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

Thursday, October 9, 2025

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Minutes

The meeting was convened at 3:10 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; Attorney Andrew S. Knott; Hon. Kathleen N. Maxham (ret.); Attorney Janie L. McDermott; Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault, CPA/CFF, CFE; Hon. Robert A. Randich; Attorney Eric H. Rothauser; Hon. Sophia H. Shaikh; Hon. David C. Shepard; and Attorney Greta E. Solomon.

Members absent: Hon. Peter C. Barrett; Mr. Ned Bixler; Prof. Jeffrey A. Cooper; Attorney Melissa Nixon; Attorney Carmine Perri; and Hon. Steven M. Zelman (ret.).

Approval of minutes of September 9, 2025 meeting

Following a motion to approve the minutes by Stephen A. Pedneault and seconded by Attorney Greta Solomon, the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting were approved.

Continued review of concepts for the 2026 edition

Attorney Dougherty requested consideration to repeal Rule 7.1a(2) which provides a person may not electronically file an original probate bond or probate rider. A number of bond companies are no longer issuing paper bonds. The current practice appears to be that the bond is electronically created and signed by the surety and the fiduciary. Attorney Solomon moved to repeal the exception under Rule 7.1a(2), seconded by Judge Maxham and further discussion, the committee approved repeal of Rule 7.1a(2).

Review draft rule language

Thereafter, Mr. Stephen Pedneault moved to approve the draft revisions to Rules 35.2 and 35.7. After a second by Attorney Janie McDermott, the motion carried by vote of the committee.

Attorneys Dostaler and Rothauser then presented the draft revisions to Rule 61.3 to align further with the Interstate Deposition and Discovery Act. Following motion by Attorney Andrew Knott and seconded by Attorney Douglas Brown, the committee voted in favor of the rule as revised.

Next Meeting

There are no further meetings of the committee scheduled.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stephen A. Pedneault and seconded by Attorney Rebecca Rigdon. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.