

Continuing Education Committee Meeting

April 19, 2017

Present: Judges Becker, Blick, Calabrese, Elkin, DeGennaro, Riordan and Zelman. Also present Attorney Bennet

Members Absent: Judge Brandt

Called to order: 9:40 a.m.

Discussion of topics and speakers for June 22, 2017 seminar

- Ethics: Code of Probate Judicial Conduct (2 hours)
Speakers: Judges Knierim, McGrath, Yamin
- 2017 Rules of Probate Court Procedure (1 hour)
Speakers: Judges Zelman, Streit-Kefalas, and Mahon
Rules effective July, changes and highlights
- Court Security
 - Speakers: Judicial Branch State Marshals (1 hour)
De-escalating aggressive behaviors;
 - Speakers: Judge DePanfilis, Vin Russo (30 minutes)
Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Policy
Security Report; Coordination with town officials, protocols

Discussion of topics for September 20, 2017 seminar

- Paternity
Speakers: Tom Gaffey and a judge
- DCF study process – investigative or recommendation, protocol, variety of types of reports, what do they want from courts
Speakers: DCF

- “Did you know that.....”

Speaker: Amy Benjamin and clerk

- Court can't appoint parent as permanent guardian
- If ITC denied, need petition for TC
- Disposition of criminal checks after decision (put into confidential section)
- Kinship and Respite Procedures for non-children's courts
How it works, if application sent to another court, confirm with appointing court
- Service of Process in children's matter
In-county marshal allowed to go to another county (if they start in county)
- Stand-by Guardians
- Guardians Report – still required if move out of state. We still have jurisdiction.
Co-guardian still has to file report if “co” with parent.
- TPR – responsible for filing permanent plans if not a parent.
If grandmother not planning to adopt, may want to consider permanent guardianship.

- Gender Identity Issues -Generally

Speaker: Robin McHaelen, True Colors

Also: Name changes and amendments to birth certificates of CT residents born out of state

Joint Program Probate Assembly-CBA Seminar (November 27, 2017)

Bonnie and Judge Becker reported on the proposed topics for the program. There has been one meeting of the Planning Committee, which includes Judges Becker and Gardner Riordan, Bonnie Bennet, and three members of the bar.

A discussion took place involving protection of assets and the ethics of holding funds in attorney's client's funds and trust accounts.

Next meeting: June 27, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30

Adjourned at 11:30.