



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Meeting of the Continuing Education Committee

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022
12:00 PM**

MINUTES

Present: Hon. Cynthia Becker, Chair; Hon. Michael Brandt; Hon. Domenick Calabrese; Hon. Jeannine Lewis; Attorney Evan Brunetti.

The meeting was conducted in person and was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

Brief update was provided regarding June 22, 2022 Probate Assembly seminar and meeting at the Farmington Club. Final topics include:

- Medications and Psychiatric Treatment presented by Dr. Azhar
- DESPP, Firearms, and Probate presented by Sergeant Maurice from DESPP Special Licensing & Firearms
- DRS and Estate Tax returns presented by DRS
- Identifying Fraud and Probate Accountings presented by Stephen Pedneault
- Conducting Appointment of Involuntary Conservator Hearings presented by a Panel of Probate Judges

A brief update was provided regarding September 21, 2022 Probate Assembly seminar and meeting at the Farmington Club. Possible topics include:

- The Parentage Act, new procedures and areas of jurisdiction
- Parentage (formerly paternity) petitions
- Did you know that?
- Potential program incorporating ethics and professionalism requirement such as Implicit Bias in Children's Matters

The committee discussed alternate program options such as a presentation by DCF or Lawyers Concern for Lawyers CT. Judge Calabrese proposed incorporating into one of our seminars, a joint program with the Court Security Committee on Court Security Assessments and opportunities. More review will be needed and will be an ongoing topic discussion.

Discussion of potential programs for October 26, 2022 Judges' Institute and Assembly Meeting

- New Legislation and 2022 Updates
- Council on Probate Judicial Conduct
- Lawyers Concern for Lawyers
- Voluntary Conservatorships, including a panel of Probate Judges

Discussion of potential programs for November 30, 2022 Probate Assembly seminar

- Potential incorporation of more general statutory education requirements and newly elected judges; such as Wills and Trusts, Evidence, Capacity, etc.

Next meeting will be changed to June 22, 2022 immediately after the Cont. Ed. Seminar at the Farmington Club, approximately 3:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of all members at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan,
Committee Member