

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE TRIAL JUDGES**  
**COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS**  
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**Bylaws Committee:** The committee is charged with monitoring the suitability of National Conference of State Trial Judges (NCSTJ) Bylaws for the optimum procedural governance of the Conference. The committee shall initiate proposed changes when needed, and shall review amendments when proposed, making recommendations as necessary to NCSTJ leadership.

**Communications Committee:** This committee leads the NCSTJ efforts in internal and external communications, and coordinates with the Judicial Division Communications Committee to promote judicial publications. This committee is responsible for article recruitment, editing, and publishing of the NCSTJ segment of the quarterly newsletter, the *Judicial Division Record*. Moreover, this committee encourages professional publication by its members and acts as a sounding board and conduit for manuscripts for possible publication in the ABA magazine, *The Judges' Journal*, as well as other appropriate national publication sources.

**Diversity Committee:** This committee coordinates efforts within the Conference to promote diversity in leadership and enhance understanding of the importance of diverse representation in Conference activities and mission. Further, this committee shall collaborate with the Judicial Division regarding inclusion and diversity issues and training.

**Membership Committee:** This committee focuses on membership and outreach efforts, partnering with the Judicial Division's Membership Committee. The committee strives to identify value in NCSTJ membership, communicates that benefit to current and prospective members, and ultimately seeks to win retention of members and growth in membership.

**Program Committee:** This committee develops professional education to benefit state trial judges, and cooperates with the Judicial Division Program Committee and other judicial-education providers, to present CLE programs at the ABA Annual and Midyear Meetings, as well as through venues such as webinar, special ABA events like the Judicial Institute and Conclave, etc.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** This committee shoulders responsibility to envision the future of the NCSTJ. The committee projects a course for the NCSTJ to interact with other entities for collaborations and to chart strategies and identify resources that will position the NCSTJ to accomplish meaningful future work.