

1 CHARTER OF THE JOINT PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

2 Section 1. Purpose.

3 The Joint Procedure Committee provides continuing study and review of rules and
4 orders and proposes the adoption of new rules and the amendment or repeal of existing
5 rules and orders for consideration by the supreme court.

6 Section 2. Membership.

7 (a) The committee is composed of 20 members. One liaison member will be
8 appointed by the board of governors of the state bar association of North Dakota. The
9 remaining non-liaison members will be appointed by the chief justice after consultation
10 with the supreme court. At the end of a non-liaison member's term a successor will be
11 appointed by the chief justice and at the end of a liaison member's term a successor will
12 be appointed by the board of governors of the state bar association of North Dakota.

13 (b) The chief justice will appoint a chair for the committee from among its
14 members.

15 Section 3. Duties.

16 The committee will study and review all rules of pleading, practice, and
17 procedure, including:

18 (a) Rules of Appellate Procedure,

19 (b) Rules of Civil Procedure,

20 (c) Rules of Criminal Procedure,

21 (d) Rules of Evidence,

22 (e) Rules of Juvenile Procedure,

- (f) Rules of Court,
- (g) Supreme Court Administrative Rules,
- (h) Local Court Procedural Rules, and
- (i) Other Court Rules as necessary.

Any proposed rules or orders and amendments must be submitted under the petition procedure of N.D.R.Proc.R. § 3.

Section 4. Meetings and Operating Procedures.

The committee chair will convene regular meetings of the committee with a frequency that ensures a prompt response to issues and requests presented to the committee. At the chair's discretion, meetings may be held in-person or by reliable electronic means. A quorum is necessary for the committee to take any action.