



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

REGULAR MEETING September 18, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Michael M. Darby at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Eagan lead the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the Judges

42 judges were present at CCSU for the meeting

3. Approval of the June 26, 2024 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Judge DaSilva and seconded by Judge Rebimbas to approve of the minutes for the last Assembly meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Judge Randich reviewed the 4th Quarter Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. A motion was made by Judge Eagan and seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

5. Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis thanked all the presenter judges. The next seminar is on October 23, 2024 and will be held at CCSU. An informational flyer has been sent to all members. In addition to the planned conservator related presentations, Judge Jalowiec will have a presentation on competency to vote. The last seminar for this year is scheduled for November 20, 2024 which will include newly elected judges. The committee's next meeting is October 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library. All suggestions for educational topics are welcome.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next committee meeting is on December 4, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

Judge Fox reported that the committee's next meeting is November 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Trumbull Probate Court. Please send any suggestions for proposed legislation to Judges Fox and Rowe.

Planning Committee

Judge Anthony reported that the next Committee meeting is on September 18 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library. The committee is currently working on bench guidelines for judges on remote and in-person hearings.

Procedures Review Committee

Judge Berkenstock reported that committee had a very productive meeting on September 9, 2024. She encouraged anyone interested in reviewing our forms and making them more user-friendly to join the committee. The next meeting is on December 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the PCA library.

Public Information

No Report

Court Security

Judge Darby reported that Judge Hoyle has agreed to chair this committee considering the recent retirement of Judge Calabrese.

6. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator

Judge Streit-Kefalas reported on the following matters:

- a. The Probate Rules of Procedure books are available and being distributed to all courts.
- b. Please plan to attend the Judges Institute on October 23, 2024. The newly elected Judges will be in attendance.
- c. Several courts have changed locations. Northeast and Northeast Regional Children's courts have moved. The Hartford Regional Children's Court has recentralized to new space in East Hartford.
- d. The Legislative session begins on January 8, 2025. Evan Brunetti has been hired as the new Deputy Director of External Affairs (position formerly titled Manager of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations. The vacancy in the staff attorney will be posted shortly for candidates.

7. Remarks of the President-Judge

Judge Darby expressed his sincerest congratulation to Evan Brunetti on his new position with PCA. He kept his remarks brief to ensure ample time for sign in the CBA attorneys attending the afternoon educational session.

8. Other business to come before the Assembly

None

9. Adjournment

Judge Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Judge Gardner Riordan and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham
Recording Secretary