National Conference of Specialized Court Judges  
Awards Committee

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Committee Goals and Objectives

GOALS  
The goal of the Awards Committee is to select honorees for the 3 recognitions bestowed by the conference: The Franklin Flaschner Award, the William McMahon Award, and the Judicial Education Award.

OBJECTIVES
1) Promote national recognition of the conference awards.  
2) Secure nominations for all conference awards from a wide base of potential nominators.  
3) Establish a timeline for the committee to perform its tasks and complete its mission.  
4) Grant conference awards to the most deserving and most qualified recipients.

Committee Chair  
The Conference Chair appoints the Committee Chair.

Committee Members  
As provided for in Section 7.6 of the Conference Bylaws, the Committee shall be comprised of at least 5 members, of which 2 are ex-officio, the Chair-Elect and the Vice-Chair. The remaining 3 members shall serve three year staggered terms.

Annual Time Commitment  
Members can expect to spend 5 – 10 hours per year on committee activities. This will primarily be shortly after the Midyear Meeting of the Association.

Expectations

Meetings: Three or four times a year the Committee Chair may be asked to participate in a conference call of all Conference Committee Chairs. The committee may meet by conference call to review award nominations; however, selection may also be taken by email correspondence.

Reports: The Chair shall make a written report to the Conference twice a year. This report should be on a form provided by ABA staff to be included in the Midyear Meeting Agenda Book and in the Annual Meeting Agenda Book.

JD Staff will send reminders about report deadlines and conference call schedules.
National Conference of Specialized Court Judges
Education Committee

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The Education Committee works with ABA and non-ABA entities devoted to judicial education to provide quality judicial education. Members research and study the need for development of judicial education standards applicable to courts of special jurisdiction and in keeping with the standards of the ABA.

Their charge is to develop programs designed to educate the judiciary by considering issues of significance to the judicial system. They disseminate information on programs of interest to Conference members and assist local and state judicial organizations in planning quality educational programming by serving as a resource and clearinghouse for information and guidance.

Committee Chair
The Conference Chair appoints the Committee Chair.

Committee Members
Those wishing to serve on this committee should sign up on the NCSCJ website beginning on September 1 of each year. Committee membership does not carry over from year to year.

Annual Time Commitment
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National Conference of Specialized Court Judges
Native American Tribal Courts Committee

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Committee Goals and Objectives
The Native American Tribal Courts Committee serves the law trained judges who preside at courts with jurisdiction on tribal lands. The Committee develops programs and activities to inform the general public and judges about the activities of courts governing issues arising on tribal lands. In conjunction with the Tribal Courts Council, which is an entity within the Judicial Division, the Tribal Courts Committee provides information of relevance regarding legislative and judicial issues affecting Native American Tribes, and indigenous people.

The Committee Charge is to develop and present programs and to encourage Native and indigenous people to participate fully in programs and activities of the Judicial Division. The Committee is also charged with liaising with the Native American Tribal Courts Council to inform and advise ABA policies which will assist Tribal Court Judges in the performance of their judicial duties.

Committee Chair
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Committee Members
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Annual Time Commitment
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Strategic Planning Committee

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Committee Goals and Objectives
The Strategic Planning Committee serves as the primary planning vehicle for the Conference. It is responsible for both short-term and long-term goals, as well as programming. The committee began the process of developing a strategic plan at the 2012 Annual Meeting. They focused on rewriting the mission statement and developed four goals with accompanying strategies to give them focus. Subgroups for each goal were appointed. An official document will be presented from which future planning committees can plan and evaluate programs and initiatives.

Committee Chair
The Conference Chair shall appoint the Committee Chair.

Committee Members
Initial committee members shall be those who signed up to address each of the four goals at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

As stated in Bylaws Article 7.8, the Committee shall be comprised of members of the Executive Committee and Conference members who are not members of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall be appointed by the Chair of the Executive Committee. Members shall be appointed in such a fashion as to ensure continuity of the Committee from one year to the next.

Those wishing to serve on this committee should sign up on the NCSCJ website beginning on September 1 of each year. Committee membership does not carry over from year to year.

Annual Time Commitment
Members can expect to spend 5 – 10 hours per year on committee activities.

Expectations
Meetings: Three or four times a year the Committee Chair may be asked to participate in a conference call of all Conference Committee Chairs. The committee should meet via conference call at least once per year.

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National Conference of Specialized Court Judges  
Traffic Court Committee

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Committee Goals and Objectives  
The Traffic Court Committee works independently and with other ABA and non-ABA entities to monitor judicial decisions, legislative action and technological developments by appraising their impact on such courts. It serves as a clearinghouse of information to members and supports regional programs and seminars.

The Committee Charge is to address the special needs and problems of traffic court judges by promoting and formulating local traffic court programs and educational seminars, to develop and make recommendations for a permanent plan for the continuation of an annual Traffic Court Program, emphasizing the need for implementation of the ABA Standards for Traffic Justice to preserve the adjudication of traffic cases within the judicial process rather than by administrative procedures.

Committee Chair  
The Conference Chair shall appoint the Committee Chair.

Committee Members  
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Annual Time Commitment  
Members can expect to spend 5 – 10 hours per year on committee activities.

Expectations  
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Domestic Law Issues Committee

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Committee Goals and Objectives
Works independently and with other judicial entities and committees within the American Bar Association in pursuing creative approaches and strategies in handling domestic violence and stalking matters. Acts as a resource to judges and court administrators to provide responses to inquiries for information on the subject. The goal of the committee is to coordinate with the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence and other entities within the ABA to sponsor appropriate programming as needed/requested. Primary objectives are to examine and address the special problems relating to domestic law by coordinating efforts with other judicial entities and act as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information in regards to violence in the home and work environment, alternatives for children in such situations, rehabilitation, warning signs, etc.

Committee Chair
The Conference Chair appoints the Committee Chair.

Committee Members
Those wishing to serve on this committee should sign up on the NCSCJ website beginning on September 1 of each year. Committee membership does not carry over from year to year.

Annual Time Commitment
Members can expect to spend 15 - 20 hours per year on committee activities.

Expectations
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National Conference of Specialized Court Judges
Outreach to the Foreign Judiciary Committee

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Committee Goals and Objectives
The Outreach to the Foreign Judiciary Committee of the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges will encourage interaction with international judges during the upcoming association year through outreach, membership invitations and sharing international program opportunities which will enrich and compliment the interests of members of the Conference.

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Annual Time Commitment
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