

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee September 14, 2022

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

Attendees: Judges Anthony, Becker, Berkenstock, Brandt, Darby, Gardner Riordan, Jalowiec, Lewis, Magistrali, Maxham, McGrath, Randich, Schad and Wright and also Probate Court Administrator Judge Streit-Kefalas and Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Darby called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Judge Streit-Kefalas introduced Jeannette Brodeur, our new Communications Assistant.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2022 was made by Judge Anthony, seconded by Judge Becker, and unanimously approved.

3. Correspondence:

Judges Darby and Streit-Kefalas reported no correspondence for the Assembly.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Judge Randich reviewed the 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report and Year End Budget Report for FYE June 30, 2022 noting the expenditures for seminars. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports was made by Judge Wright, seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan, and unanimously approved.

5. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Becker reported that the next program is September 21, 2022 at the Courtyard by Marriott - Cromwell and will focus on children's matters. The October program will be virtual and focus on new legislation. The November seminar is proposed to be on wills and trusts and will coordinate with the newly elected judges' training. Judge Becker reminded all to register for the NCPJ conference in Destin, FL. Judge Yamin will be installed as the next President and a Connecticut reception is being planned.

Ethics

Judge Magistrali reported that the Committee has not met but he, President Judge Daly, and Judge Streit-Kefalas received and responded to a few requests for advance opinions from judicial candidates.

Legislative

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No Report from the Committee.

Judge Streit-Kefalas requested all to submit any suggestions for statutory changes to the Committee Chairs or PCA.

Nominating

No Report

Planning

No Report. Judge Anthony will be meeting with Judge Daly.

Procedures Review

Judge Berkenstock reported that Committee met on September 12, 2022 and made some minor changes to forms. The next meeting is December 5, 2022. Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked Judge Berkenstock for taking the time to attend a seminar hosted by NCSC on making forms easier and more approachable.

Public Information

Judge Brandt reported that the brochures distributed last year will be reordered. Judge Randich moved and Judge Gardner Riordan seconded a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$400 for the printing of additional brochures.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Conservator Guidelines

No Report.

Hospitality

No Report.

Court Security

No Report as the Committee has not met recently.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit-Kefalas reported that:

- a. DAS is the latest state agency utilizing TurboCourt. She noted that courts are still required to physically mail documents to DAS at this time. A training video is available on the intranet under eFiling FAQs. DSS is the next agency that will be included in eFiling. Business accounts for professional conservators is also on the agenda. The judges discussed some of the issues encountered with eFiling. Judge Streit-Kefalas pointed out that PCA is seeing significant aging of matters in the CMS eFiling Pending Review queue.
- b. The Annual Meeting is set for April 19, 2023 at the Supreme Court.
- c. There will be 10 new judges elected in November.
- d. Melissa Gordon has joined the PCA Law Department as an Executive Legal Assistant.

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7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Darby thanked all members who reached out to him after the recent deaths of his father and mother.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

None

9. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Judge Wright, seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan and unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham,
Recording Secretary