

Judicial Discipline Rule-Making Committee: Public Comment Policy

The Judicial Discipline Rule-Making Committee has begun drafting revisions to the Rules of Judicial Discipline. The Committee welcomes feedback on proposed rule changes from the public. The process for submitting that feedback is described below.

When a draft rule is available, it will be published on the Rule-Making Committee's landing page (which is housed on the Commission on Judicial Discipline's website):

<https://ccjd.colorado.gov/judicial-discipline-rule-making-committee>. Notice will also be posted on the Judicial Department's website: <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/supreme-court/adopted-proposed-rule-changes>. Individuals interested in receiving notice when draft rules are released can also sign up for email updates by completing this form: <http://eepurl.com/jbEdvA>.

For each draft rule, the Committee will hold a public comment hearing (each hearing may address multiple rules). Members of the public may submit comments on a draft rule either in writing by email or orally at the public comment hearing. Details of each public comment hearing and the deadline to submit written comments will be included in the notice of public comment hearing and posted at the websites listed above.

The public comment period will begin when a draft rule is published on the Commission on Judicial Discipline's website. Written comments will be accepted until 5 pm three business days before the public comment hearing. To submit a comment in writing, please email rulemaking@jd.state.co.us with the subject line "Public Comment." Please attach your submission as a separate document to your email in Word or PDF format. To be accepted, your written comment must include your name.

The public comment hearing will be held no sooner than 21 days after the draft rule is released. Registration for the public comment hearing will close at 5 pm, three business days before the date of the hearing. Details on how to register will be included in the notice of hearing.

The Committee will consider any comments after the public comment hearing. The Committee will then either publish the final rule or publish a revised draft rule. If a revised draft rule is posted, the Committee will provide a new opportunity for comment, including an additional public comment hearing.

A final rule will be effective on the date the final rule is published unless a later effective date is specified in the rule.

In some instances, the Rulemaking Committee may promulgate interim rules, which are effective on an interim basis while the notice and comment period proceeds. The notice and comment procedure will otherwise be the same as for draft rules. An interim rule will be replaced by a final rule at a later time.