

Continuing Education Committee
Minutes of the April 6, 2016 Meeting

Present: Judges Becker, Blick, Brandt and Riordan. Also present was Attorney Bonnie Bennet.

Discussion related to June Seminar

The seminar is set for June 22. The committee members discussed the topics, speakers and time schedule. The Uniform POA Act, which becomes effective on July 1, 2016, will be discussed by Judge Darby for 45 minutes. Distribution issues, including spousal share, insolvency, DAS claims, disclaimers and mutual distributions, will also be covered. Attorney Amy Day will speak on spousal elective share for 30 minutes. The time allotment and potential speakers were also discussed for the presentations on insolvency (45 minutes); DAS claims (30 minutes); disclaimers and mutual distributions (45 minutes). Attorney Karen Gano from the Attorney General's Office will be asked to speak on charitable distributions and cy pres for 30 minutes. The committee felt 30 minutes of a retirement overview could be covered by Brenda Halpin or another representative from the Retirement Division. Finally, there may be an hour set aside for an update by the Rules Committee for an update on the proposed changes from the chairs of each subcommittee for a total of 5 hours and 15 minutes for the entire program. Attorney Bennet will follow up with the speakers to lock them in for the presentation. Judge Riordan agreed to moderate the presentation.

Discussion of September Seminar

The September seminar scheduled for September 20, 2016 will focus on children's matters and will be a 4-hour program. The committee discussed topics such as Special Immigrant Status presented by someone from the USCIS; adoptions, including co-parent, confidentiality, placement outside of state, birth certificates, inheritance rights, being presented by Amy Benjamin from PCA and a judge or Attorney Tom Gaffey; a section concerning questions for DCF at Probate Court hearings presented by Stephanie Jayne from PCA (15 minutes); permanent guardianships; the Yasiel canvass for termination of parental rights (30 minutes); confidentiality and privilege (maybe 30 minutes). Other possible topics include training to enhance judicial skills in cases involving domestic violence arranged by Vincent Russo of PCA and a discussion of gestational carriers and posthumous conception.

Discussion of November Seminar

The November seminar will be a potpourri of topics. Ideas for the seminar include alcohol and drug commitments; claims procedures and compromises of claims; conservator decrees and needed findings required under *DeNunzio v. DeNunzio*, 320 Conn. 178; and Title XIX issue. The committee has some time to develop potpourri topics for November.

The plan for the next meeting will be from 9:30 to 11:30 on Thursday, May 26, 2016.