

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
September 20, 2017

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Mahon at 1:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by:

Amy Benjamin

3. Approval of the June 22, 2017 Probate Assembly Annual Meeting Minutes:

Approved

4. Treasurer's Report:

No expenses yet this fiscal year. The end of year balance for the last fiscal year was \$20,774.67.

Treasurer's report approved.

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education – Judge Becker

Judge Becker reminded all judges to sign both in and out of continuing education seminars to receive full credit from the CT Bar. The next Judges Institute will be held on October 19, 2017 and will cover several topics including new legislation. On November 29, 2017, there will be a CBA/Probate Assembly joint seminar.

Ethics – Judge Magistrali

Judge Magistrali reminded the judges of the ethical limits on their participation in the upcoming municipal elections. Judges are prohibited from endorsing a candidate in any way.

Legislative – Judges Fox and Rowe

Judge Mahon encouraged all present to speak with their legislators regarding the budget passed in the legislature.

Nominating – Judge Marino

There will be four vacancies on the Executive Board in the upcoming term, anyone who is interested should contact Judge Marino.

Planning – Judge Brandt

No report.

Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock

No report.

Public Information – Judge Purnell

No report.

Statistics – Judge Dorval

The committee is continuing to meet monthly to design an alternative to the weighted workload.

Hospitality – Judge Yamin

The next NCPJ conference will be held November 15-18 in Ponte Verde, Florida. Judge Yamin is serving as the co-chair of the Curriculum Committee and encourages all to attend. The conference will cover right to association issues in conservatorship cases and elder abuse issues.

6. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Knierim encouraged all judges and staff to continue in their efforts to speak with their legislators regarding the budget.

Judge Knierim reported on several new initiatives. First, eBilling will roll out statewide on October 1, 2017. The feedback from the pilot courts has been very positive. Second, conservator training modules will be online on January 1, 2018. Third, CMS is being reprogrammed to adopt a new reminder system. Finally, PCA will look to develop eFiling for one case type at a time, starting with conservatorships.

Judge Knierim thanks all who have worked on these new initiatives. He also thanks Judges Keeney and McGrath for their service in covering the Tobacco Valley Court following the retirement of Judge Zelman.

The Rules Committee will soon be starting work on the next biennial update. All are encouraged to submit suggestions.

7. Remarks of the President Judge:

Judge Mahon wishes all present a Happy Autumn!

8. Other Business to come before the Assembly:

None

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary