

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 11, 2019

Present: Judges Cindy Becker, Mike Darby, Phil Wright, Michael Magistrali, Dom Calabrese, Mike Brandt, Matthew Jalowiec, Robert Randich, Joe Marino, Evelyn Daly, Barbara Gardner Riordan, Peter Barrett, Probate Court Administrator Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Chief Counsel Bonnie Bennet and Retired Judge, Brian Mahon

Welcome to the new Probate Administrator – the Hon. Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.
- Moment of silence for Remembrance of 9-11
- Andrea King addresses the Executive meeting, announces her retirement as of December 1, 2019. She is fully committed to assist Judge Streit-Kefalas with the transition.

2. Approval of the August 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting were approved

3. Correspondence

No correspondence

4. Treasurer's Report – Judge Magistrali

No money spent to date

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education – Judge Becker

- Seminar on September 17, 2019 – New location: Zandri's in Wallingford
- October 17 – Judges' Institute at CBA, 30 Bank Street, New Britain
- New Legislation, Court Room Management
- November 19, 2019 – Judges' program with the Bar – Aqua Turf, Plantsville (2 clerks from each court are welcome)
 - e-filing, uniform trust code

Ethics – Judge Magistrali

No report

Legislative – Judge Rowe and Judge Fox, III (not present)

- Judge Streit-Kefalas explains that a meeting will be scheduled soon. She asks that any legislative ideas be submitted to Jason.

Nominating – Judge Marino

He explains that all current officers “term out” as of April 2020. The new slate will be as follows:

President	Judge Michael R. Brandt
Vice President	Judge Evelyn M. Daly
Vice President 2	Judge Michael M. Darby
Executive Secretary	Judge Leah P. Schad
Treasurer	Judge Michael F. Magistrali
Recording Secretary	Still needs to be filled

Some county representative judges changing.

Planning – Judge Frank Forgione

NOTE: Judge Forgione was planning to attend but was delayed at a 9-11 memorial service

Public Information – Judge Diane Blick

Not present.

Ad Hoc Committees

Not present.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator – Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas

- Compliment to Andrea King and her assistance in modernizing Probate System
- Acclimating to new role
- NCPJ in Philadelphia – encourage as many judges that can attend because they are honoring Judge Knierim. It will be held November 13-16, 2019.
- Judge Darby interjects that Judge Knierim will not be in front of any of the CT Probate Courts for 1 year.
- 2 new Children’s Court acting judges assigned.
Judge Forgione replaces Judge Streit-Kefalas
Judge Vaccarelli will be the new acting judge in Waterbury

7. Comments of the President-Judge – Judge Philip Wright, Jr.

- Compliment to Andrea and appreciation for all she has done for the Probate system.
- Next Executive meeting – October 9, 2019
- Judge Brandt signed 2019 contract with Pete Smith for his lobbying efforts.

8. Other Business to Come Before the Assembly

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Evelyn M. Daly, Acting Recording Secretary