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**Probate Court Rules of Procedure
Advisory Committee
Subcommittee II
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Office of the Probate Court Administrator
186 Newington Road
West Hartford, CT
and via Webex videoconference

The meeting was convened at 4:02 p.m. by Judge Peter C. Barrett, Chair.

Members in attendance: Judges John McGrath, Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Attorneys Christopher Hug, Carmine Perri, and Professor Jeffrey Cooper. Absent: Judge Brian Mahon (retired).

Remarks of the Chair

No remarks.

Approval of minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting

By motion of Attorney Hug, seconded by Judge McGrath, the motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

List of issues assigned to the subcommittee

The committee continued its review of issues:

- **Rule 60.2 (hearing management conferences): consider general review to enhance use and effectiveness:** The committee continued discussion of the Scheduling Order and Probate Court Hearing Management Order (PC-134) to enhance the effectiveness of hearing management conferences. Members will review the form for suggested revisions for further discussion.

- **Rule 66 (participation in hearing by electronic means): Review when and how participation may be permitted by electronic means.** The committee discussed the benefits and challenges during the public health emergency with conducting hearings virtually on a video and audio-conferencing platform as allowed under the authority of the governor's executive orders. Rule 66 provides for electronic participation in a hearing as requested by a party or witness. The committee will continue to discuss whether revision of the rule is recommended to allow for the continuation of remote hearings in certain limited circumstances at the expiration of the public health emergency.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.