



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Meeting of the Continuing Education Committee

**Tuesday, January 18, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Hon. Cynthia Becker, Chair; Hon. Michael Brandt; Hon. Mark DeGennaro; Hon. Jeannine Lewis; Hon. Barbara Gardner-Riordan; Probate Court Administrator, Beverly Streit-Kefalas; Attorneys Francesca Knerr and Evan Brunetti.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Judge Becker.

Brief update provided regarding the January 26, 2022 Judges Institute and virtual platform.

- The March 16th Judges Institute will be held at Quinnipiac Law School, currently scheduled for in-person. The program will consist of a mediation training given by Professor Charles Pillsbury, from Quinnipiac University School of Law and other faculty members. Our annual case law update will also be provided by Professor Cooper from Quinnipiac University School of Law and Attorney Ivimey.
- March 25th, Judge Lewis and Attorney Sandra Sherlock-White will present on the Standards of Practice for Conservators at the Coalition for Elder Justice virtual Lunch 'n Learn.
- June 22nd, the Farmington Club which has been booked for an all-day program, including lunch. Possible speakers/topics include:
 - Dr. Pepper from the Institute of Living regarding the challenges of hospital discharges, capacity and other challenges for those under age 65.
 - Potential for a panel of judges to discuss best practices for conducting conservator hearings.
 - A potential program regarding the Council on Judicial Conduct discussing practices and procedures.
 - A potential program about estate tax returns given by the Dept. of Revenue Services (“DRS”).
- September 21st, the Committee discussed a program regarding children’s matters, ethics, and the Parentage Act or parentage petitions.
- November 30th, the Committee discussed a program applicable for New Judges as well regarding evidence, *pro se* litigants, and complex will clauses and construction.

Next meeting will be February 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of all members at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Jeannine Lewis
Member