

**CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**January 16, 2020**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Judge Brandt at 1:10 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of the October 17, 2019 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**  
Judge Magistrali presented the November and December, 2019 budget reports. The balance is currently \$25,976.53. The reports were approved.

5. **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Judge McGrath nominated for the terms beginning on the following:

Judges as Officers for the Probate Assembly, term 2020-2021:

President-Judge – Honorable Michael Brandt

First President-Judge – Honorable Evelyn Daly

Second President-Judge – Honorable Michael Darby

Executive Secretary – Honorable Leah Schad

Recording Secretary – Honorable Kathleen Maxham

Treasurer – Honorable Michael Magistrali

Executive Committee of the Probate Assembly Counties, term 2020-2023:

Hartford – Honorable Matthew Jalowiec

Fairfield – Honorable Paul Ganim

New Haven – Honorable Peter Barrett

New Haven – Honorable John McGrath, Jr.

Budget Committee, term 2020-2022:

Honorable Philip Wright, Jr.

There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed. The election will be conducted at the April 23, 2020 Annual Meeting.

6. **Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education

Judge Becker reported that the March meeting at Quinnipiac Law School will feature Dr. Harry Morgan. Topics include Special Immigration Juvenile Status and a Case Law update. The June meeting for judges and clerks will have an ethics component and workplace violence training.

Ethics

No report.

### Legislative

Judges Fox and Rowe reported that the committee is working on the Probate Operations bill; it will be circulated when finished.

### Planning

No report.

### Procedures Review

No report.

### Public Information

No report.

### Conservator Guidelines

Judge DeGennaro noted that the online conservator training is worth three hours of CLE credit for practitioners.

### Floating Clerks

No report.

### Hospitality

Judge DeGennaro reported that following the September continuing education program, there will be a reception for judges and clerks. He would also like to plan a social outing for judges and encourages suggestions for interesting sites. Judge Yamin reported that the NCPJ meeting in Philadelphia was well attended and encouraged all to attend the meeting in Colorado Springs in May.

### Court Security

No report.

## **7. Remarks of the Probate Court Administrator**

Judge Streit-Kefalas reported that eFiling launched successfully. Over 1000 attorneys have registered and the system has received in excess of 2400 filings, with only 44 having to be returned. She thanked all the pilot courts and attorneys

who practice in them. Judge Streit-Kefalas also thanked George Fernandes, Dana Masullo and Heather Dostaler for all their hard work with eFiling.

The General Assembly opens on February 5, 2020 for a short session. Judge Streit-Kefalas reminded all that continued communication with our legislators is vital.

Lisa Hanson, the new Director of Financial Services started in the position last month and is doing well.

Finally, Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked the Probate Rules Advisory Committee for

all their hard work, noting especially the contributions of the chairs of the sub-committees Judge Zelman and Judge Mahon. The new Rules are available for distribution to all courts.

**8. Remarks of the Vice President-Judge**

Judge Brandt had no remarks.

**9. Other Business to come before the Assembly**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad

Recording Secretary