

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 32

WHEREAS, the Governor has the constitutional responsibility to nominate judges subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 36 (2006) formalized a long standing practice whereby the Governor seeks the independent and objective counsel of a group of former jurists and legal practitioners regarding the suitability of candidates under consideration for judicial appointment through the establishment of a Judicial Advisory Panel (sometimes referred to herein as "the Panel"); and

WHEREAS, the Governor places a high value on the input of the Judicial Advisory Panel in connection with his consideration of candidates for judicial appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Governor will continue to utilize the Judicial Advisory Panel as a component of his review process as he exercises his constitutional authority to nominate individuals to serve as judges;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Executive Order No. 36 (2006) sets forth the purpose and role that the Judicial Advisory Panel shall have in the Governor's process of evaluating judicial appointment candidates. Except as expressly modified herein, the Judicial Advisory Panel's work shall continue in accordance with the terms established by Executive Order 36 (2006) and long standing tradition.

2. Paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 36 (2006), which sets forth the composition of the Judicial Advisory Panel, shall be superseded by this paragraph. The Judicial Advisory Panel will be comprised of seven (7) members. The Panel shall include no fewer than three (3) former judges. The Panel may include practicing attorneys who shall not otherwise serve concurrently as a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee. The Governor shall designate the Chair, who shall be responsible for the overall administration of the Panel's responsibilities and establishing its procedures for candidate evaluation.

3. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 36 (2006) not expressly modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
9th day of June,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor