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On August 5, 2009, the Commission on Judicial Nomination published in the New York State Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in which the Commission detailed its proposed revisions to the rules under which it operates and by which it nominates candidates for appointment to the Court of Appeals.

The Commission will receive comments from the public until Monday, September 21, 2009 – i.e., 45 days from the date of publication. The Commission must assess any comment that it receives.

If the Commission makes no substantive changes to the rules based on such public comment, the rules may be adopted by the Commission. If substantive changes are made, the proposed amended rules must be re-published in the State Register and a 30-day comment period is commenced from the date when those revised rules are published.

The proposed substantive changes to the rules include: formalization of a protocol for broad outreach to and solicitation of candidates; addition of an explicit commitment to diversity; simplification of the application process; a requirement that the Commission's report to the Governor include more details about each nominee, as well as a description of the Commission's outreach to candidates; and a protocol for the Commission's website.

The New York State Register is available at the website of the Division of Administrative Rules (<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/info/register/2009/aug5/pdfs/rules.pdf>). The complete text of the revised rules is available on the Commission's website

(<http://nysegov.com/cjn>). Comments on the revised rules may be sent to the Commission's counsel, Stephen P. Younger, at spyounger@pbwt.com.