

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

September 17, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Judge Wright at 12:50 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of the June 13, 2019 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes**
Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
No report.
5. **Committee Reports:**
Continuing Education
Judge Becker reported that the next Judges Institute will be on October 17, 2019. It will cover new legislation and courtroom management. The November seminar will be presented with the Connecticut Bar Association on November 19, 2019 and will cover the Uniform Trust Code, eFiling and standards of practice for conservators.

Ethics

No report.

Legislative

Judges Fox and Rowe reported that next legislative session starts the first week of February and is a short session. They encourage all to submit any ideas for legislative changes to the committee. Jason Bowsza, Manager of Communications & Intergovernmental Relations, was introduced to the Assembly.

Nominating

No report.

Planning

Judge Forgione reported that the next meeting is on October 21 at 10:00 a.m. The committee will be looking at the changes in the Massachusetts probate system.

Procedures Review

No report.

Public Information

No report.

Conservator Guidelines

No report.

Floating Clerks

No report.

Hospitality

No report.

Statistics
No report.

6. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked Sue Dornfried for making the arrangements for the meeting. She also thanked Dr. Ford and all the presenters for informative and interesting presentations.

Judge Streit-Kefalas is looking forward to supporting all in her new position as Probate Court Administrator. Her goal is to visit each court to see the facilities and meet with court staff. She encourages all to reach out to Jason Bowsza with any legislative ideas or questions.

Judge Knierim has been selected to receive the Treat Award at the NCPJ conference in November and Judge Streit-Kefalas encourages all judges to attend.

Andrea King will be retiring in December and Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked her for all her hard work on fiscal matters and especially the implementation of the new compensation package. Judge Forgione has been appointed as the Administrative Judge of the New Haven Regional Children's Court and Judge Vaccarelli the Administrative Judge of the Waterbury Regional Children's Court.

Judge Streit-Kefalas reported that eFiling is being implemented in several pilot courts successfully and full implementation is still planned for January 1, 2020. The 2019 legislative summary is very dense and there is especially a lot of information regarding the adoption of the Uniform Trust Code.

Finally, Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked everyone for their words of support as she begins her new position and she looks forward to working with all.

7. Remarks of the President Judge

Judge Wright hoped that all had a restful summer and is looking forward to a productive year.

8. Other Business to come before the Assembly

Judge Yamin encouraged all judges to attend the November NCPJ conference in Philadelphia November 13-16. There will be a reception Thursday night of the conference for Connecticut judges to honor Judge Knierim. Judge Yamin and Judge Purnell are serving as co-chairs of the conference. The next NCPJ conference is scheduled for May, 2020 in Colorado Springs.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary