

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **June 12, 2019**

Attendees: Judges Wright, Riordan, Randich, DeGennaro, Darby, Streit-Kefalas, Berkenstock, Barrett, Calabrese, Brandt, Schad, Probate Court Administrator Knierim and Chief Counsel Bonnie Bennet.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:**  
The minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved.
3. **Correspondence:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The budget report for FY 2018-2019 was submitted and approved.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education

No report.

Ethics

No report.

Legislative

Judge Knierim reported that the probate operations bill had passed. The bill to reduce the number of psychiatrists needed for commitments did not pass.

Nominating

No report.

Planning

No report.

Procedures Review

No report.

Public Information

No report.

Hospitality

No report.

Conservatorship Guidelines

No report.

Statistics

Judge Dorval reported that the purpose of the committee was to design a system to replace the weighted work system that would better reflect the workload of the clerks and provide a more accurate way of reporting the work of the probate courts to the legislature and the public. He acknowledged the hard work of the committee members, especially the clerk members, and reported that the final work product is completed. He wanted all who made comments to know that all submissions had been considered.

He stated that the work product will be useful if the statute governing judicial compensation is amended to remove weighted workload as a factor. Judge Streit-Kefalas also acknowledged the hard work of the committee.

A motion was made by Judge Streit-Kefalas to approve the recommendations of the Statistics Committee Report and to implement the changes through the Regulations procedure in the future if WWL is no longer the basis for judicial compensation. The motion was approved.

**6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator**

Judge Knierim reported that the Budget Committee was meeting tonight and is expected to act on staff compensation increases. He will be recommending that the compensation study increases be implemented immediately and that merit pay increases be implemented July 1. Each judge will receive a packet informing them of the increases for staff compensation.

Judge Knierim is recommending an increase in the rates paid to court appointed attorneys and conservators effective January 1, 2020. He recommends a blended rate for attorneys of \$58.00. He also recommends an increase for conservators from \$50 to \$52 an hour, from \$25 to \$26 an hour for staff time, an increase for contract conservators from \$86 to \$90 a month and an increase in the fee paid for a Title 19 application from \$1250 to \$1300.

**7. Comments of the President-Judge – Judge Wright wishes all a great summer.**

**8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee**

Judge Darby sadly noted the passing of Wendy Chadwick, wife of Judge Scott Chadwick of the East Hartford Probate Court.

**9. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hon. Leah Schad  
Recording Secretary