

Continuing Education Committee
Minutes of the January 13, 2016 Meeting

Present: Judges Becker, Blick, Brandt, Calabrese, DeGennaro, Elkin, Riordan, Zelman.
Also present was Attorney Bonnie Bennet.

Meeting began at 11:50 a.m.

Discussion related to January Seminar

Attorney Bennet reported on the schedule of topics and speakers for the January 25, 2016 seminar.

Discussion of June Seminar

The seminar is set for June 22. The committee members discussed the possible topics discussed at the October 8, 2015 meeting. The members agreed that a discussion of the POA Act, which becomes effective on July 1, 2016, would be helpful and that Attorney Suzanne Walsh and Judge Michael Darby may be willing to present again on the topic. The committee decided to pass on fiduciary access to digital and electronic data at this time. Distribution issues, including spousal share, DAS claims, insolvency, compromise of claim, disclaimers and mutual distributions, was another topic to cover. The committee thought a panel of judges and perhaps Attorney Fast could present on these issues. Attorney Bennet would review CMS records to see which judges handles more matters related to the issues discussed. A suggestion of another topic was Retirement of judges and staff in light of the number of judges retiring next year.

Discussion of September Seminar

The September seminar generally focuses on children's matters. The committee discussed possible topics such as the USCIS (Special Immigrant Status), change of name applications for children, adoptions and perhaps, training on domestic violence for the judges and staff.

Discussion of November Seminar

The November seminar is usually a potpourri of topics. One topic considered by the committee was alcohol and drug addiction/commitments. The committee has some time to develop other topics.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Probate Administration.

Adjourned 1:00 p.m.