



## CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

### Regular Meeting of the **Ethics Committee**

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

**Office of the Probate Court Administrator  
186 Newington Rd.  
West Hartford, CT 06110**

### **MINUTES**

Attendees: Judges Michael F. Magistrali, Philip Wright, John McGrath, Martin Landgrebe, Beverly Streit-Kefalas.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Magistrali at 4:05 p.m.

Judge McGrath moved that the minutes of the February 10, 2017 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Judge Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Magistrali moved that the current Code of Probate Judicial Conduct be amended to include a paragraph 4 in the preamble to address a judge's use of social media. A proposed draft was read by Judge Magistrali and circulated to the other judges via email. The motion was seconded by Judge Streit-Kefalas. After discussion, it was suggested that rather than an amendment to the preamble, language concerning a judge's use of the various forms of electronic communication, should be added to the Code as a comment to Rule 3.1. Judge Magistrali volunteered to draft such a comment for consideration by the committee at its next meeting. Judge Wright moved to table the motion. Judge Landgrebe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no additional motions made concerning amendments to the Code of Probate Judicial Conduct.

Under other new business, Judge Magistrali, with the assistance of Judge Streit-Kefalas, reported that the Continuing Education Committee is planning a session on ethics issues during the January 2022 educational seminar after the Probate Assembly meeting. The consensus of the committee was to recommend to the Education Committee that the session should be about campaign ethics since

2022 is an election year for probate judges. Judge Magistrali and Judge Streit-Kefalas both offered to communicate that to the Education Committee.

Judge McGrath moved that the meeting be adjourned. Judge Landgrebe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. The next meeting was set for November 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Michael F. Magistrali