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

**(A)** At a meeting of the annual Joint Session, all judges of all the divisions of this Court shall elect a Presiding Judge, an Assistant Presiding Judge, and a second Assistant Presiding Judge.

**(B)** The Presiding Judge shall discharge such duties imposed by the Rules of Superintendence 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 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.

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