

## **Public Information Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2019

Judge Knierim's Office, PCA

**Attendees:** Judge Diane S. Blick, Judge Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge Lisa K. Wexler, Judge Paul J. Knierim and Audrey Honig Geragosian

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Judge Blick led a discussion how to reinvigorate the committee after a period of dormancy with brainstorming on how the committee can best serve the Probate Courts. There exists a general misperception that the Probate Courts mainly address estates, and the committee's focus should be in helping each judge and court tell people – whether they are members of the public or decision-makers – what the Probate Courts really do.

The committee agreed that having a printed pamphlet explaining the role of the Probate Courts would be valuable to offer. (At present, these match the panels of the display boards judges use for external presentations.) New statistics are being generated by the IT Department and when they are available, PCA should update the panels and the pamphlets so the committee can make customized versions available to the courts. Judge Knierim noted that this will be contingent upon staff availability during the busy legislative session schedule.

In addition, the committee discussed the importance of having judges meet with their elected representatives to convey the nature of “a day in Probate Court” and to make a personal connection.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. No date was set for another meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Diane S. Blick  
Committee Chair