



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

May 13, 2024

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 9:35 a.m.

II. Approval of the minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting

A motion was made by Judge Hoyle and seconded by Judge Barrett to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Comments of the Chair

Judge Anthony summarized his thoughts as to a bench guide to include the general concept that all hearings should be in-person. He saw three options from there: (1) General thoughts as to each area of our jurisdiction; (2) A review of the specific matters in each area of our jurisdiction; (3) A hybrid of general thoughts and a focus on the more common matters.

IV. Discussion

The committee members discussed their thoughts on the options. Judge Streit-Kefalas shared the list of petitions set forth in Probate Court Regulation 8A to assist the judges in identifying the various petitions and motions that come before the Court in a particular case type. The group agreed that the bench guide should provide general guidelines with specific recommendations for the most common filings. The hybrid plan would set forth the suggestion that all hearings be in-person, then a discussion of Rule 66 of the Probate Court Rules of Procedure, and finally a brief guide for each area of jurisdiction, focusing on the most common filings.

The assignments were reviewed.

- Judge Anthony would provide introductory language and Rule 66. He would also address Childrens' Matters
- 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 before June 10, 2024. The Committee members will review the drafts prior to our next meeting on June 17, 2024 meeting.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, June 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the East Haven – North Haven Probate Court.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Brandt
Committee Member