

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATOR GUIDELINES COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Conservator Guidelines Committee (the “Committee”) was held on Friday, November 20, 2015, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at Probate Court Administration, 186 Newington Road, West Hartford, Connecticut.

The following Committee Members attended this meeting:

Edward Barron
Mark DeGennaro
Sydney Elkin
Cathryn-Jean Fleming
Thomas Gaffey
Monica Gonzalez
Paul Knierim
Keeley Phipps
Patricia Saviano

ITEM I – Introduction

The minutes of our special meeting held on October 23, 2015 were approved.

ITEM II – Review of Proposed Guidelines as incorporated in Regulation 16

This Committee carefully reviewed and discussed each provision of the second draft proposal of Regulation 16. Concerns and recommendations were discussed. A revision of the draft will be presented directly to the Executive Committee of the Probate Assembly.

ITEM III – Comments/Suggestions/Concerns from Committee Members

This Committee has made final recommendations on what we collectively determined to be the most appropriate avenue to address fiscal issues, finesse the responsibilities and expectations of those serving as conservators and provide for those in need of the services of a Conservator. While these recommendations may initially disappoint some, the Committee is hoping through education of both the Judges and Attorneys, efficiency will increase and all goals will be met. Conservators are encouraged to ask the Courts for advice if faced with challenging circumstances and the Courts continue to retain discretion to approve fees for Conservators billing for these extraordinary circumstances. This was a truly conscientious task performed by all parties with knowledge that upon review, some concerns may need to be further explored.

ITEM IV – Next Meeting

No next meeting is scheduled at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn-Jean Fleming