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**Regular Meeting of the
Probate Court Rules of Procedure
Advisory Committee**

Thursday, August 28, 2025

**Office of the Probate Court Administrator
186 Newington Road, West Hartford, 06110**

Minutes

The meeting was convened at 3:11 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Beverly K. Streit, Probate Court Administrator; Attorney Molly Ackerly; Attorney Douglas R. Brown; Attorney Evan C. Brunetti; Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio; Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler; Attorney James I. Dougherty; Attorney Zachary T. King; Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham (ret.); Attorney Janie L. McDermott; Attorney Melissa Nixon; Hon. Robert A. Randich; Attorney Eric H. Rothausen; Hon. Sophia H. Shaikh; and Hon. David C. Shepard; Attorney Greta E. Solomon; and Hon. Steven M. Zelman (ret.).

Members absent: Mr. Ned Bixler; Hon. Peter C. Barrett; Prof. Jeffrey A. Cooper; Attorney Andrew S. Knott; Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault, CPA/CFF, CFE; and Attorney Carmine Perri.

Approval of minutes of August 7, 2025 meeting

Following a motion to approve the minutes by Attorney Douglas R. Brown and seconded by Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham, the minutes of the August 7, 2025 meeting were approved.

Review of concepts for revision for the 2026 edition

The Committee continued to review proposed concepts for rules presented at the last meeting. The full committee reached consensus after discussion on the following topics:

- To include the importance of civility toward the judiciary and parties in a matter in the Probate Court Administrator's Preface to the rules rather than adopting principles of civility/professionalism at this time.
- To review the rules for gender-neutral language and revise if necessary to ensure gender-neutrality.
- To make no changes with respect to generative artificial intelligence at this time.
- To make no changes to Rule 66 at this time.
- To draft a new rule to address procedures for taking out-of-state depositions relating to probate matters.
- To draft and further review revision to Rule 61.3 relating to taking depositions in Connecticut with respect to probate matters.
- To draft and review revisions to Rule 45.5 relating to where a petition for electroconvulsive (shock) therapy may be filed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 18, 2025 at the Office of the Probate Court Administrator, 186 Newington Road, West Hartford, CT 06110 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Hon. David C. Shepard and seconded by Attorney Douglas R. Brown. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.