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

Thursday, September 18, 2025

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

Minutes

The meeting was convened at 3:01 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chair Beverly K. Streit, Probate Court Administrator; Attorney Molly Ackerly; Mr. Ned Bixler; Attorney Evan C. Brunetti; Assistant Attorney General Rebekah Burgio; Chief Counsel Heather L. Dostaler; Attorney Zachary T. King; Attorney Melissa Nixon; Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault, CPA/CFF, CFE; Hon. Robert A. Randich; Attorney Eric H. Rothausser; and Hon. David C. Shepard; Attorney Greta E. Solomon; and Hon. Steven M. Zelman (ret.).

Members absent: Hon. Peter C. Barrett; Attorney Douglas R. Brown; Prof. Jeffrey A. Cooper; Attorney James I. Dougherty; Attorney Andrew S. Knott; Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham (ret.); Attorney Janie L. McDermott; Hon. Sophia H. Shaikh; and Attorney Carmine Perri.

Approval of minutes of August 18, 2025 meeting

Following a motion to approve the minutes by Attorney Molly Ackerly and seconded by Hon. Steven M. Zelman, the minutes of the August 18, 2025 meeting were approved.

Review draft rule language

Drafts of rules, having been presented, the committee offered feedback as follows:

- Rule 6.1(a)(2): There was consensus that the rule be adopted as drafted.
- Rule 22.1: There was consensus that the rule be adopted as drafted.

- Rule 30.17: After discussion, there was consensus that the rule be adopted as drafted with an additional amendment by adding “to probate” to the language.
- Rule 36.13: After discussion, there was consensus that the rule be adopted as further revised by the committee to reflect the requirement that a fiduciary maintain the backup information that the fiduciary used to determine the sums reported on an account or financial report.
- Rule 42: After discussion, there was consensus that the rule be adopted as drafted.
- Rule 45.5: Judge Streit shared some additional background information relating to the history of Rule 45.5. When the rule was adopted in 2013, the rule provided that petitions for shock therapy were to be filed in the probate district in which “the treating facility is located.” The rule was amended in 2015 to provide that petitions were to be filed in the district in which “the patient is hospitalized.” After discussion, there was a motion, second and vote to revise the rule as drafted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is October 9, 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. Robert A. Randich and seconded by Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.