

# CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 12, 2017**

In attendance: Judges Mahon, Becker, Berkenstock, Brandt, Darby, DePanfilis, Elkin, Keeney, Lomme, Magistrali, Marino, Randich, Rowe, Wright and Probate Court Administrator Paul Knierim, Attorney Thomas Gaffey and Andrea King.

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 9:48 am.

### **2. Approval of the March 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

### **3. Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

No report.

### **5. Committee Reports**

#### Continuing Education – Judge Becker

Judge Becker reported that plans are being made for the joint program that the Probate Assembly has with the Connecticut Bar Association in November. Topic related to updates to powers of attorney, conservatorship quirks, virtual representation, the Rules of Practice are being considered.

#### Ethics – Judge Magistrali

No report.

#### Legislative – Judge Rowe and Judge Fox

Judge Rowe provided an update on the legislative activities. He explained that the legislature has been supportive, but that the final budget may not be known until at the end of the session so that the judges should continue to stay active at the Capitol.

#### Nominating – Judge Marino

No report.

#### Planning – Judge Brandt

No report.

#### Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock

Judge Berkenstock reported that a summary of the new forms developed was sent out on April 10, 2017.

#### Public Information – Judge Purnell

No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Conservatorship Guidelines

No report.

Court Security

No report.

Floating Clerks

No report.

Hospitality

No report.

Judicial Selection Working Group

No report.

Statistics

No report.

**6. Presentation on proposed Probate Court system budget for FY18**

Judge Knierim and Andrea King reviewed the highlights of the FY 17. They presented the initiatives, proposed budget summary, fund balance and uncertainties for FY18 and FY19. The Executive Committee expressed its support to the proposed budget.

**7. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator**

Judge Knierim did not have additional comments.

**8. Comments of the President-Judge**

Judge Mahon encouraged the members of the Executive Committee to attend the Annual Meeting.

**9. Other business to come before the Executive Committee**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Brandt  
Acting Recording Secretary