

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATOR GUIDELINES COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Conservator Guidelines Committee (the "Committee") was held on Friday, August 28, 2015, commencing at 11:00 a.m. at the Office of the Probate Court Administration, 186 Newington Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110.

The following Committee Members attended this meeting:

Edward Barron
Diane Blick
Daniel F. Caruso
Michael Darby
Mark DeGennaro
Cathryn-Jean Fleming
Tom Gaffey
Monica Gonzalez
Tracey Hammer
Patricia Saviano
Beverly Streit-Kefalas

ITEM I – Introduction

The Committee's Chair, Judge DeGennaro, welcomed all Committee members and briefly reviewed the Committee's goals.

The minutes of our meeting on July 17, 2015 were approved.

ITEM II – Review of Proposed Guidelines

This Committee carefully reviewed and discussed the proposed guidelines focusing on refining the language and adding language that allows the Courts to retain discretion for extenuating circumstances. This Committee recognizes the variety of situations and circumstances. Conservators are encouraged to file Motions for Advice when possible. Regarding the language for Matters in Other Courts – if an attorney is appointed as the Conservator and is named in a law suit as part of the his or her duties as Conservator and, therefore, must participate in that legal action, then the Conservator should be compensated. However, an attorney serving as a Conservator should not act as an attorney for the conserved individual (known as respondent). Conservators acting as attorneys in legal matters will not be compensated. If the Conservator is seeking compensation, he/she is encouraged to seek prior approval/advice of the Probate Court.

The Committee briefly discussed compensation for reasonable tasks after the passing of a conserved person.

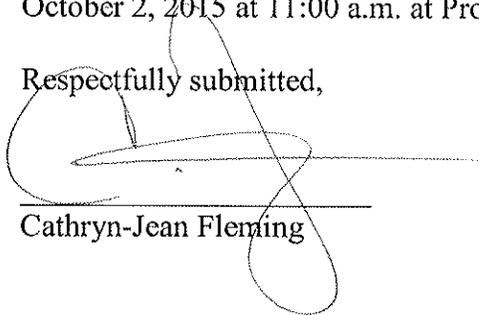
ITEM III – Comments/Suggestions/Concerns from Committee Members

This Committee recognizes that there is an increase in applications for appointment of Conservators, the economic impact on Probate Administration from appointing indigent conservators and the challenges faced by those serving as Conservators. We are trying to balance all issues. We all agree that training and education of the Courts and individuals serving as Conservators is necessary.

ITEM IV – Next Meeting

October 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Probate Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathryn-Jean Fleming", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Cathryn-Jean Fleming