

Meeting Minutes

Legislative Committee
9:00 a.m. December 7, 2018
Trumbull Town Hall

In attendance: Judges Fox, Rowe, Forgione, Ganim, Landgrebe, Streit-Kefalas, Vaccarelli and Wexler.

Non-voting attendees: Judge Knierim, Vincent Russo and Chris Smith from Rome Smith Lutz.

Judge Fox convened the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

The committee reviewed a draft of An Act Concerning Probate Court Operations. The 18 section bill focuses on streamlining procedures of the courts and pursuing consistency in statutory language. A few sections of the bill amend statues to account for the future release of eFiling. Attached to these minutes is a section-by-section breakdown of the proposal that will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

After reviewing the draft bill, the committee reviewed a proposal from Judges Forgione, Vaccarelli and Wexler addressing the *re: Byrne* CT Supreme Court case regarding physician-patient privilege in the court context. They committee reached consensus to table the proposal for now. If the Medical Society, or other organization, comes forward with a bill, the courts will have time to offer their input. PCA is reviewing current court practices with committee members to provide the courts guidance when dealing with medical evidence under current law.

Lastly, the committee entertained a proposal from Judge Wexler to eliminate weighted workload as a criterion for judges' compensation. After much discussion, the committee determined that it was not a good time to submit a bill seeking a statutory change. However, we will continue to look for an opportunity to change the law when appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.