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Regular Meeting of the
**Probate Court Rules
Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Quinnipiac University School of Law
370 Bassett Road, North Haven, CT 06473**

Minutes

The meeting was convened at 3:18 p.m. by Hon. Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Probate Court Administrator and Chair.

Other members in attendance: Attorney Douglas Brown, Attorney Evan Brunetti, Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler, Attorney James Dougherty, Attorney Andrew Knott, Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, Attorney Melissa Nixon, Hon. Robert Randich, Attorney Eric Rothausser, Attorney Greta Solomon, Ms. Suzette Threet.

Members absent: Attorney Molly Ackerly, Mr. Ned Bixler, Hon. Peter Barrett, Attorney David D. Biklen, Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio, Professor Jeffrey Cooper, Attorney Alice Fitzpatrick, Attorney Gabriella Kiniry, Attorney Janie L. McDermott, Hon. John McGrath, Hon. Brian Mahon (ret.), Mr. Stephen Pedneault, Attorney Carmine Perri, Hon. Steven Zelman (ret.).

Approval of minutes of November 7, 2023 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting was made by Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, seconded by Attorney Greta Solomon, and unanimously approved.

Remarks of the Chair

Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked the committee members for their attendance. She noted that there are seven concepts to discuss and drafts have been disseminated.

Continued review of concepts for revision for the 2024 edition

The committee continued its review of the proposed concepts for the 2024 edition.

Drafts of rules, having been presented, the full committee offered feedback as follows:

- **Administrative closure:** Judge Streit-Kefalas recommended that the committee not adopt additional administrative closure rules at this time. There was consensus that no new rules on administrative closure be pursued.
- **Bonds:** After discussion, there was consensus of the full committee to accept the draft amendments to sections 35.8 and 35.9.
- **Financial Exploitation:** The committee discussed Public Act 23-161 and proposed new section 48.1. There was consensus that the rule be adopted as drafted.
- **Termination of Involuntary Conservatorship:** The committee reviewed revisions to proposed new section 33.23 which was originally presented at the November 7, 2023 meeting of the committee. The consensus of the full committee was to accept the new rule, as revised.
- **Reinstatement as guardian:** The committee reviewed further revisions to section 40.7 based on the discussion from the September 26, 2023 meeting. The consensus of the full committee was to accept the further proposed revisions.
- **Foreign subpoena:** The committee discussed the recent adoption of the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act, Connecticut General Statutes § 52-655 et seq. and proposed new section 61.13. The consensus of the full committee was to accept the new rule as proposed.
- **Parentage:** The committee reviewed the drafts of new sections 40.24, 40.25 and 40.26. After discussion regarding the statutory language in relation to the draft rules, it was agreed that section 40.24 will be redrafted and recirculated. As to new sections 40.25 and 40.26, the committee, by consensus, accepted the new rules as drafted.

Other Business

The Probate Court Administrator will incorporate all revisions discussed and circulate the proposed changes to the full committee by electronic mail for final comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Rothausser