

Draft Minutes

Committee on Court Recording Monitors and Court Reporters

January 4, 2010

2:00

90 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut

The Committee on Court Recording Monitors and Court Reporters met at 90 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Committee members in attendance: Justice Joette Katz (chair), Mr. Claude Albert, Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr., Atty. James Brawley, Atty. Peter Dreyer, Atty. Scott Hartley, Ms. Caren Kittredge, Mr. James Maher, Atty. Richard O'Connor, Ms. Shirley Sambrook, Atty. Lauren Weisfeld, and Atty. Harry Weller.

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM by Justice Katz in the fourth floor conference room.

1. The minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were read and approved by a 10-0 vote. Ms. Kittredge abstained, and Atty. Weller was not present for the vote.
2. Following the approval of the minutes, the meeting was moved to Courtroom 1A, on the first floor, at approximately 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the public.
3. The members received updates from support staff Atty. Martin Libbin and Atty. Richard Loffredo. Atty. Libbin reviewed the Connecticut statutes and Practice Book Rules relating to the definition and ownership of "the record." Defining what the record is and who owns the record are the committee's current priority as determined by the interrelationship digraph exercise completed in November.
4. Atty. Loffredo summarized the responses of questions sent to court administrators across the country regarding the definition of the court record; methods used to memorialize courtroom proceedings; the transcript and how it relates to the court record; ownership of the record; ownership of the notes of court reporters and stenographers; ownership of the equipment used to memorialize the court record; compensation practices, rules, policies and statutes; and assignment of transcription services. Responses were received from Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Dakota, Texas and Utah.
5. At 3:15 p.m. the meeting was moved to Courtroom A-2 and the Committee engaged in a videoconference with Professor Fredric Lederer and Mr. Martin Gruen from the Center for Legal and Court Technology Project at the William & Mary Law School. Professor Lederer and Mr. Gruen answered a series of

questions that the Committee submitted relating to current technology and trends in memorializing what occurs in a courtroom.

6. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for February 4, 2010 at 2:00 in the 4th floor conference room at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

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