



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

March 8, 2023

9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.
West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Barrett, Berkenstock, Brandt, Ceneviva, Daly, Darby, DeGennaro, Gardner Riordan, Hoyle, Jalowiec, Lewis, Maxham, McCaffrey, Randich and also Probate Court Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Daly called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2023 was made by Judge Gardner Riordan, seconded by Judge Barrett, and unanimously approved.

3. Correspondence:

Judges Daly reported no correspondence for the Executive Committee or Assembly.

4. Treasurer's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024:

Judge Randich presented the Probate Assembly proposed budget for FYE June 30, 2024. The budget is the same as the previous fiscal year. Judge Darby moved and Judge Gardner Riordan seconded a motion to recommend the proposed budget for approval at the annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reminded all that the next Judges Institute is at Quinnipiac University School of Law on March 15, 2023. The Committee has met and added topics to the upcoming programs on June 21st and September 20th. The next Committee meeting is April 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next Committee meeting is March 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at PCA. Additional members have joined the Committee.

Legislative

Heather Dostaler reported that the legislative session is very active and PCA is monitoring many bills. The budget has been presented by Judge Streit-Kefalas. Attorney Dostaler urged all Judges to continue communicating with legislators about the good work of our courts.

Planning

No Report.

Procedures Review

Judge Berkenstock reported that the Committee met on March 6, 2023 and continues to update and revise forms. The next meeting is June 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in PCA library.

Public Information

No Report.

Security

No Report

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Heather Dostaler reported that Judge Streit-Kefalas was attending International Women's Day Press Conference with Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and did not leave any prepared remarks.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Daly reminded judges of the upcoming CAPC meeting. She noted that judges are invited to attend. Heather Dostaler commented that most meetings have an educational component. She also encouraged all to attend.

Judge Daly reminded judges to complete decrees in a timely fashion after hearings. The judges also discussed challenges faced when recruiting knowledgeable attorneys to serve as conservators.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

None

9. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Judge Brandt, seconded by Judge Darby, and unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham,
Recording Secretary