

MEMORANDUM

TO: Justice Robert J. Lynn, Chair
Advisory Committee on Rules

FROM: Eileen Fox, Clerk

DATE: August 19, 2016

RE: Possible Amendment to Supreme Court Rule 54

The Supreme Court requests that the Advisory Committee on Rules consider the possibility of amending Supreme Court Rule 54, which establishes the Administrative Council. Paragraph 3 of the rule states that membership of the Administrative Council shall consist of “the chief justice of the superior court, the administrative judge and deputy administrative judge of the circuit court, and the director of the administrative office of the courts. The chief justice of the supreme court may designate a justice to serve as liaison between the supreme court and the administrative council.” In accordance with this provision, the justice of the supreme court designated by the chief justice merely serves as a liaison and is not as a full voting member of the administrative council. The court believes that it may be appropriate for a Supreme Court justice to fully participate in matters considered by the administrative council. It requests that the Advisory Committee on Rules consider whether paragraph 3 should be amended to make the chief justice of the supreme court, or his or her designee, a member of the administrative council.