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

**Tuesday, October 10, 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 3:05 p.m. by Hon. Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Probate Court Administrator and Chair.

Other members in attendance: Hon. Peter Barrett, Attorney David D. Biklen, Mr. Ned Bixler, Attorney Douglas Brown, Attorney Evan Brunetti, Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio, Professor Jeffrey Cooper, Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler, Attorney James Dougherty, Attorney Alice Fitzpatrick, Attorney Gabriella Kiniry, Attorney Andrew Knott, Attorney Janie L. McDermott, Hon. Brian Mahon (ret.), Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, Attorney Melissa Nixon, Attorney Carmine Perri, Hon. Robert Randich, Attorney Eric Rothauser, Attorney Greta Solomon, Ms. Suzette Threet.

Members absent: Attorney Molly Ackerly, Hon. John McGrath, Mr. Stephen Pedneault, Hon. Steven Zelman (ret.).

Remarks of the Chair

Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked the committee members for their attendance and also took a moment for introductions and/or re-introductions.

Approval of minutes of September 26, 2023 meeting

The minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved by all members of the committee present at the meeting without change.

Continued review of concepts for revision for the 2024 edition

The committee concluded its review of the proposed concepts for rules from the last meeting. The full committee offered feedback on the following topics:

- Regarding participation in probate hearings by electronic means under Rule 66, Judge Streit-Kefalas re-introduced the topic and solicited feedback from the full committee as to how the rule has performed since its latest revision in 2022. Numerous experiences and perspectives were shared by many on the committee. The consensus of the full committee is not to amend Rule 66 at this time and allow further practices to develop in the courts.
- Regarding generative artificial intelligence (AI), Judge Streit-Kefalas re-introduced this issue and shared sample language adopted by two different United States District Court judges addressing the use of generative AI in those courts. Committee members shared thoughts and perspectives as well as possible responses to its use in the Probate Court system. After discussion, the full committee, by consensus, decided not to adopt a rule at this time.

Other Business

Having completed discussion of the list of proposed concepts, Judge Streit-Kefalas solicited the committee for any other new rules or concepts. Attorney Greta Solomon raised the issue of reporting the net value of real estate on the Inventory form rather than the gross. Judge Streit-Kefalas noted that this requirement comes from the instructions on the Inventory form itself rather than the Rules of Procedure and, therefore, no committee action is required as to this specific issue.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the full committee will be October 24, 2023 at Quinnipiac University School of Law, 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, CT 06473 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.