court rule
Idaho					
Judicial Council	7	2 judges 2 attorneys 3 public members	Chief justice by virtue of office 1 app't'd by state bar w/consent of senate App't'd by state bar w/consent of senate App't'd by governor w/consent of senate	6	1967 by statute
Illinois					
Judicial Inquiry Board	9	2 judges 3 attorneys 4 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by governor App't'd by governor	4	1971 by constitution
Courts Commission	7	5 judges 2 non-judges	3 selected by supreme court 2 selected by appellate court App't'd by governor	No provision	
The Judicial Inquiry Board determines whether to file a formal complaint; the hearing is before the Courts Commission					
Indiana					
Commission on Judicial Qualifications	7	1 judge 3 attorneys 3 public members	Chief justice by virtue of office Elected by "those admitted to the practice of law" App't'd by governor	3	1970 by constitution
Iowa					
Commission on Judicial Qualifications	7	1 judge 2 attorneys 4 public members	App't'd by chief justice App't'd by chief justice App't'd by governor w/approval of senate	6	1973 by statute



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Kansas					
Commission on Judicial Qualifications	14	6 active or retired judges 4 attorneys 4 public members	All members appt'd by supreme court	4	1974 by court rule
The commission is divided into 2 panels; a formal complaint filed by one panel is heard by the second panel					
Kentucky					
Judicial Retirement and Removal Commission	6	3 judges	1 court of appeals judge elected by court of appeals judges 1 circuit court judge elected by circuit court judges 1 district court judge elected by district court judges Appt'd by state bar Appt'd by governor	4	1976 by constitution
Louisiana					
Judiciary Commission	9	3 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	Appt'd by supreme court Appt'd by conference of court of appeals judges Appt'd by district judges association	4	1968 by constitution
Maine					
Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability	7	2 judges 2 attorneys 3 public members	Appt'd by supreme judicial court Appt'd by supreme judicial court on governor's recommendation Appt'd by supreme judicial court on governor's recommendation	6	1978 by court rule
Maryland					
Commission on Judicial Disabilities	11	3 judges 3 attorneys 5 public member	All members appt'd by governor	4	1966 by constitution



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Massachusetts					
Commission on Judicial Conduct	9	3 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	Appt'd by supreme judicial court Appt'd by chief adm. justice of the trial court Appt'd by governor	6	1978 by statute
Michigan					
Judicial Tenure Commission	9	5 judges	1 elected by appellate judges 1 elected by circuit judges 1 elected by probate judges 1 elected by judges of courts of limited jurisdiction 1 elected by state bar Elected by state bar Appt'd by governor	3	1968 by constitution
Minnesota					
Board on Judicial Standards	10	4 judges 2 attorneys 4 public members	Appt'd by governor Appt'd by governor w/consent of senate Appt'd by governor w/consent of senate	4	1971 by statute
Mississippi					
Commission on Judicial Performance	7	4 judges 1 attorney 2 public members	All appt'd by chief justice; governor, lieutenant governor, speaker, and bar ass'n each nominate one	6	1979 by constitution
Missouri					
Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline	6	2 judges 2 attorneys 2 public members	1 selected by court of appeals judges 1 selected by circuit court judges Appt'd by state bar Appt'd by governor	6	1972 by constitution
Montana					
Judicial Standards Commission	5	2 judges 1 attorney 2 public members	Elected by district court judges Appt'd by supreme court Appt'd by governor	4	1973 by constitution



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Nebraska					
Commission on Judicial Qualifications	10	4 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	Chief justice by virtue of office 3 app't'd by chief justice App't'd by state bar App't'd by governor	4	1966 by constitution
Nevada					
Commission on Judicial Discipline	7	2 judges 2 attorneys 3 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by state bar App't'd by governor	4	1976 by constitution
New Hampshire					
Committee on Judicial Conduct	11	3 active or retired judges 1 clerk of court 1 attorney 6 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by supreme court App't'd by supreme court 1 app't'd by supreme court 1 app't'd by state bar 2 app't'd by governor 1 app't'd by speaker of house 1 app't'd by president of senate	4	1977 by court rule
New Jersey					
Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct	9	"At least" 2 retired judges "No fewer than" 3 attorneys "Not more than" 4 public members	All members appointed by supreme court	3	1974 by court rule
New Mexico					
Judicial Standards Commission	11	3 judges 2 attorneys 6 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by state bar App't'd by governor	4 4	1967 by constitution



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New York					
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	11	4 judges 1 attorney 2 public members 4 additional members who are not judges or retired judges	1 appt'd by governor 3 appt'd by chief judge of court of appeals Appt'd by governor Appt'd by governor 1 appt'd by temporary president of senate 1 appt'd by minority leader of senate 1 appt'd by speaker of assembly 1 appt'd by minority leader of assembly	4	1977 by constitution
North Carolina					
Judicial Standards Commission	13	5 judges 4 attorneys 4 public members	Appt'd by chief justice Elected by state bar Appt'd by governor	6	1973 by statute
Commission is divided into 2 panels; a formal complaint filed by one panel is heard by the second panel					
North Dakota					
Commission on Judicial Conduct	7	2 judges 1 attorney 4 public members	1 appt'd by district judges ass'n 1 appt'd by county court judges ass'n Appt'd by state bar Appt'd by governor	3	1975 by statute
Ohio					
Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline	28	7 judges 17 attorneys 4 public members	All members appt'd by supreme court	3	1965 by statute
Commission of Judges	5	5 judges	All members appt'd by supreme court	Ad hoc	
If disciplinary counsel finds probable cause, the hearing is before either a 3-member panel of the Board or a 5-judge commission					



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Oklahoma					
Council on Judicial Complaints	3	2 attorneys 1 public member	Speaker of house, state bar president, and president pro tempore of senate each appoint 1 member	5	1974 by statute
Court on the Judiciary— Trial Division	9	8 judges 1 attorney	8 district judges senior in service under 60 years Selected by state bar	3	
Court on the Judiciary— Appellate Division	9	8 judges 1 attorney	2 selected by supreme court 1 selected by court of criminal appeals 5 district judges senior in service under 65 years Selected by state bar	3	
If the Council on Judicial Complaints finds that a complaint should be the subject of proceedings, the Supreme Court, chief justice, governor, attorney general, bar association, or House of Representatives may file a petition invoking the jurisdiction of the Court on the Judiciary; the trial division of the court holds a hearing; its judgment may be appealed to the appellate division					
Oregon					
Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability	9	3 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by board of governors of state bar App't'd by governor	4	1967 by statute
Pennsylvania					
Judicial Conduct Board	12	3 judges 3 attorneys 6 public members	2 app't'd by supreme court, 1 app't'd by governor 1 app't'd by supreme court, 2 app't'd by governor 3 app't'd by supreme court, 3 app't'd by governor	4	1968 by constitution
Court of Judicial Discipline	8	4 judges 2 attorneys 2 public members	3 app't'd by supreme court, 1 app't'd by governor App't'd by governor 1 app't'd by supreme court, 1 app't'd by governor		



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Rhode Island					
Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline	14	4 judges 1 workers' compensation judge 3 attorneys 3 public members 3 legislators	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by chief justice App't'd by governor from state bar list, w/consent of senate App't'd by governor, w/consent of senate 1 app't'd by senate majority leader 2 app't'd by speaker of house	3	1974 by statute
South Carolina					
Commission on Judicial Conduct	19	14 judges 3 attorneys 2 public members	All members app't'd by supreme court	4	1976 by court rule
Commission is divided into 3 panels of 5 members designated as an investigative panel or a hearing panel; the chair or vice chair and public member are added to investigative panels. If an investigative panel decides to file a formal complaint, the hearing is held before the hearing panel					
South Dakota					
Commission on Judicial Qualifications	7	2 judges 3 attorneys 2 public members	Elected by judicial conference App't'd by state bar App't'd by governor	4	1972 by statute
Tennessee					
Court of the Judiciary	15	9 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by state bar 1 app't'd by speaker of senate 1 app't'd by speaker of house 1 app't'd by governor	4	1979 by statute
The Court of the Judiciary is divided into 5 investigative panels of 3 members. If an investigative panel files formal charges, the other 12 members serve as the hearing panel					



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<u>Texas</u>					
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	11	5 judges 2 attorneys 4 public members	App't'd by supreme court w/consent of senate Selected by state bar w/consent of senate Selected by governor w/consent of senate	6	1965 by constitution
<u>Utah</u>					
Judicial Conduct Commission	11	2 judges 2 attorneys 3 public members 2 representatives 2 senators	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by supreme court App't'd by governor w/consent of senate App't'd by speaker of house App't'd by president of senate	2 4 2 2 2	1968 by statute
<u>Vermont</u>					
Judicial Conduct Board	9	3 judges 3 attorneys 3 public members	All members app't'd by supreme court	3	1978 by court rule
If Board or a 3-member investigative panel finds probable cause, the hearing is held before a 5-member hearing panel					
<u>Virginia</u>					
Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission	7	3 judges 2 attorneys 2 public members	All members elected by general assembly	4	1971 by statute
<u>Washington</u>					
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	11	3 judges 2 attorneys 6 public members	1 elected by & from court of appeals 1 elected by & from superior court 1 elected by & from district court Selected by state bar App't'd by governor	4	1989 by constitution



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<u>West Virginia</u>					
Judicial Investigation Commission	9	6 judges 3 public members	All members app't'd by supreme court	3	1976 by court rule
Judicial Hearing Board	9	6 judges 3 public members	All members app't'd by supreme court	3	
The Judicial Investigation Commission determines whether to file a formal complaint; the hearing is before the Judicial Hearing Board					
<u>Wisconsin</u>					
Judicial Commission	9	2 judges 2 attorneys 5 public members	App't'd by supreme court App't'd by supreme court App't'd by governor w/consent of senate	3	1978 by statute
Judicial Conduct and Disability Panel	3	3 judges	Selected by chief judge of court of appeals	Ad hoc	
The Judicial Commission determines whether to file a formal complaint; a 3-judge panel is appointed to conduct the hearing					
<u>Wyoming</u>					
Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics	12	3 judges 3 attorneys 6 public members	2 district judges elected by district judges; 1 circuit judge elected by circuit judges App't'd by state bar App't'd by governor w/consent of senate	3	1973 by constitution
For each case, the commission is divided into an investigative panel of 3 or more members and an adjudicative panel of 3 or more members. If the investigative panel determines that a formal complaint should be filed, the hearing is before the adjudicative panel					

