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Probate Court Rules Advisory Committee Subcommittee III Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, April 1, 2021
4:00 p.m.**

This meeting was conducted in-person at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator and by Cisco Webex Videoconference.

The meeting was convened at 4:03 p.m. by Judge Robert Randich, Chair.

Other members in attendance: Attorneys Evan Brunetti, James Dougherty, Gabriella Kiniry, Andrew Knott, Melissa Nixon and Kimberly Zigich, and Ms. Suzette Threet.

Remarks of the Chair

Judge Randich remarked, after brief introductions and greetings, that the goal of the subcommittee is to review concepts for the Rules of Procedure within its assignment and make recommendations to the greater Advisory Committee.

Review of subcommittee process

The subcommittee agreed to review the List of Issues to develop consensus on the topics presented with subsequent review and approval of any proposed draft language. Furthermore, the subcommittee will develop consensus surrounding the draft language and will then make recommendations to the Advisory Committee for adoption. To this end, the subcommittee agreed to conduct meetings as necessary and proposed a regular two-week meeting.

Refinement of list of topics assigned to the subcommittee

Prior to the meeting, Attorneys Dougherty provided additional concepts to be reviewed, which will be added to the List of Issues.

The subcommittee began reviewing the list of issues pertaining to Subcommittee III from the document entitled "Probate Court Rules of Procedure List of Issues for 2022 Edition." Following discussion, the subcommittee reached the following conclusions:

Rule 30 (decedent estates): The subcommittee recommends that the rule be amended to add a new section that clarifies a petition to open a safe deposit box under C.G.S. section 45a-284 (will or cemetery deed) is filed in the probate district that would have jurisdiction over the decedent's estate.

Section 30.19 (relating to the filing of final accounts for deceased fiduciaries of a decedent's estate): The subcommittee recommends adding a provision that if an executor or administrator of the deceased fiduciary has not been appointed, a successor fiduciary may file the final account or financial report on behalf of the deceased fiduciary.

Section 34.8 (relating to the filing of final accounts for deceased guardians of the estate of a minor): The subcommittee recommends adding a provision that if an executor or administrator of the deceased guardian of the estate of a minor has not been appointed, a successor guardian of the estate may file the final account or financial report on behalf of the deceased guardian.

Next Meeting

The subcommittee agreed to meet Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Webex videoconference and in person at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.