

Connecticut Probate Assembly
Continuing Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021

Present: Judges Becker, Gardner Riordan, Brandt, Lewis, and DeGennaro; Attorney Francesca Knerr; and Attorney Evan Brunetti.

Called to order: 1:00 p.m.

Bonnie Bennett appeared briefly to remark on her retirement and express how much she enjoyed working with this committee. Judge Becker thanked Bonnie for all of her past work on this committee.

Discussion of upcoming webinars

Moderators and speakers are in place for webinars scheduled through June 29, 2021.

It was agreed that we will not have programs in the summer (July and August).

We will plan on full programs in person in September 2021 and October 2021.

The September program will be at the Farmington Club. The duration may be scheduled to allow the Hospitality Committee to plan for an event at the end of the day, but that will depend on the pandemic and coordination with the Hospitality Committee.

The joint program with CBA will be in November. Volunteers for that planning committee are Judges Lewis and Becker. The absent Committee members will be contacted to determine their interest and availability.

Discussed potential topics for future webinars

- Campaign Ethics and Code of Probate Judicial Conduct
- Disciplinary concerns (possible Statewide Disciplinary Counsel, Statewide Grievance Committee)
- GAL ethics
- Guardian of the Estate
- Diversity Training
- Family Specialists
- Paternity (may be affected by Parentage Act)
- Agency presentations: perhaps Department of Children and Families: probate unit, custody or foster care: Superior Court processes and procedures (overlap): Attorney General's Office and childrens' matters
- Amy Benjamin – "Did You Know That"
- Temporary Guardianships
- Voluntary Guardianships and SIJS

- Advanced Designation of Guardians, Standby Guardians
- Ex Parte Communications
- Undue Influence and Will Contests
- The Parentage Act (if it passes) and any other legislative changes

Next meeting: April 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gardner Riordan