



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

June 10, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

186 Newington Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06110

Attendees: Judges Ceneviva, Brandt, Darby, DaSilva, Gettinger, Hoyle, Jalowiec, Lewis, McCaffrey, Randich, Shaikh, and Steck. Also in attendance from PCA: Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler and Probate Court Administrator Beverly K. Streit.

1. Call to Order:

Judge Jalowiec called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Judge DaSilva and seconded by Judge Lewis to approve the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

None.

4. Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Judge Lewis reported that the next Committee meeting will be on June 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library. The next seminar is on June 24, 2026 at Central Connecticut State University.

Ethics

Judge Brandt reported that the next meeting for the Committee will be September 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the PCA Library.

Legislative

Judge Streit reported there is no update from the committee with the end of session. However, PCA will shortly be distributing the 2026 Legislative Summary.

Planning

Judge Hoyle reported that a special meeting for the Committee is scheduled for July 8, 2026, immediately following the Executive Committee meeting. The committee will take a final vote on the bench guide regarding virtual hearings.

Procedures Review

Judge Randich reported that the next meeting for the Committee will be September 14, 2026.

Court Security

No report.

NCPJ

Judge McCaffrey reported that the 2026 Fall Conference will be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina and the 2027 Spring Conference will take place in Phoenix, Arizona.

6. Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:

Judge Streit reported the following:

- The revised Probate Court Rules of Procedure will take effect on July 1, 2026, and copies will be distributed at the June seminar.
- All court visits have been scheduled during the summer months.

There was also discussion about conservator review and accountability.

7. Comments of the President Judge:

Judge Jalowiec remarked on the importance of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, an organization that provides assistance and support for lawyers and judges facing mental health and behavioral health problems.

8. Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:

The judges discussed the use of artificial intelligence in the courts and the continued problem of lawyers submitting AI-generated legal briefs to courts across the country that include hallucinatory citations. There was also discussion of the increased use of AI by self-represented parties.

9. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Darby and seconded by Judge DaSilva. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva, Secretary