

## Meeting Minutes

Legislative Committee  
10:00 a.m. January 24, 2018  
Trumbull Town Hall

In attendance: Judges Fox, Rowe, Ahlberg, Caruso, DeGennaro, Forgione, Greene and Wright.

Non-voting attendees: Judge Knierim and Vincent Russo

Judge Rowe convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

The committee discussed the Probate Court system's budget initiatives for the session and strategies for educating policy makers of our future needs.

After the budget discussion, the committee reviewed the draft Probate Court Operations bill. Judge Knierim and Vincent Russo explained each section and answered questions from the committee members.

Judge Greene requested that the bill include a provision that would clarify that a court is able to establish a permanent guardianship after removing only one parent. The committee was in consensus to include the language.

Judge Forgione raised a recent Supreme Court decision, *In re Byrne*, that concerns medical evidence. He asked the committee members to review the case and think about a statutory solution to the issues raised in the decision.

The committee directed Probate Court Administration to do the following actions:

- Research how the judicial Branch and other states notice parents in children's matters when the parents live out of the country.
- Circulate the CT Bar Association's release of lien proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.