

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF A MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION)
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NO. 25700-A-466

WHEREAS, the Washington Judicial System is founded upon the fundamental principle of the fair and equal treatment for all; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the need of all persons to be treated equally;

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that for any system of justice to be responsible, it must be examined continuously to ensure that it is meeting the needs of all people governed, to include people of color;

Now, therefore, it is hereby
ORDERED:

That a Minority and Justice Commission be established to identify the concerns and make recommendations regarding the equal treatment of all parties, attorneys, and court employees in the state courts.

It is further ordered that the Minority and Justice Commission here created examine all levels of the State judicial system to ensure that judicial needs of people of color are considered and to make recommendations for judicial improvement.

The Commission shall consist of at least fourteen (14) members appointed by the Chief Justice, including representatives from the following:

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Supreme Court (1)
Court of Appeals (1)
Trial Court Judge (3)
Washington State Bar Association (4)
Administrator for the Courts (1)
Trial Court Administrator (1)
College or University Professor (1)
Citizens (2)

In making appointments to the Commission, the Chief Justice shall assure that racial and ethnic minority groups are represented.

Of the members first appointed, six (6) shall be for three (3) years, six (6) shall be for four (4) years, and two shall be for five (5) years; thereafter, appointments shall be for a four-year term except for the chair, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall designate the chair of the Commission.

The chair, with the assent of a majority of the Commission, may augment the Commission by additional task force members when broader representation or specific expertise is required.

The Administrator for the Courts, with the advise of the Commission and subject to budget considerations, shall provide staff, budget and other resources for the activities of the Commission.

The Commission shall file an annual report with the Governor, Legislature, Supreme Court and Administrator for the Courts recommending appropriate action to promote equal treatment for racial and ethnic minorities in the state judicial system.

The duration of the Commission shall be five (5) years,

subject to renewal of additional years as may be determined by this Court.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 4th day of October, 1990.

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