

Continuing Education Committee Meeting
February 15, 2017

Present: Judges Becker, Blick, Brant, DeGennaro and Riordan. Also present Attorney Bennet
Members absent: Judges Calabrese, Elkin, Kelley and Zelman

Called to Order at 9:40 a.m.

Discussion of topics and speakers for June 22, 2017 seminar

- Ethics: Code of Probate Judicial Conduct (2 hours)
 - Speakers: Judges Knierim, McGrath and Yamin
- 2017 Rules of Probate Court Procedure (45 minutes)
 - Speakers: Judges Mahon, Streit-Kefalas and Zelman
- Traumatic Brain Injury and Aggressive Behaviors (45 minutes)
 - Speakers: Jennifer Cromer, PhD, Program Director, Neurobehavioral Program, Hospital for Special Care
- Court Security (30 minutes)
 - Speakers: Judicial Branch State Marshals
 - Discussion: Vin Russo requested examples of security concerns in dealing with aggressive behaviors. Committee members suggested that the Court Security Committee be contacted for examples.
 - Program should include tips for judges and clerks
 - The committee also recommended that the Court Security Committee make a brief presentation (15 minutes) on the Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Policy

Planning for September 2017 Seminar on Children's Matters

- Possible topics and speakers include:
 - Paternity – Probate Court's limited jurisdiction, ordering DNA/Blood tests, etc.
 - DCF Study Process
 - Evaluation of Guardians
 - Discussion: DCF is not making recommendations in SIJS matters if unable to interview parents
 - Alternative Remedies under Probate Court Rule 70
 - Criminal Record Checks and Protective Order Registry
 - Standby Guardians, C.G.S. section 45a-624 et seq.
 - Confirmation of change in gender on birth certificates of CT residents born out-of-state

Planning for November 27, 2017 Probate Assembly-CBA Seminar

- Planning Committee to meet in March

- Judges Becker and Riordan will serve on the Planning Committee with Attorney Alfred Casella of the CBA Estates and Probate Section and Attorneys Amy Todisco and Jeannine Lewis of the CBA Elder Law Section. Attorney Bennet will schedule the first planning meeting in March.
- Possible topics include:
 - 2017 Probate Court Rules of Procedure
 - Medicaid issues suggested by Attorney Sharon Pope
 - Pre-nuptial agreements
 - Conservatorship
 - Regulation 16
 - Title XIX spend down and estimated account fees
 - Other topics to be developed by planning committee

Next Meeting: April 19, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30

- Discussion of possible change of venue, but meeting will take place at PCA.

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.