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Regular Meeting of the Probate Court Rules Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Quinnipiac University School of Law 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, CT 06473

Minutes

The meeting was convened at 3:03 p.m. by Hon. Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Probate Court Administrator and Chair.

<u>Other members in attendance</u>: Attorney Molly Ackerly, Mr. Ned Bixler, Attorney Douglas Brown, Attorney Evan Brunetti, Chief Counsel Heather Dostaler, Attorney James Dougherty, Attorney Alice Fitzpatrick, Attorney Gabriella Kiniry, Attorney Andrew Knott, Attorney Janie L. McDermott, Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, Attorney Melissa Nixon, Mr. Stephen Pedneault, Attorney Carmine Perri, Hon. Robert Randich, Attorney Eric Rothauser, Attorney Greta Solomon, Ms. Suzette Threet, Hon. Steven Zelman (ret.).

<u>Members absent</u>: Hon. Peter Barrett, Attorney David D. Biklen, Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio, Professor Jeffrey Cooper, Hon. John McGrath, Hon. Brian Mahon (ret.).

Remarks of the Chair

Judge Streit-Kefalas thanked the committee members for their attendance and also took a moment for re-introductions.

Continued review of concepts for revision for the 2024 edition

The committee continued its review of the proposed concepts for the 2024 edition. Drafts of rules, having been presented, the full committee offered feedback as follows:

BEVERLY K. STREIT-KEFALAS Probate Court Administrator HEATHER L. DOSTALER Chief Counsel EVAN C. BRUNETTI Attorney ERIC H. ROTHAUSER Attorney Probate Court Rules Advisory Committee Minutes of November 7, 2023 Meeting Page 2 of 2

- Administrative closure: There was considerable discussion regarding the draft rule for the administrative closure of a conservatorship of estate file. By consensus of the full committee, it was decided to table this rule for the next meeting.
- **Termination of Involuntary Conservatorship:** After some discussion, the consensus of the full committee was that "after notice" is unnecessary as subparagraph (b) calls for the commencement of a hearing, which would require notice. Also, it was decided by consensus to remove "as soon as practicable" from subparagraph (b)(3).

Other Business

No other business was brought before the committee.

Approval of minutes of October 10, 2023 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting was made by Attorney Douglas Brown, seconded by Attorney Greta Solomon, and unanimously approved. Attorney Molly Ackerly, Mr. Stephen Pedneault, and Hon. Steven Zelman abstained.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the full committee will be November 28, 2023 at Quinnipiac University School of Law, 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, CT 06473 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.