

## CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

### Meeting of the Continuing Education Committee

**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

### MINUTES

Present: Hon. Michael Brandt; Hon. Mark DeGennaro; Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan; Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Chair; Attorney Evan Brunetti.

The meeting was conducted in person at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator, Library in West Hartford, CT and was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

The September and October educational programs will be held at Central Connecticut State University, Main Campus in New Britain, CT. The committee received an informal update regarding the upcoming 2023 programs including:

September 20, 2023 Seminar:

- Office of the Attorney General, Collections/Support Enforcement Unit presentation
- DCF/HART presentation
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) presentation
- Immigration Law presentation

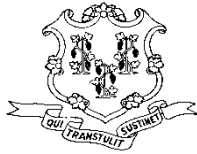
October 25, 2023 Judges Institute:

- Panel of Probate Judges discussing challenges facing Limited English Proficiency
- Annual Legislative Update
- Discussion of various aspects of “Probate Jurisdiction”
- A presentation and discussion of various skills and tools for Judges as managers and chief executives of their respective court districts

There was a brief update on the November Joint CBA/Probate Assembly Program, which will be held at the Aqua Turf. The planning sub-committee members Judges Calabrese, Riordan, and Lewis and Attorney Brunetti met on May 26, June 23 and July 14, 2023 with members of the CBA to plan the event. The speakers and topics have been finalized and will essentially consist of one attorney, one probate judge panels presenting on the following topics: probate accountings and jurisdiction; elder abuse/exploitation; trust modification, jurisdiction and practice; and fiduciary and attorney fees. Additionally, Dr. Harry Morgan will present on the topic of capacity and illnesses impacting judgment/decision making.

Further discussion on potential future topics included:

- Drug and Alcohol Commitments
- Disqualification Process (Recusal versus Complaint)
- Retirement and challenges facing retirement, such as special elections
- De-escalation techniques in the courtroom and courtroom management
- Mediation
- Case law Update



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- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the court system
- Managing emergency hearings (for example immediate temporary custody or temporary conservatorship, DDS placements)
- UCCJEA, history and implementation, impact of virtual hearings
- Child Commitments
- Impact of secondary trauma on judges, clerks, and parties appearing in the court
- Discovery in Probate Court

The next meeting of the Continuing Education Committee will be held in-person on October 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator, Library. The last meeting of 2023 will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator, Library.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus of all members at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hon. Jeannine Lewis  
Committee Chair