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Judge Garcia Chosen for U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Rules

Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. has appointed New York Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Garcia to the United States Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules. The Committee develops proposed amendments and additions to the rules governing practice and procedure in criminal cases in order to promote simplicity, fairness, and efficiency in the United States courts. It recommends rule changes to the Judicial Conference, the principal policy-making body concerned with the administration of the United States courts. The U.S. Supreme Court has final authority to adopt or reject rule changes. The Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules is chaired by U.S. District Judge Donald W. Molloy of Montana. Judge Garcia's three-year term begins on October 1.

Judge Garcia has served as an Associate Judge of New York's highest court since February 2016. Before joining the Court, he was a federal prosecutor in Manhattan from 1992 to 2001; held a series of posts in the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Justice, and Homeland Security; and served as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 2005 to 2008.