



## CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

### Meeting of the Continuing Education Committee

Wednesday, November 2, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

### MINUTES

Present: Hon. Cynthia Becker, Chair; Hon. Michael Brandt; Hon. Domenick Calabrese; Hon. Mark DeGennaro; Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan; Attorney Evan Brunetti.

The meeting was conducted in person at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator located at 186 Newington Rd, West Hartford, CT and was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Committee discussed the annual scheduling of committee meetings and came to the consensus to hold meetings approximately from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month for 2023 beginning with the first meeting in February, absent meeting location conflicts. In essence, this results in meetings on February 15, 2023; April 26, 2023; June 28, 2023; August 16, 2023; October 18, 2023; and December 20, 2023.

Committee discussed potential topics for January 2023 Judges Institute and CT Probate Assembly Meeting including:

- Council on Probate Judicial Conduct, particularly the procedural process;
- “Cases from Hades,” with an email correspondence to come from the committee chair seeking examples of cases from Probate Judges. The committee discussed the potential to have additional time on the program depending on material gathered;
- Discussion on Guardianships of Adults with Intellectual Disability, DDS eligibility and better understanding of IQ;
- Potential discussion or presentation on Implicit Bias and Gender/Identity issues with a potential speaker of Robin McHaelen; one goal being that the presentation may qualify for ethics credits.

Committee discussed potential topics for March 2023 Judges Institute including:

- “Probate Legal Research,” for Probate Judges, such as tools, tricks, possibly reaching out to Law Librarians and *Fastcase* representatives.
- “eFiling/Queue/CMS management for Probate Judges,” perhaps including a panel or several presentations on using CMS tools for Judges to assist managing the court
- “Regulations 16 and 13, and Waiver of Fees,” a refresher for Judges on eBilling for attorneys and conservators, reviewing invoices and discussion of waiving probate fees for indigent individuals.
- “Enforcement of Probate Court Orders,” perhaps having a panel to discuss Rule 71 or case examples
- “Probate Judge as Manager,” potential discussion or training on management skills, such as managing staff training and education
- “What Probate Judges need to know about Freedom of Information Act,” thinking of the perspective of the Probate Court and the Probate Assembly

Prior potential topics discussed, not assigned, for 2023; including

- Court Security
- What Probate Courts need to know about Human Trafficking
- What Probate Courts need to know about Immigration Law
- Discussion of waiver of court fees and access to justice

By consensus the committee decided to cancel the scheduled November 15 meeting.

Next meeting will be moved from December 20, 2022 to December 19, 2022 to be held during lunch at the training scheduled for December 19, 2022 located at the Courtyard by Marriott-Cromwell, 4 Sebethe Dr., Cromwell CT.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of all members at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hon. Michael Brandt,  
Committee Member