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Probate Court Rules of Procedure Advisory Committee Subcommittee II

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 3:30 p.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator
186 Newington Road
West Hartford, CT
and via Webex videoconference

The meeting was convened at 3:32 p.m. by Judge Peter C. Barrett, Chair.

Members in attendance: Judges Peter Barrett, John McGrath, and Probate Court Administrator Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Attorneys Christopher Hug, Carmine Perri. Professor Jeffrey Cooper joined at 4:04 p.m.

Remarks of the Chair

No remarks.

Approval of minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting

By motion of Judge McGrath, seconded by Attorney Perri, the motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

List of issues assigned to the subcommittee

The committee continued its review of issues, and started with a review of issues shared by Attorney Hug on behalf of the CBA Estates and Probate section.

Rule 66 (participation in hearing by electronic means): Review when and how
participation may be permitted by electronic means. Further discussion on Rule 66
was deferred.

• Rule 67 (interpreters): Review considerations for interpreters permitted for parties or witnesses in hearings under section 67.2. The committee discussed how interpretation presently takes place in the courts when needed for those with limited English proficiency, including by court staff and by state-approved vendors. Judge McGrath moved to delete Section 67.2(b)(3) from the Rule which was seconded by Attorney Hug. After discussion, a motion to table this motion was made, seconded and carried. The motion was therefore laid on the table.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.