



## Lawyer Representative Selection Procedures June 2008

Lawyer representatives are members of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference who are chosen by the district court with the input of local bar associations. Lawyer representatives serve for staggered 3 year terms, during which time they participate in meetings within the district, and also attend and participate in the annual District Conference as well as the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. The Order of the Judicial Council sets out five criteria for selection of lawyer representatives:

[E]ach representative shall be:

1. A lawyer admitted to practice in the district court and actively involved in federal practice.
2. A lawyer interested in the purposes and work of the conference.
3. A lawyer willing and able to contribute actively to the purposes and work of the conference.
4. A lawyer willing to assist in implementing conference programs with the local bar.
5. A lawyer who, together with others selected, will constitute a fair cross section of practitioners before the federal courts of the district. The selection committee should consider the gender, ethnic, racial, and religious diversity and the diverse geographic and practice backgrounds of those who practice before the federal courts.

Lawyer representatives for the Southern District of California are selected according to the following procedures.

1. Approximately 45 days prior to the annual meeting of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, the Court will post a notice on its website, and distribute such notice to local bar associations, soliciting applications for new lawyer representatives, and setting a deadline for submission of those applications.
2. Applications will be sent to the lawyer representative selection committee. The lawyer representative selection committee includes the President (or such other person as the President designates) of the San

Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, who will serve as committee chair, a member of Bankruptcy Forum (as selected by the Chief Bankruptcy Judge), the Chair of the Court's CJA Panel (or such other person as the Chair designates), and the outgoing lawyer representative co-chair.

3. Within 45 days after the deadline for submission of applications, the lawyer representative selection committee, the committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the Court. The committee will assign each candidate to one of three categories – (1) highly recommended, (2) recommended, and (3) not recommended – in order of preference within the three general practice areas of civil, criminal, and bankruptcy law.
4. Upon receipt of the committee's recommendations, the district judges, as well as a circuit judge residing in the district, will select the new lawyer representatives.
5. In addition, the Court will select three alternate lawyer representatives to serve for a term of one year. Alternate lawyer representatives will participate in local district meetings and attend the District Conference, but will attend the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference only if a regular lawyer representative is unable to attend. Alternate lawyer representatives who wish to continue their service will ordinarily be selected to become lawyer representatives, for a regular 3 year term, upon completion of their one year term as an alternate.