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After the judges have had an opportunity to review the summaries, briefs and attachments or petitions and responses, and undertake any other research (and after oral argument, if there is oral argument), the case is conferenced by the panel. At conference, the panel decides the cases. At conference, the primary judge speaks or writes first and presents the case. Following the presentation, the other judges may ask questions of the primary judge or the clerk who has prepared the summary. The next judge to speak or write is the junior in terms of length of service on the court of the two other judges, followed by the senior of the two non-primary judges. Once each of the judge's views are fully expressed, determinations are made regarding the drafting of opinion(s).

