

# Judicial Selection Working Group Committee Meeting

*September 17, 2015 Minutes*

Meeting initiated at 10:13 a.m.

Meeting was opened with remarks from Paul Knierim noting that the group last met in June 2015.

Today's discussions:

1. Public Financing in CT and other states;
2. Various Qualifications for Judges.

Thereafter, Vincent Russo presented an overview of Public Financing:

Mr. Russo reviewed and answered questions regarding the various public financing of elections in multiple states outside of CT;

He continued by presenting public financing as it applies to CT elections. He specifically outlined the application statewide, the procedure used and the specific thresholds that must be met to qualify.

Thereafter, Vinny responded to questions on comparisons to other states, and the CT process.

After reviewing the public financing issues, the discussion moved to qualifications to seek and serve as a Judge:

The requirements of other states were discussed and compared to CT, those issues being:

- Duration of time as an attorney
- Age and experience of candidate
- Good standing with the Bar

The group also discussed a number of other concerns that could be resolved including;

- Allowing a Judge who attains the mandatory retirement age to serve out the remainder of a term;
- Methods that allow the selection of a replacement Judge before any retirement date to avoid a vacancy;
- Inability to pay Judges above the cap, for example the Administrative Judge.

It was agreed that we meet again to review these and other issues on an ongoing basis. Next meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Charles Norris, Judge