



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Public Information Committee

May 5, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

In attendance: Judges Wexler, Berkenstock, Brandt, DeMoura, Deneen, Gentile, and Labonte, and Probate Court Administrator Beverly Streit-Kefalas and PCA Manager of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Cindy Wolfe Boynton.

1. Call to Order

Judge Wexler called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2023 meeting by Judge DeMoura and seconded by Judge Deneen. The motion passed.

3. Old Business

- Judge Wexler referenced her email to all the judges of the Probate Assembly and encouraged the members to publish their own newsletter for their courts.
- Judge Wexler suggested that she create a template for a newsletter that she can share with other judges to assist them in publishing their own.
- Cindy Boynton and Judge Streit-Kefalas informed the committee that a press release was issued related to the Assembly Annual Meeting highlighting the award recipients. The hope was that the local papers would publish the news if a highlighted recipient was from their area of circulation. Cindy expressed her thoughts that releases to local Patch on-line publications may be the most effective option.
- Judge Wexler spoke of recent positive publicity for the Probate Courts in her receipt of the Liberty Bell Award from the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association.
- The committee members shared some of their recent local appearances at senior centers and community organizations.

4. New Business

- Cindy Boynton was excited to hear about the efforts of the judges in providing positive information to the public about the Probate Courts. She plans on a greater presence at the State Capitol in upcoming years. She suggested local "meet and greets" to highlight our services and to provide a more direct look at the Probate Courts in action.

- Judge Wexler plans to have Judge DeMoura appear on her radio show to share his thoughts as a newly-elected probate judge and to help promote our probate courts via her show.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Brandt
Committee Member