



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the **Legislative Committee**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Legislative Committee was held on February 2, 2022 via Cisco Webex and in person at 186 Newington Road, West Hartford, CT. Attending were co-chairs, Judges Fox and Rowe and members Judges Baram, Bartlett, Daly, Gardner Riordan, Landgrebe, Maxham and Wright. Also attending were Judge Streit-Kefalas, Probate Court Administrator, Judge Mark DeGennaro and PCA Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Manager Jim Polites.

1. Convene Meeting:

The meeting was convened by Judge Fox at approximately 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 6, 2021:

A motion was made by Judge Wright, seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting as presented.

3. Discuss 2022 legislative proposals

Judge Fox reported that the probate operations bill was the same as presented at the December meeting of the Committee. Judge Streit-Kefalas reported that the newly enacted Parentage Act and the Uniform Trust Code will likely need technical amendments. Additionally, she reported that PCA has been approached about possible legislation to repeal legislation allowing marriage of 16 and 17 year olds. Judge Fox indicated that if a child marriage bill is raised, the Assembly may not take a position on the policy but we could may assist with language.

Judge Bartlett inquired about the possibility of court consolidations or redistricting. Judge Fox indicated that any consolidation or redistricting would require a statutory change. Judge Rowe concurred. Judge Streit-Kefalas indicated that any changes in this area would not be initiated by PCA at this juncture.

Judge Streit-Kefalas shared that the recent Supreme Court decision in the Day vs. Seblatnigg case was unlikely to be raised as a legislative issue in this short session but may be addressed in the 2023 legislative session.

4. Other Business:

Judge Rowe offered closing remarks thanking Judge Streit-Kefalas and Jim Polites for their appearances on screen and in person advocating for our positions and the system.

5. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Judge Daly and seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham