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

**Thursday, June 5, 2025  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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**Minutes**

The meeting was convened at 3:03 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Hon. Beverly K. Streit, Probate Court Administrator, Mr. Ned Bixler, Attorney Douglas R. Brown, Attorney Evan Brunetti, Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio, Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler, Attorney James Dougherty, Attorney Zachary T. King, Attorney Andrew S. Knott, Attorney Janie L. McDermott, Hon. Robert A. Randich, Attorney Eric Rothauser, Hon. Sophia Shaikh, Hon. David Shepard, Attorney Greta E. Solomon, Hon. Steven Zelman (ret.)

Members absent: Attorney Molly Ackerly, Hon. Peter Barrett, Prof. Jeffrey Cooper, Attorney Alice Fitzpatrick, Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham (ret.), Attorney Melissa Nixon, Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault, Attorney Carmine Perri.

**Remarks of the Chair**

Judge Streit thanked the committee members for their attendance and participation. The Probate Court Rules provide an invaluable benefit to the Connecticut Probate Court system and the work of the Advisory Committee in crafting and forming those rules is crucial. Judge Streit also took a moment for introductions of new and continued members for this 2026 edition.

**Review of concepts for revision for the 2026 edition**

After accumulation of concepts from various sources, Attorney Heather Dostaler presented proposed concepts for rules on the following topics:

- Amending provision relating to filing fees consistent with recent changes to C.G.S. § 45a-112
- Reviewing streamline procedures to determine whether to allow parentage orders under rules 40.24 and 40.25
- Reviewing Rule 12 for consistency regarding the panel of attorneys from which a court may appoint an attorney for an unrepresented indigent party across case types
- Reviewing Rule 21, Probate Mediation, relative to Public Act No. 25-35, An Act Adopting the Connecticut Uniform Mediation Act
- Reviewing mandatory eFiling for any conservator who is a compensated fiduciary for an indigent person under conservatorship
- Reviewing limited interim authority procedures in connection with probate bonds and restrictions on assets
- Reviewing Rule 42, Children's Matters: Overlapping Jurisdiction in Probate Court and Superior Court for Juvenile Matters to reflect revised protocol
- Reviewing rule 45.5, Petition for shock therapy, relating to where to file petition
- Reviewing rule 61.3 and addressing whether new procedures should be implemented to distinguish between depositions taken in Connecticut and outside of Connecticut pursuant to the Interstate Deposition Discovery Act (C.G.S. § 52-657 et. seq.)
- Reviewing participation in probate hearings by electronic means under Rule 66
- Reviewing developments in generative artificial intelligence
- Reviewing all rules for gender inclusive language
- Considering adoption of principles of civility/professionalism

The full committee determined that all topics warranted further discussion. In addition, the committee offered the following topics for consideration:

- Adopting a rule to clarify when a social security number is required for any petition
- Amending the rule that requires the net value of real estate to be reported on an inventory rather than the gross value
- Reviewing Rule 8.6 to expand streamline procedure application
- Reviewing Rule 2.2 with respect to applicability of Probate Court Rules of Procedure to probate appeals
- Reviewing Rule 30.17 relating to distributions to a person other than an heir and/or beneficiary under a mutual distribution agreement
- Reviewing definition of "party" under rule 1.1(27) in relation to Rule 30.17
- Reviewing amended tax return requirement in decedent estates when after discovered property is reported on a supplemental inventory and results in no tax consequence
- Reviewing method of electronic signatures

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the full committee will be June 26, 2025 at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator, 186 Newington Road, West Hartford, CT 06110 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

**Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.