

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
November 29, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Judge Mahon at 9:18 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led** by Judge Dorval.
Judge Mahon introduced the new Judges-Elect
Ariana Ceneviva – Meriden
Clifton Graves, Jr. – New Haven
Jeannine Lewis – Saybrook
David Baram – Tobacco Valley
Mathew Vaccarelli – Waterbury
3. **Approval of the September 20, 2017 Probate Assembly Annual Meeting Minutes**
Approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
No report
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - Continuing Education – Judge Becker
Judge Becker announced that the next continuing education program is scheduled for January 25, 2018 and will include two hours of ethics.
 - Ethics – Judge Magistrali
No report.
 - Legislative – Judges Fox and Rowe
Judge Fox reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018. The Committee is working on proposed legislation for the next legislative session and the Committee welcomes suggestions.
 - Nominating – Judge Marino
Judge Marino presented the slate for the 2018 elections.

Officers:

President-Judge – Honorable Philip Wright, Jr.
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

Executive Committee:

Honorable Domenick Calabrese	Honorable Matthew Jalowiec
Honorable Timothy Keeney	Honorable Mark DeGennaro

Budget Committee:

Honorable Joseph Marino

Planning – Judge Brandt

No report.

Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock

No report.

Public Information – Judge Purnell

Judge Purnell thanked all who contacted their legislators during the budget negotiations.

Hospitality – Judge Yamin

Judge Yamin congratulated Judge Purnell on his election to the Executive Board of the NCPJ. The next NCPJ conference will be held May 2-5, 2018 in San Diego, CA.

6. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Knierim reported that the funding for the probate system for the current fiscal year is \$2 million and for the next fiscal year is \$4.5 million. This represents the bare minimum needed to support the system in the current cycle and will deplete the Probate Court Administration fund. He stressed that we need to begin building support now for return to sustainable funding levels in final year 2019-20.

Judge Knierim thanked all judges and staff for their efforts to speak with their legislators regarding the budget.

7. Remarks of the President-Judge

Judge Mahon welcomed the members of the CBA and wished all a happy holiday season!

8. Other Business to come before the Assembly

None

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary