



CSCJA /ACJCS

POLICY OF THE CANADIAN SUPERIOR COURTS JUDGES ASSOCIATION

POLICY NAME AND NUMBER	ADVOCACY
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE(S)	EXECUTIVE
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REVISED DATE	

1. Purpose

To guide the CSCJA's advocacy role. The CSCJA may make representations on matters that impact the public or the membership in any way directly related to the mandate and objects of the CSCJA. This policy identifies priorities and procedure for advocacy.

2. To whom does this policy apply?

The Executive Committee and the Board

3. Policy

As a voluntary organization, the CSCJA must use limited volunteer and staff resources effectively. This means setting advocacy priorities for maximum effect.

Priority will be given to the following issues, consistent with the stated objects and purposes of the CSCJA:

- Issues involving the advancement and maintenance of the judiciary as a separate and independent branch of government
- Issues involving improvement of the administration of justice and the role of the judiciary in the administration of justice
- Issues of direct relevance to federally appointed judges, including: remuneration, benefits and support services; judicial conduct and the treatment of judicial complaints; judicial education

For these priority issues, precedence will be given to matters within Canada. Advocacy on matters outside Canada will be considered if they have significant impact on judicial independence, the role of the judiciary in the administration of justice, or Canadian judges.

The importance of judicial independence and impartiality will inform all advocacy decisions.

Any member, committee, or council may request that the Executive Committee consider advocacy involvement in a matter.

Advocacy on matters that are clearly aligned with the above priorities and this policy and not anticipated to incur expenses in excess of the annual budget may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Advocacy on matters that may give rise to controversy or are anticipated to incur expenses in excess of the annual budget should be supported by a Board resolution.

If a decision is made to proceed with advocacy involvement on a matter, the President will appoint legal counsel and/or task forces as required and approve submissions with the consultation of the Executive Officers.

This policy does not apply to the Association's work in relation to the Quadrennial Judicial Compensation and Benefits Commission.