

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
January 25, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Judge Mahon at 1:27 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led** by Judge Wexler.
3. **Approval of the November 29, 2017 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes**
Approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Judge Magistrali reported that the only expenditures to date, in the amount of \$8,709.50, are for meetings and educational seminars. He also reported that he has authorized Sue Dornfried to contract for future meetings and seminars.
5. **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Judge Marino nominated the following judges as Officers for the Probate Assembly:

President Judge – Honorable Philip Wright
First President-Judge – Honorable Michael Brandt
Second President-Judge – Honorable Evelyn Daly
Executive Secretary – Honorable Michael Darby
Recording Secretary – Honorable Leah Schad
Treasurer – Honorable Michael Magistrali

For the Executive Committee of the Probate Assembly:
Honorable Domenick Calabrese Honorable Mark DeGennaro
Honorable Timothy Keeney

For the Budget Committee:
Honorable Joseph Marino

A motion to close nominations was unanimously approved.
6. **Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education – Judge Becker
No report.

Ethics – Judge Magistrali
No report.

Legislative – Judges Fox and Rowe
Judges Fox and Rowe reported that the legislative committee is focusing on three areas this legislative session; maintaining the present funding for the courts in the upcoming fiscal year, suspending the sweep of the probate system's fund at the end of the fiscal year and continuing to educate legislators as to the vital functions of the probate courts. It was also stressed that the Probate Court system has been underfunded and the goal is to restore full funding for the 2020 budget.

The Committee is also working on proposed legislation for the Probate Court Operations bill and welcomes suggestions.

Planning – Judge Brandt

No report.

Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock

No report.

Public Information – Judge Purnell

No report.

Hospitality – Judge Yamin

Judge Yamin reported that the next NCPJ conference will be held May 2-5, 2018 in San Diego, CA and she encourages all to attend. The Fall 2018 conference will be in Hilton Head, S.C. and the Spring 2019 conference will be in New Orleans.

Judge Yamin also reported that she is planning a judges get together in August, 2018.

Statistics – Judge Dorval

No report.

7. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Knierim reported that the Probate Court budget must be the major focus for the upcoming legislative cycle. It is imperative that full funding in the amount of \$10 million be restored to the Probate Courts for the FY 2020 budget.

All judges and attorney staff members should have received the certification of CLE hours for 2017.

The RFP for the new e-filing system will be out to bid shortly.

8. Remarks of the President Judge

Judge Mahon will be retiring in two weeks and thanks all the judges and staff and wishes all well.

9. Other Business to come before the Assembly - None

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary