CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of the

Executive Committee

November 4, 2026
9:45 a.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator
186 Newington Rd.
West Hartford, CT 06110

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

1. **Call to Order**:
   Judge Jalowiec called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2026 meeting**:
   A motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2026 was made by Judge Lewis, seconded by Judge Brandt and unanimously approved.

3. **Correspondence**:
   None.

4. **Committee Reports:**
   Continuing Education
   Judge Lewis reported that the October Judges institute was extremely informative. The next seminar is the Judges Institute on November 18, 2026. The next committee meeting is December 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the PCA Library.

   Ethics
   Judge Brandt had no new report but shared he will be sending an email regarding ethics decisions discussed at recent seminars.

   Legislative
   Judge Streit reported that the legislative committee met after the Judges institute on October 28, 2026. The committee agreed on a number of concepts that they will be working on during the legislative session.

   Planning
   No report.

   Procedures Review

Judge Randich reported that the next meeting will be on December 7, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Court Security
Judge Hoyle reported that he sent an email to all Probate Courts regarding the handling of suspicious mail. He reported that the next committee meeting will be on November 9, 2026, at 10 a.m.

NCPJ
Judge McCaffrey reported that the fall conference is next week, November 11-14, 2026 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The spring conference is May 12-15, 2027, in Phoenix, AZ.

6. **Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:**
Judge Streit reported the approvals to move the PCA office are proceeding. Additionally, due to the retirements of four judges, at least 4 new judges were elected yesterday.

7. **Comments of the President-Judge:**
Judge Jalowiec shared how much he values what he has learned on the bench and is using that knowledge and experience now in some personal family matters. The perspective he has gained has been invaluable.

He also extended high congratulations to everyone that was elected yesterday and wished good luck to everyone that won't be returning to the bench.

8. **Other Business to come before the Executive Committee:**
Judge Michael Darby shared that this will be his last Executive Committee meeting due to his retirement at the end of the term. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the relationships and friendships he has gained over the years.

9. **Adjournment**:
A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Darby and seconded by Judge Randich. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hon. Ariana F. Ceneviva, Secretary