

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2014
14 WEST RIVER STREET
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge Douglas S. Lavine
Attorney Patricia R. Beauregard
Attorney John W. Cannavino (from II.A)
Attorney Andrew Crumbie
Mr. Stephen J. Grasso
Attorney John J. Houlihan, Jr.
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo (from II.A)
Attorney George L. Smith
Mr. David J. Sullivan, III
Attorney Harry Weller

Staff Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard
Ms. Nancy Pulito

The meeting commenced at 2:07 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

Judge Lavine introduced and welcomed Attorney Joseph B. Burns, who was appointed to serve as a member of the committee beginning January 1, 2015. Judge Lavine noted that Judge Ingrid L. Moll was also appointed to serve on the committee effective January 1, 2015. Judge Lavine thanked Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo and Judge Alfred J. Jennings, Jr. for their dedicated service to the committee on the occasion of their last meeting as members.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, September 18, 2014

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2014 were unanimously approved as drafted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A.) 2015 Meeting Schedule

The committee unanimously approved the following dates and locations for meetings in 2015, with each meeting scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m.

January 29, 2015	-	Video Conference
March 26, 2015	-	Milford
May 28, 2015	-	Hartford
July 30, 2015	-	Milford
October 1, 2015	-	Hartford
December 3, 2015	-	Milford

The Hartford meeting location will be 80 Washington Street, and the Milford location will be 14 West River Street. Locations for the video conference meeting on January 29 will be determined.

B.) Quarterly Report, July – September 2014

The committee took note of the quarterly report of its activities to the Executive Committee of the Superior Court for the quarter beginning July 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2014.

C.) Client Security Fund Fee

The committee considered and discussed the amount of the client security fund fee. In connection with the discussion, the committee considered a memorandum from Attorney Blanchard dated October 29, 2014, regarding the client security fund's history of making payments on claims over the past ten years, fund expenses, and the increase in the available balance in the fund since the client security fund fee was reduced in 2013. The committee determined that it would table any further discussion regarding the fee to the committee's next meeting.

D.) Correspondence from Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo dated October 29, 2014 re: Client Security Fund Fee Administrative Suspensions

The committee considered correspondence dated October 29, 2014 from Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo, counsel to the Rules Committee

of the Superior Court, regarding a suggestion made by Judge Eddie Rodriguez, Jr. that the list of attorneys administratively suspended for non-payment of the client security fund fee published in the Connecticut Law Journal pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-79 include the town within which the attorney practices. After consideration of the matter, the committee determined that it would continue the current practice of publishing a list with the attorney's name and juris number. Attorney Blanchard was directed to inform Attorney Del Ciampo of the committee's consideration of the matter and its decision to stand on the current practice.

E.) Application for Reimbursement Form

The committee considered proposed changes to Judicial Branch form JD-GC-15, the form used to apply for reimbursement from the client security fund. With one change to the language of question number eleven, where the word "ordinarily" was added after the word "discovered" and before the word "is" in the second sentence of the question, the proposed changes to the form were unanimously approved.

F.) Credit Card Payments of the Client Security Fund Fee

Attorney Blanchard informed the committee that it is expected that attorneys will be able to pay the annual client security fund fee by credit card before the end of the year.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m., with a meeting to consider matters exempt from F.O.I. and confidential pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-76 following immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher G. Blanchard
Staff Attorney