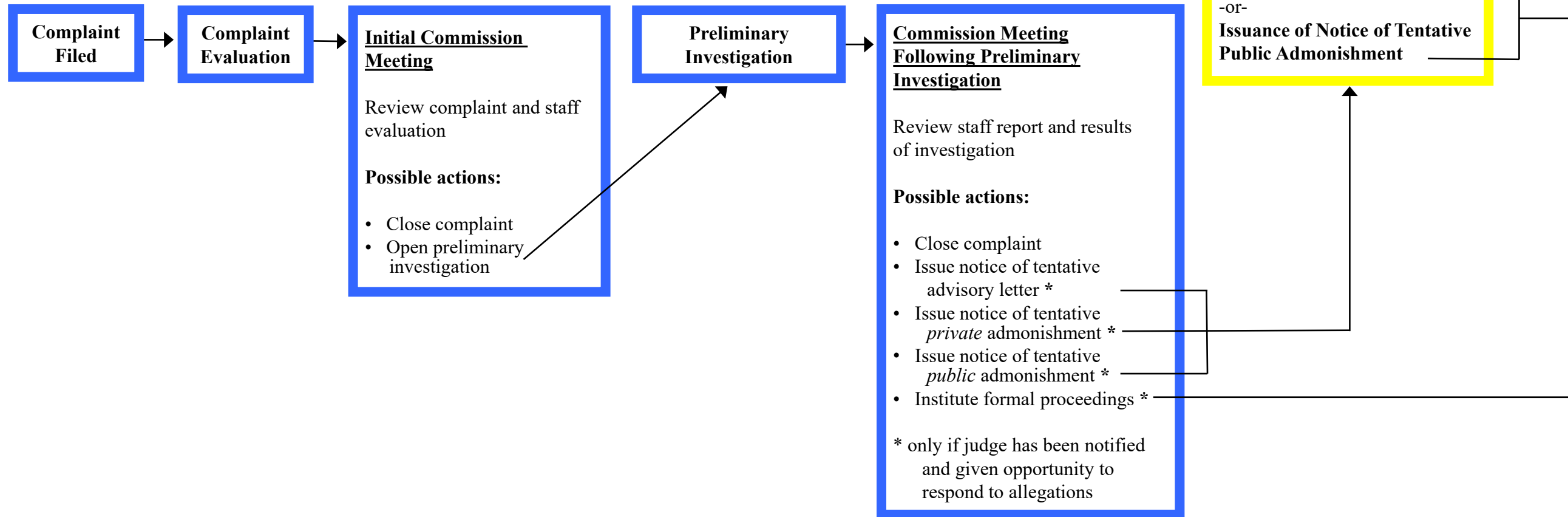
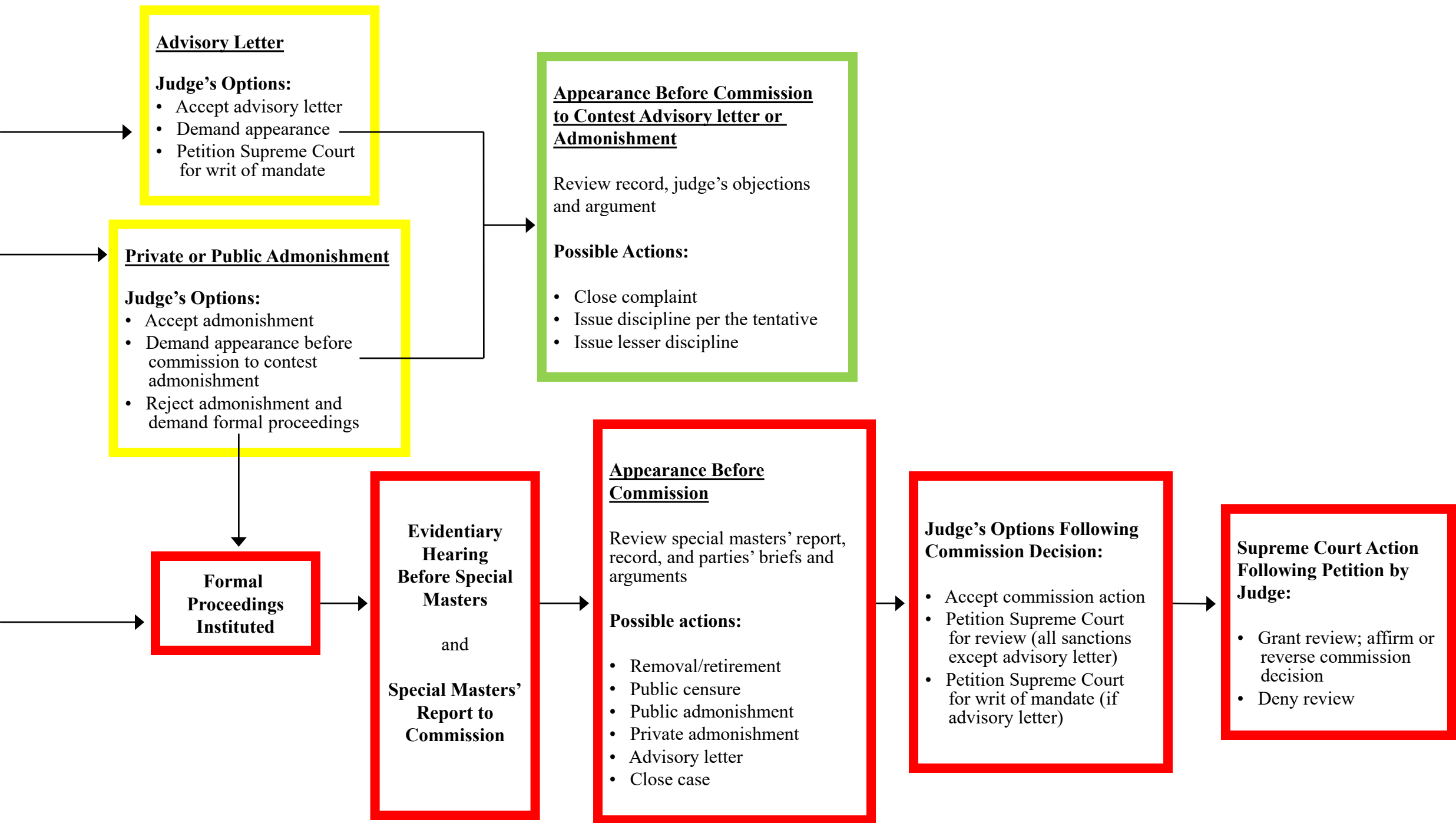


# Commission Proceedings





# TABLE OF COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

<b>1. COMPLAINT FILED</b>
<b>2. COMPLAINT EVALUATION</b>
<b>3. INITIAL COMMISSION MEETING</b> <u>Review complaint and staff evaluation</u> <b>Possible actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close complaint</li><li>• Commence preliminary investigation (see step 4)</li></ul>
<b>4. COMMISSION MEETING FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION</b> <u>Review staff report and results of investigation</u> <b>Possible actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close complaint</li><li>• Issue notice of tentative advisory letter* (see step 5)</li><li>• Issue notice of tentative <i>private</i> admonishment* (see step 5)</li><li>• Issue notice of tentative <i>public</i> admonishment* (see step 5)</li><li>• Institute formal proceedings* (see step 7)</li></ul> <p>*only if judge has been notified and given opportunity to respond to allegations</p>
<b>5. JUDGE'S OPTIONS</b> <u>If a notice of tentative advisory letter is issued</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accept the advisory letter</li><li>• Demand an appearance before the commission and waive the ability to petition the Supreme Court for a writ of mandate (see step 6)</li><li>• Petition the Supreme Court for a writ of mandate (see steps 8 and 9)</li></ul> <u>If a notice of tentative admonishment is issued</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accept the admonishment</li><li>• Demand an appearance before the commission and waive any right to formal proceedings (see step 6)</li><li>• Reject the tentative admonishment and demand formal proceedings (see step 7)</li></ul>

## **6. APPEARANCE BEFORE COMMISSION TO CONTEST TENTATIVE ADVISORY LETTER OR ADMONISHMENT**

Review record, judge's objections and argument

### **Possible actions:**

- Close matter without disciplinary action
- Issue discipline per the tentative
- Issue lesser discipline

## **7. FORMAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED**

### **A. Evidentiary Hearing Before Special Masters**

### **B. Special Masters' Report to Commission**

### **C. Appearance Before Commission**

Review record, special masters' report, and parties' briefs and arguments

### **Possible actions (see steps 8 and 9):**

- Removal/Retirement
- Public censure
- Public admonishment
- Private admonishment
- Advisory letter
- Close case

## **8. JUDGE'S OPTIONS FOLLOWING COMMISSION DECISION**

- Accept commission action
- Petition Supreme Court for review (all sanctions except advisory letter)
- Petition Supreme Court for writ of mandate (if advisory letter)

## **9. SUPREME COURT ACTION FOLLOWING PETITION BY JUDGE**

- Grant review; affirm or reverse commission decision
- Deny review