



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular meeting of the **Planning Committee**

January 22, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Held at the East Haven-North Haven Probate Court

In attendance: Chair – Judge Anthony, Members - Judges Barrett, Brandt, Darby, Gentile, Hoyle, Randich, and Probate Court Administrator Streit-Kefalas

I. Call to Order

Judge Anthony called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. Approval of the minutes from the November 6, 2023 meeting

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge Darby to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Comments of the Chair

Judge Anthony welcomed everyone to the meeting and summarized his thoughts as to a bench guide for the probate judges addressing the application of Rule 66 on in-person versus remote hearings. The proposed guide would be circulated internally only to provide “best practice” suggestions based upon the case types and specific motions to be addressed.

IV. Discussion

The committee members reviewed drafts of the various submissions prepared by committee members. Judge Anthony’s favored a “should be in-person,” “may be remote” and “can be remote” type of listing for each area of our jurisdiction. He would prepare the preliminary or introductory remarks to the guide that would address overall policies for all types of cases.

After discussion, the committee agreed and took on their individual assignments to prepare drafts for the committee to review.

Judge Anthony will address children's matters and provide introductory language to the guide.

The other case types are assigned:

Judge Brandt – Conservatorships

Judge Darby – Psychiatric Commitments/ Guardianship of Intellectually Disabled

Judge Hoyle – Decedent's Estates

Judge Randich -Name Changes

The judges are to draft their respective sections and circulate prior to the next committee meeting.

Judge Streit-Kefalas referred judges to Regulation 8A for a full listing of all hearing matters in CMS in a particular case type.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, April 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the East Haven – North Haven Probate Court.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Brandt
Committee Member