Continuing Education Committee Meeting November 23, 2020

Present: Judges Becker, Blick, Gardner Riordan, Lewis, Calabrese and Brandt; Attorney Francesca Lafante Knerr; and Chief Counsel Bonnie Bennet and Attorney Evan Brunetti (PCA).

Called to order: 2:35 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting: Motion by Judge Brandt, seconded by Judge Lewis.

Evan Brunetti prepared a chart showing webinar topics and possible speakers for the coming months, which he updated as we went through the meeting (see attached Chart).

Judge Becker asked if judges could attend new judge training sessions that will be held on Fridays beginning in December. Although some of the new judge training is being offered to the wider system, the basic training is just for new judges. (Two new judges were elected in November, 2020.)

Judge Lewis requested that judges be given as much notice as possible for webinars. As soon as speakers and dates are confirmed, PCA intends to inform the judges. Right now the webinars are scheduled every other week between now and April. Speakers and topics have to be confirmed.

After today's meeting, the topics are pretty well set and there is at least an idea of who will be asked to speak. There was a robust discussion of the topics of will contests and mediation, including a discussion of evidence. This webinar will be held in the March-April time frame.

The Committee voted to approve the Chart (dates, speakers, audience and topics included) as amended by Evan during the meeting (see attached) for events.

Next meeting: December 18, 2020 at 11:30 AM

Adjourned at 3:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gardner Riordan

Draft discussion				
PROPOSED TOPIC	PROPOSED PRESENTER	APPROX. TIME ALLOTTED	TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	POTENTIAL INVITEES
Conducting hearings and remote hearings	Judge Berkenstock	1 hrs	1-14-2021	Judges and Staff Attorneys
Veterans Administration Federal Fiduciary Regulations	VA representative	1 hr	1-27-2021	Judges and Staff Attorneys
Real Property	TBD	1.5 hrs	2-18-2021	All Probate
Commitments and Probable Cause	Judge Marino Judge Wexler	1.5 hrs	3-2-2021	All Probate
Case Law Update	Prof. Jeffrey Cooper Atty. John Ivimey	1 hr	3-18-2021	Judges and Staff Attorneys
Mediation	Judge Holzberg Judge Calabrese	1.5	3-31-2021	Judges and Mediators