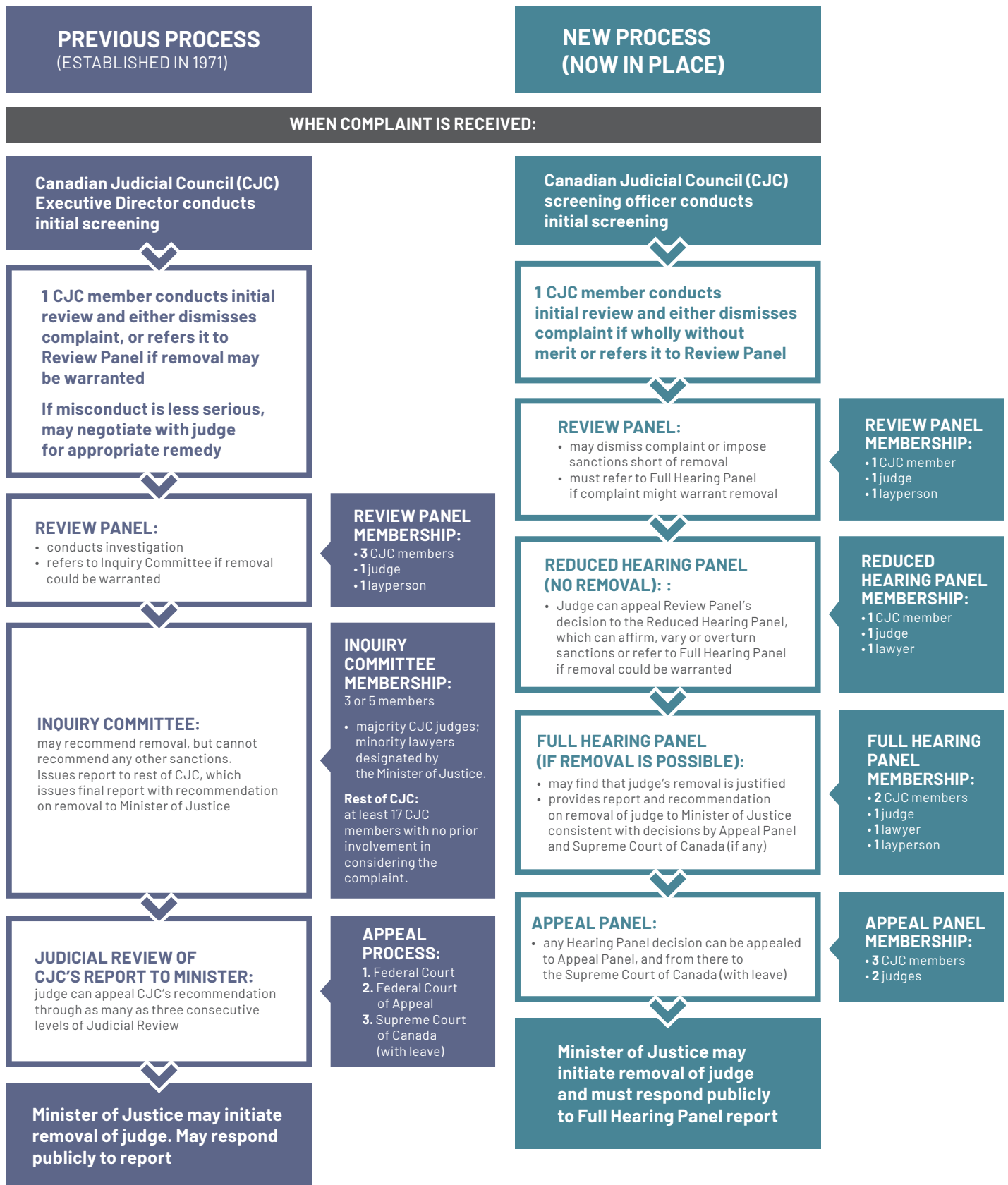


MANAGING COMPLAINTS OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST JUDGES

AMENDMENTS TO THE *JUDGES ACT*

On June 23, 2023, amendments to the *Judges Act* to restructure the judicial complaints process received Royal Assent and came into force. The changes create mandatory sanctions when a complaint of misconduct against a judge is justified, but would not warrant removal from the bench. The process for more serious complaints – where removal from the bench could be an outcome – has also been amended and streamlined.



The previous process was set out for the most part in CJC policy instruments and bylaws; the new process is now set out in the *Judges Act*.