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Views of the Commission Regarding Judicial Vouching

Type of Work Product: Adjudication of Public Comments on Judicial Vouching

Public Comment Summary:

There were six public comments. Four supported the proposal. One opposed. One offered suggestive changes.

Adjudication Process Used by Subcommittee:

Reviewed by co-chairs and leader of the legal group.

Itemized Issues and Adjudication Summary:

All the suggestions were accepted. The one comment that opposed the proposal was based on the belief that the issue should be examined by the federal Advisory Committee of the Judicial Conference, and not the Commission. However, the Advisory Committee deals only with federal, not state, rules. As a “views” document, the Commission recommendation is intended for all jurisdictions.