

RULE 3. Presiding Judge, Assistant and Second Assistant Presiding Judges, and Secretary

(A) At a meeting of the Joint Session, all of the judges of all of the divisions of this Court shall elect a Presiding Judge, an Assistant Presiding Judge, and a second Assistant Presiding Judge, each to serve for a term of one year commencing on the first day of January of each year. The election of each of the foregoing shall be by a majority vote of all of the judges of all of the divisions of the Court. The Court Administrator shall serve as the Secretary of the Joint Session. If the judges of this Court are unable, for any reason, to agree upon the selection of one of their number as the Presiding Judge, Superintendence Rule 2 applies.

(B) The Presiding Judge shall discharge such duties imposed by Superintendence Rule 2 and such other duties as may be imposed by statute, these Rules and the orders of the Joint Session. The Assistant Presiding Judge shall discharge the duties of the Presiding Judge during the absence or disability of the latter and in case of a vacancy in the presiding judgeship, unless such vacancy is caused by the inability of the judges to agree upon one of their number as the Presiding Judge. The Assistant Presiding Judge shall pass upon all excuses of prospective jurors. The Second Assistant Presiding Judge shall discharge the duties of the Presiding Judge in the event the Presiding Judge and the Assistant Presiding Judge are absent or disabled, and shall discharge the specific duties of the Assistant Presiding Judge, in the event that the latter is absent or disabled.