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

**Thursday, June 26, 2025
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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Minutes

The meeting was convened at 3:05 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Hon. Beverly K. Streit, Probate Court Administrator, Attorney Evan Brunetti, Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio, Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler, Attorney James Dougherty, Attorney Zachary T. King, Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham (ret.), Attorney Melissa Nixon, Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault, CPA/CFE/CFF, Hon. Robert A. Randich, Attorney Eric Rothauser, Hon. David Shepard and Attorney Greta E. Solomon.

Members absent: Attorney Molly Ackerly, Hon. Peter Barrett, Mr. Ned Bixler, Attorney Douglas R. Brown, Prof. Jeffrey Cooper, Attorney Andrew S. Knott, Attorney Janie L. McDermott, Attorney Carmine Perri, Hon. Sophia Shaikh, and Hon. Steven Zelman (ret.).

Remarks of the Chair

None.

Approval of minutes of June 5, 2025 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hon. Robert Randich and seconded by AAG Rebekah Burgio. The minutes were approved by all members of the committee present at the meeting without change.

Review of concepts for revision for the 2026 edition

The Committee began to review the proposed concepts for rules presented at the last meeting. The full committee offered feedback on the following topics:

- Regarding electronic signatures under Rule 1.1(15), the full committee discussed the concept of allowing, as an electronic signature, the practice of court users typing their name on probate court forms. After discussion, the proposal was tabled for further discussion.
- Regarding the applicability of the Probate Court Rules of Procedure to probate appeals under Rule 2.2, the proposal was tabled for further discussion.
- Regarding the concept of adding the Department of Veterans Affairs to Rule 6.1, there was full consensus that draft language should be prepared and reviewed for incorporation in the 2026 revisions.

Regarding streamline procedures under Rule 8.6, the full committee considered the concept of adding petitions for parentage orders under Rules 40.24 (assisted reproduction) and 40.25 (gestational surrogacy). After discussion, there was consensus that not to revise the rule to include these petitions for streamline.

- Also regarding streamline procedures under Rule 8.6, the committee discussed a general proposal to include other matters for inclusion under Rule 8.6(h). After discussion, the proposal was tabled for more information.
- Regarding the proposal to eliminate Rule 12.3, after discussion, the committee reached consensus to make no changes to the rule.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 17, 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

A motion to adjourn was made by Attorney Heather Dostaler, seconded by Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.