

Probate Assembly Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

01/25/2019

Present

Chair: Judge Frank Forgione; Members: Judges Diane Blick, Edward Burt; T.R. Rowe; Paul Knierim; Terrance Lomme; Michael Darby, Mark DeGennaro; Domenick Calabrese (by phone); Scott Chadwick; Phil Wright and Beverly Streit-Kefalas

Committee members discussed that fifty (50%) percent of probate cases are now in the social services area. The Office of the Probate Court Administrator has submitted a budget request for Fiscal Year End 06/30/2020 in the amount of \$7.2 million.

The Committee members also discussed the symposium held in April 2018 by the Quinnipiac School of Law “Exploring Unsupervised Probate” and the different models of other states.

It was noted that there has been a five (5%) per cent annual increase in cases and that the cases were increasing not only in volume but in complexity.

There was consensus that any change toward some type of informal decedent probate process must be consumer friendly and family-driven.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Judge Forgione requested that members consider any proposals each may have and to circulate the same for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a plan to hold the next meeting in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Minutes submitted by: Judge Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas