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

Thursday, July 1, 2021
3:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Judge Peter C. Barrett, Chair.

Members in attendance: Judges Peter Barrett, John McGrath, Probate Court Administrator Beverly Streit-Kefalas, Attorney Carmine Perri, Professor Jeffrey Cooper.

Remarks of the Chair

No remarks.

Approval of minutes of the May 18, 2021 and June 10, 2021 meetings

The minutes of the May 18, 2021 and of the June 10, 2021 meeting were approved following a vote called on the motions by Attorney Perri and seconds by Judge McGrath.

Continue refinement and discussion of list of topics assigned to subcommittee

Draft language to revise Rule 66 was prepared by Professor Cooper. By email communication, Judge Mahon approved the draft language. The members discussed the draft language with all agreeing that the subcommittee's emphasis for the rule is for in-person hearings with the recognition of the time and travel efficiencies and conveniences the pandemic-imposed virtual hearing platform has revealed. Members discussed the practical logistics parties and the courts may encounter if participation by electronic means was requested, how objections to such requests would be addressed, complexities of hybrid participation in hearings, as well as

the logistical challenges in changing the method by which the hearing may have been originally scheduled. There was concern not only for the efficiencies of the court but also in not causing time and delay to parties if matters had to be rescheduled. The committee reviewed possible revisions to Rule 66 to include specific procedures on how to request electronic participation such as is provided in Rules 5.7 or 10.1.

The committee agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.