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## **Supreme Court Panels and the Designation of Judges**

### **Panels of Five or Seven for Oral Argument:**

According to the directive of the Chief Justice, all Supreme Court cases scheduled for oral argument beginning in Court Year 23-24 will be heard in panels of seven or five as follows: If one Supreme Court Justice is disqualified, or otherwise unavailable, a judge will be designated to sit to create a panel of seven. If two Supreme Court Justices are disqualified, or otherwise unavailable, the Supreme Court will sit as a panel of five. If three or more Supreme Court Justices are disqualified, or otherwise unavailable, judges will be designated to sit to create a panel of five.

### **Designating Judges to Supreme Court Panels:**

In matters on direct appeal or transferred to the Supreme Court, the judge or judges designated will be selected from the Appellate Court Judges, excluding senior judges and judge trial referees. Appellate Court Judges will be designated on a rotating basis in order of seniority beginning with the Chief Judge. If the Chief Judge or any Appellate Court Judge is disqualified, or otherwise unavailable, when designated, the next judge in order of seniority will be designated to the Supreme Court panel.

In Supreme Court matters on certification from a judgment in the Appellate Court, the designated judge or judges will be selected from the Chief Court Administrator, the Deputy Chief Court Administrator and the Chief Administrative Judges for the Civil, Criminal, Family and Juvenile Divisions. These judges will be designated on a rotating basis in the order listed above. If a judge so designated is disqualified, or otherwise unavailable, the next judge in the order listed above will be designated to the Supreme Court panel.