

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A134
TITLE: Amend Canon IV.12.3 - Conference Panel Process
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
TOPIC: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

2012-A033 Amend Canons IV.2, 5, 6, 11

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2009-A185 Amend Title IV [Ecclesiastical Discipline]

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons](#), see page 450.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon IV.12.3 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 3. The Conference Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, the Respondent's counsel, if any, the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor, *the Complainant's counsel, if any*, the Investigator and such other persons, if any, as the Conference Panel in its discretion may determine. The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, shall contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, shall disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, and shall establish a date, time and place for conference at which the Respondent is to appear before the Conference Panel, which date shall be not less than twenty (20) days after service of the notice upon the Respondent. *The Conference Panel shall endeavor to set the conference at a date and location reasonably convenient for the persons entitled to attend.*

EXPLANATION

This clarifies that the Complainant's counsel should be included in the Conference Panel process, as well as elucidates best practices for how the Conference Panel should decide the date and location of the proceedings.



Resolution Number: 2012-A033
Title: Amend Canons IV.2, 5, 6, 11 as follows:
Canon IV.2 [Of Terminology Used in This Title]
Canon IV.5.3(i) [Resource Sharing for Disciplinary Boards' Rules of Operation]
Canon IV.6.7 [Impanelment to Consider an Offense]
Canon IV.11.5 [Confidentiality of Investigations]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

[*Resolved, that Canon IV.12.3 be amended to read as follows:*]

Sec. 3. The Conference Panel shall issue a notice to the Respondent, the Respondent's Advisor, *the Respondent's counsel, if any,* the Complainant, the Complainant's Advisor, the Investigator and such other persons, if any, as the Conference Panel in its discretion may determine. The notice shall describe the nature and purpose of the proceeding, *shall contain a copy of the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney, shall disclose the names of all persons to whom the notice is sent, and shall establish a date, time and place for conference at which the Respondent is to appear before the Conference Panel, which date shall be not less than twenty days after service of the notice upon the Respondent.*

Citation: Canon IV.12.3 is excerpted from the Final Text of 2012-A033, which revised Canons IV.2, 5-9, 11-14, 19 and I.9. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 292-298.