

Continuing Education Committee Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting

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

Discussion related to September Seminar on Children's Matters

The seminar is set for September 20. The committee discussed having a trial run at the seminar as to tracking hours for continuing education credits required for members of the Connecticut Bar. PCA will track hours and provide updates on the intranet to avoid surprises at the end of the year. Any judge who wants to opt out of this on-line tracking could do so.

Discussion of November Seminar

The November seminar is set for November 29. The topics planned are:
Addiction and Drug/Alcohol Commitments (1 hour)

Judge Marino and Margaret O'Hagen-Lynch from Connecticut Valley Hospital will present.

Claims Procedure (30 minutes)

Attorney Paul Hudon will present.

Bonds (40 minutes)

John Kronholm from Kronholm Insurance Services will present.

Guardians of the Estate and Restriction on Assets (30 minutes)

Judge Dorval will present.

Probable Cause (30 minutes)

Speaker to TBD

Estate Examiner (30 minutes)

Judge Keeney will present.

Foreclosures/Reverse Mortgages (30 minutes)

Attorney Heather Dostaler from PCA will present

Discussion of January Seminar

The plan is to address conservatorships for the three hour seminar scheduled for January 24, 2017.

Topics:

- 1) The Court's role under the revisions to the power of attorney laws and the changes to the decrees and form.

- 2) Voluntary conservatorships – moving to another state, change of residence, termination
- 3) National Guardianship Association – training and standards of practice for conservators

Attorney Bennet reviewed some of the suggestions for future topics made by judges included traumatic brain injury, unusual assets such as mobile homes, timeshares, co-ops, digital assets, royalties.

Discussion of June, September and November 2017 seminars

The committee discussed covering subjects such as commitments, a topic related to ethics, traumatic brain injury, dealing with difficult people in June

The September seminar will cover children's matters.

The November seminar will be a joint seminar with the Connecticut Bar and is scheduled for November 29, 2017 at the Aqua Turf.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will follow the Executive Committee Meeting on November 9, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.