

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

January 26, 2016

1. Call to Order: 1:15 PM

Judge Elkin

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Judge Blick

3. Approval of the Minutes-from November 4, 2015 and December 9, 2015 meetings

4. Correspondence – None

5. Report of the Treasurer – Judge Magistrali -

\$2,510.79 – expenses approved for joint meeting

6. Report of the Nominating Committee – Judge Egan

Nominating slate for 2016-2017 Probate Court Assembly

1. Judge Mahon - President
2. Judge Wright - First Vice President - Judge
3. Judge Brandt - Second Vice President - Judge
4. Judge Daly - Executive Secretary
5. Judge Shad - Recording Secretary
6. Judge Magistrali - Treasurer

- Budget Committee – Judge Marino
 - Council on Probate Judicial Conduct – Judge Dorval
- Vote on slate will be taken at Annual meeting on April 12, 2016 at the Supreme Court

7. Committee Reports

- Continuing Education – Judge Becker
- Ethics – Judge Magistrali – Motion to approve proposed revision of Code of Probate Judicial Conduct

Judge Greene –

Motion to amend section 3.8 to retain exceptions to judge acting as fiduciary contained in section 3E (3) of existing code. Motion fails.

Motion to amend section 4.5 to delete requirement that judge resign before running for another public office. Motion fails.

Motion to amend section 2.9 to permit a judge to consult with a disinterested expert. Motion passes.

Judge Caruso – Motion to amend section 3.8 to permit a judge to act as fiduciary for a stepchild, stepparent, stepgrandparent, stepbrother or stepsister.

Motion passes.

Main motion passes.

- Legislative – Judge Mahon – Committee met 2-1/2 weeks ago
Probate Court Operations bill is prepared
- Nominating – Judge Egan (see above)
- Planning – Judge Brandt - Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2016
- Procedures Review – Judge Wright – Committee has been on hiatus waiting for IT to catch up
Will be resuming monthly meetings this month

Ad Hoc Committees

- Conservatorship Guidelines – Asked for comments on proposed revisions to Regulation Section 16
Executive Committee will vote in February
Next Conservatorship Guidelines Committee meeting will, hopefully, be one year from now
- Court Security – Judge DePanfilis
- Floating Clerks – Judge Berkenstock
- Hospitality – Judge Yamin
- Judicial Section Working Group – Judge Elkin – Meeting coming up

8. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator – Judge Knierim

Thanks to Ethics Committee for work on Code and for Conservator Guidelines Committee for work on Regulation 16

Budget information: Legislative session begins next week

- There are many proposed cuts. It will be very tough.

9. Remarks of the President – Judge Elkin

- Judges Association will meet with Pete Smith in February

10. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Probate Assembly meeting. The motion passed. The meeting closed at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn M. Daly
Recording Secretary