

**SUPREME COURT  
No. 2022-03**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 8-8.2-1(c) which requires the Chief Justice to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, the Chief Justice wishes to establish a three (3) member Magistrate Selection Committee to solicit and review applications from candidates for the position of Magistrate in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

The three (3) members of the Magistrate Selection Committee so appointed are as follows:

Domenic A. DiSandro, Chief Magistrate, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal;

Erika Kruse Weller, Magistrate, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal; and

Christopher S. Gontarz, Esq., Attorney and public member.

Chief Magistrate DiSandro shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee.

Members of the Committee shall serve until such time as a candidate is appointed and qualified. The Committee shall carefully review each candidate's application and other evidence of good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice, and decide which candidates it will interview. The Committee shall also consider written comments from the public and members of the bar.

Once the Committee has compiled a list of interviewees, a copy of this list shall be forwarded to the Rhode Island State Police, the Rhode Island Ethics Commission, Disciplinary Counsel, and the Attorney General's Office, each of which shall conduct a background check and report the results of those checks to the Committee. After receiving completed background checks, the Committee may meet again based on the outcome of these reports.

After the Committee deliberates to discuss the various candidates, it shall vote on the candidates under consideration. At the completion of the vote, the Committee shall transmit to the Chief Justice a list of three (3) to five (5) highly qualified candidates for the vacancy. The Committee shall submit its list by **May 27, 2022**.

Entered as an Executive Order of this Court on this 15th day of April 2022.

BY ORDER:

/s/  
Paul A. Suttell  
Chief Justice