

MEMORANDUM



To: Federal Judges Association Officers and Board Members
From: Marilyn L. Huff, FJA Nominating Committee Chair
Date: March 15, 2017
Subject: FJA Officer and Executive Committee Nominations

The FJA Bylaws provide for a Nominating Committee, as follows:

Nominating Committee. A nominating committee will be appointed by the president and the names published to the Board no later than 90 days before a Board meeting with a scheduled election of officers and executive committee members. The nominating committee will propose the names of one or more persons for election to each office to be filled and for board of directors members for election, not presidential appointment, to the executive committee. The Secretary will provide the list of proposed names for election to each office of the Board at least 30 days before the Board meeting at which the election will occur.

The following individuals graciously agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Marilyn Huff, Chair (Southern District of California)
Patti Saris (District of Massachusetts)
Deborah Batts (Southern District of New York)
Malachy Mannion (Middle District of Pennsylvania)
Jennifer Elrod (5th Circuit)
Dan Polster (Northern District of Ohio)
David Herndon (Southern District of Illinois)
Kathryn Vratil (District of Kansas)
Wiley Daniel (District of Colorado)
Beverly Martin (11th Circuit)

We discussed the process of nomination and the potential nominees for the officers and five executive board (non-presidential) appointments. As to the process for nomination, President Allyson Duncan notified the FJA board of the Nominating Committee and asked for potential names to be submitted for consideration.

The following names were suggested for officers:

President-Elect	Judge Cynthia Rufe (Previous Vice President of Communications and Secretary)
Secretary	Judge Richard Clifton (Second two-year term)
Treasurer	Judge Dan Polster (Second Two-year term)

After discussion of the process, these were unanimously approved for nomination. Dan Polster abstained from the vote for Treasurer.

We also discussed potential candidates for Executive Committee membership from the board. The following were unanimously approved for nomination to the Executive Committee:

Michelle Childs (District of South Carolina)
Kathleen O'Malley (Federal Circuit)
Virginia Kendall (Northern District of Illinois)
Charles R. Simpson (Western District of Kentucky)
Randy Smith (Ninth Circuit)

We ask that the Secretary provide the notice to the Board as required by the FJA By-laws. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their participation.