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The Commission on Judicial Nomination announces that it has today published a Notice of Adoption of its revised rules in the New York State Register. With this publication, the Commission's revised rules are now official and binding.

The process of drafting the revised rules began over a year ago. The Commission published its initial draft of proposed rules in July 2009, and in response received and carefully considered a number of comments on the proposed revisions from private and public individuals and organizations. The Commission published a revised draft in December 2009, and it again received and considered a number of further comments. The Commission appreciates the efforts of the many individuals and organizations whose input helped shape and improve the rules.

The revised rules modify the Commission's former rules to include, among other things: formalization of a protocol for broad outreach to and solicitation of candidates, including notice to civic and public interest organizations who register with the Commission; 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; a protocol for the Commission's website; and clarification of the Commission's voting procedures.

The New York State Register is available at the website of the Division of Administrative Rules (<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/info/register.htm>). The new rules are also available on the Commission's website (<http://nysegov.com/cjn>).