

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 20, 2020

In attendance: Judges Becker, Blick, Brandt, DeGennaro, Elkin, Gardner-Riordan, Lewis and Zelman, Attorney Francesca Knerr, Chief Counsel Bonnie Bennet and Attorney Evan Brunetti.

Call to order 9:38 a.m.

Attorney Bennet and Attorney Brunetti reported that the IT Department is working on expanding the current webinar platform, which allows up to one hundred participants, so that the Assembly can operate its educational programs for the rest of the year via video web conferencing.

The plan for Chief Justice Robinson and Justice Kahn to present on implicit bias in conjunction with the November Probate Assembly meeting.

The Committee discussed planning shorter presentations because the thought is that two hours or more of a video conference would be too long. It was decided that the presentations that we have been coordinating would be decoupled and shorter presentations would be offered in webinar format.

Possible September Webinar Presentations

Indian Children Welfare Act

Presented by Professor Berger from UConn (30 – 45 minutes)

Did you know?

Presented by Amy Benjamin (30-45 minutes)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Presented by Judge Yamin, Attorney Edwin Colon and Attorney Foden (1 hour, 30 minutes)

Ethics

Remote Hearing Management with evidentiary component

Other programs to be confirmed for possible additional webinars:

Capacity Issues in Conservatorship

Presented by Dr. Morgan (1 hour, 15 minutes)

Firearms in Estates

Presented by Judge Jalowiec and Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection

Workplace violence /Active Shooter
Presented by Judicial Marshal Services

Veterans Affairs Presentation on Federal Fiduciary Regulations

Presentation by Security Committee

Property law presentation by a representative of a title insurance company

The Committee discussed the possibility of The Judicial Education and Standards Committee waiving the requirements of Regulation 26 for the judges because the Continuing Education Committee may not be able to present its regular number of hours in seminars this year. This discussion will continue and adjustments will be made as needed or as planned by the Assembly or its membership.

The thought would be that there would be presentations at lunchtime once the IT Department has the platform capacity sufficient for a webinar to be offered by the Probate Assembly.

Judge Becker will send an email setting forth the plan for the series of seminars to be presented by the Continuing Education Committee. The Committee members would host the seminars to maintain the committee involvement in the continuing education programs.

Respectfully submitted,
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Committee Member