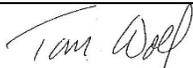


Executive Order

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Office

Subject: Judicial Advisory Commission

Number: 2020-03



By Direction of: Tom Wolf, Governor

Date: June 17, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor is empowered by Article V, Section 13 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania to appoint qualified persons to serve as justices and judges of the courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania when vacancies on those courts occur; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Commonwealth that the Governor expeditiously exercise his constitutional authority to appoint qualified persons to serve on these courts; and

WHEREAS, the General Counsel of Pennsylvania serves as the chief legal advisor to the Governor and will serve as the principal advisor to the Governor in the exercise of his constitutional authority to appoint qualified persons to the courts of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the identification of qualified persons to serve on the courts of the Commonwealth can most effectively and expeditiously be accomplished through the Office of General Counsel with the assistance of a group of citizens selected by the Governor who reside or practice law within the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. Judicial Advisory Commission. There is hereby established a Judicial Advisory Commission (Commission) that shall be an advisory commission appointed by the Governor to assist the General Counsel in identifying qualified applicants for consideration by the Governor for appointment to the courts of the Commonwealth.

a. Powers and Duties. The Commission shall:

- (1)** Conduct interviews of applicants who have been determined to initially meet all requirements of qualification for appointment.
- (2)** Evaluate the applicants and determine which are best qualified to serve in a judicial office.

