



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the ETHICS COMMITTEE

March 6, 2024
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

In attendance: Judges Brandt, Darby, Landgrebe, Lewis, and Norris and Probate Court Administrator Streit-Kefalas

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting

Judge Darby made a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Norris seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Judicial Ethics

There was a debriefing of the January educational seminar on Ethics presented by Judge Brandt and Judge Hoyle. The materials will be updated to clarify the restrictions set forth in Rule 3.8. Other topics discussed included private law practices for judges, restrictions on political activities, and Rule 15.6 of the Code of Probate Judicial Conduct. The Committee would like to send around a sample written disclosure required under that rule as guidance for the judges.

The Committee also spoke of Artificial Intelligence and the upcoming presentation on the uses in of artificial intelligence in the legal field and as judges.

Judge Streit-Kefalas suggested that the Committee members think about mentoring future new judges on ethics issues to reinforce the ethical pitfalls that judges should consider.

4. New Business

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

The next Ethics Committee meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Probate Court Administrator's Office on June 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Brandt
Committee Chair