

# **CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY**

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 5, 2018**

In attendance: Judges Blick, Brandt, Calabrese, Riordan, Zellman and Attorney Bonnie Bennet

### **1. Review of June seminar on Conservatorships (June 14, 2018)**

Detecting Elder Fraud and Remedies presented by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney: Attorneys Brian Austin, Len Boyle and Richard Greenlach (45 minutes to 1 hour)

The committee also discussed adding presentation on forensic accountings DSS Protective Services (30 minutes)

Opioid Addiction (and impact on capacity) presented by Dr. Daniel Tobin or another doctor from Yale-New Haven Hospital (1 hour to 75 minutes)

State and Regional Community Resources for the Elderly presented by Lisa Walke, Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief of Clinical Affairs, Department of Internal Medicine/Section of Geriatrics (30 minutes)

Did you know? Accept petitions even if no named conservator or physician's evaluation; Standards of practice for conservators; Training of conservators. (5-10 minutes each)

Spousal support allowance in conservatorships, in light of decision in Valliere v. Commissioner of Social Services presented by Judge Ahlberg and Attorney Matt Stillman or his recommended colleague. (45 minutes)

### **2. Review of September seminar on Children's Matters (September 18, 2018)**

Overview of Family Support Magistrates and overlapping jurisdiction with the Probate Court presented by Judge John Colella, Chief Family Support Magistrate, and Attorney Paul Bourdoulous, Judicial Support Enforcement Services (45 minutes to 1 hour)

Diversity Training (implicit bias and cultural diversity) presented by Professor Lisa Werkmeister Rozas, UCONN School of Social Work (one hour)

Did you know that?

Interpreting Services

Fee waivers in TPR and Paternity cases

SIJS findings (5-10 minutes each)

**3. Review of November seminar on Decedents Estates (November 27, 2018)**

Special needs trusts

DG matters – Estate examiners, Safe Deposit Boxes, Custody of Remains

Business interests (LLC/LLP/Corporations) in estates and conservatorships

Estate tax returns - possible speakers: Barbara Collins and possibly Judge Calabrese

Insolvent estates

**4. Possible Topics for 2019**

Topics for New Judges

Commitments

End-of-life issues (maybe Judges Institute)

POA - review of the issues after adoption of Uniform Power of Attorney Act

Dealing with pro se parties

**Next Meeting**

May 9, 2018 at 11:30 after Executive Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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