

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2016

Attendees: Judges Mahon, Streit-Kefalas, Randich, Keeney, Landgrebe, Elkin, DePanfilis, Schad, Greene, Becker, Purnell, Brandt, Wright, Forgione, Probate Court Administrator Knierim, Attorney Gaffey.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes from March 2, 2016 meeting approved

3. Correspondence:

None

4. Treasurer's Report:

Proposed FY17 budget approved at the Probate Assembly meeting on April 12, 2016

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education – Judge Becker

Next seminar scheduled for June 22, 2016.

Ethics – Judge Magistrali

No report

Legislative – Judge Mahon

The Governor released his budget on April 12, 2016, the probate system was not included in the budget.

Nominating – Judge Egan

No report

Planning – Judge Brandt

No report

Procedures Review – Judge Wright

A number of new forms were released on April 12, 2016. The work of the committee is ongoing.

Public Information – Judge Purnell

No report

Ad Hoc Committees:

Conservatorship Guidelines – Judge DeGennaro

No report

Court Security – Judge DePanfilis

No report

Floating Clerks – Judge Berkenstock

Judge Mahon reported that he will be utilizing a floating clerk.

Hospitality – Judge Yamin

The next function is scheduled for June 10, 2016 at the Mark Twain house.
Judicial Selection Working Group – Judge Elkin
Work of the committee is ongoing.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator: Judge Knierim

The presentation of the budget has been deferred to the May, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

Approval of the new conservatorship regulations is anticipated. If approved, PCA will offer an optional fixed fee arrangement for high volume conservators.

The Rules Committee will be making a presentation at the June Assembly meeting about the proposed changes/additions to the Rules.

Issue over disclosure of bank account numbers on court filings raised. Discussion over the number of court documents that contain account numbers.

Issue of trust decanting raised. The CBA would like to develop a Connecticut version of the Uniform Trust Decanting Act and has solicited the opinion of the Probate Assembly. Some member expressed concerns over allowing modification of trusts without judicial oversight. Consensus of the committee was that PCA report back to the CBA that several members of the Executive Committee believe that there should be judicial oversight of trust decanting for all types of trusts, including vivos trusts.

7. Comments of the President-Judge: Judge Mahon

Pleased to serve for the next two years

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

No other business

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made. The motion was seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary