

Rule 604

POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

- (a) **Generally.** In addition to the powers expressly granted by these rules, the Commission on Judicial Conduct has all powers necessary to institute, conduct, and dispose of proceedings.
- (b) **Jurisdiction.** The Commission has jurisdiction to receive and investigate a complaint against a judge and to resolve the complaint as provided in these rules if the complaint is based on one or more violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.
- (c) **Disposing of a Complaint.** The Inquiry Panel has the power to dispose of a complaint as set out in Rule 614. The Hearing Panel has the power to dispose of a complaint as set out in Rule 619.
- (d) **Oaths.** The chair, vice-chair, or any Commission member, acting under these rules, may administer oaths and affirmations.
- (e) **Subpoena Power.** Under Rule 610, the Commission or a panel has the authority to compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things.
- (f) **Rule Changes.** The Commission, on its own motion or at the Supreme Court's request, will study and recommend changes in either the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Rules Relating to the Commission on Judicial Conduct.
- (g) **Internal Operating Rules.** The Commission has authority to adopt internal operating rules necessary to carry out its function.

[**History:** New rule adopted effective May 1, 2019.]