

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

ORDER
General Docket No. 2025-3

LAWYERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. **Purpose.** In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2077(b), the court establishes a Lawyers Advisory Committee for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, to advise the court on ways to improve the administration of justice. In performing this function, the Committee may, from time to time:

- a. review and study the rules and internal operating procedures of the court (and Fifth Circuit Judicial Council) and make recommendations with respect to any proposed amendments to the rules and internal operating procedures;
- b. recommend for the court's consideration, where appropriate, additional rules and internal operating procedures, and amendments thereto;
- c. provide reports, evaluations, and recommendations, either on the Committee's own initiative or at the request of the Chief Judge;
- d. serve as the liaison for the public, including the bar, to the court regarding procedural matters and suggestions for change, and make recommendations with respect to any suggestions, comments, or recommendations from the bar or public relating to the practices and procedures of the court; and

e. when requested, provide advice and assistance for court-sponsored and court-related programs, such as civics engagement projects and the court's judicial conference programs.

2. Membership. The Committee will consist of two lawyer members from each state within the circuit who are appointed for two-year staggered terms by the Chief Judge upon recommendation of the circuit judges from that state. The Chief Judge will select the active members in such a way as to represent, in the Chief Judge's judgment, a broad cross-section of those appearing before the court, including both government and private attorneys.

The members generally will serve two-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment for a one- or two-year additional term, as necessary to ensure continuity of operations. Membership normally will be limited to two consecutive terms.

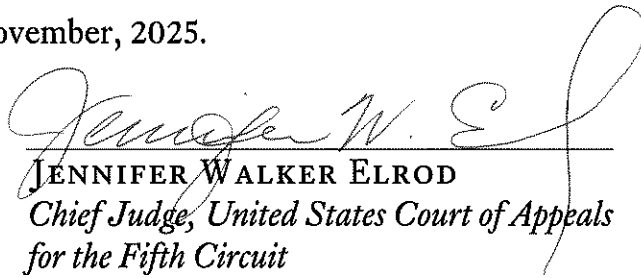
The Committee will have the following *ex officio* members: a circuit judge whom the Chief Judge designates as liaison, as well as the Clerk of Court.

The Chief Judge will appoint one or more active members as the chair or co-chair of the Committee. The membership shall be posted on the court's website to facilitate contact between the public, including the bar, and the members of the Committee.

3. Meetings. The Committee will meet and confer at least twice a year and may hold additional meetings at the discretion of the chair. The Committee will also meet at the request of the chair or the Chief Judge. A majority of active members of the Committee (not including *ex officio* members) will constitute a quorum, which is necessary to hold Committee meetings. One of the annual meetings will take place in person at the circuit's annual judicial conference. Any other meetings may be conducted virtually, and any member who is unable to attend a meeting may participate virtually. In

addition, business may be conducted between meetings by email at the discretion of the chair.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2025.



JENNIFER WALKER ELROD
*Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit*