



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

REGULAR MEETING September 21, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Judge Daly at 12:25 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Burt led the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the Judges

Thirty-five judges were present at Courtyard by Marriott-Cromwell for the meeting. Probate Court Administrator Judge Streit-Kefalas, Attorneys Heather Dostaler, Evan Brunetti, Manager of Communications Jim Polites and Communications Assistant Jeanette Brodeur also attended.

3. Approval of the April 20, 2022 and June 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Judge Gardner Riordan and seconded by Judge Darby to approve the minutes for the last two Assembly meetings held on April 20, 2022 and June 22, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Judge Randich reviewed the Fourth Quarter Report and the Year End Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, noting the expense for the June meeting and seminar will be posted in the next fiscal year. Judge Wright moved and Judge Marino seconded a motion to approve both reports. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Judge Becker reported that the Committee was scheduled to meet today after the seminar. The next Judges Institute will be via Webex on October 26, 2022 on the topic of new legislation. The November seminar will be at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell and will cover wills, constitutional law, due process and incapacity in conjunction with new judges' training. The December seminar will be a primer on evidence.

Judge Becker reminded attendees of the upcoming NCPJ Conference in Destin, FL.

Ethics

No Report

Legislative

Judge Fox reported that the next Committee meeting is on October 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Trumbull Probate Court. He reminded all judges to submit any proposed legislation to PCA or the committee chairs.

Nominating

No Report

Planning Committee

No Report

Procedures Review Committee

Judge Berkenstock indicated that the committee met on September 12th and they reviewed forms focusing particularly on the Parentage Act. She indicated new members are welcome. The next meeting is December 5, 2022 in the PCA library.

Public Information

No Report

Conservatorship Guidelines

No Report

Court Security

Judge Calabrese reported that Committee members are currently calling courts to remind them to conduct a security assessment and submit the report to him or Jim Polites. He reminded all present of the importance of the assessment. He requested additional volunteers for the Committee.

Hospitality

No Report

Report on the National College of Probate Judges

Judge Yamin, who will be installed as the President of the NCPJ, provided details of the fall conference to be held in Destin, Florida, including the educational topics to be presented.

6. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit-Kefalas commented on the following:

- a. The Committee structure of the Assembly is important and all judges are encouraged to participate. There is no limit to the number of committees a judge can join, nor to the number of members on each committee.
- b. The Hospitality Committee will be hosting a reception for Judge Yamin at the NCPJ and all are encouraged to attend.
- c. Nationally conservatorships are under a microscope. Judges are reminded to follow up with annual reports and required reviews to ensure statutory compliance with oversight of protected persons.
- d. Jeannette Brodeur, the new Communications Assistant and Melissa Gordon, the new legal assistant in the Law Department were introduced.
- e. DAS is the latest department to be included in the expansion of eFiling and PCA is working with non-attorney conservators and DSS next.

7. Remarks of the President-Judge

Judge Daly expressed how pleased she was to be back meeting in person.

8. Any business to come before the Assembly

None

9. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham
Recording Secretary