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Public Service and Trust Commission Committee on the Utilization of Judge Trial Referees

**April 8, 2010
2:00 PM
225 Spring Street
Wethersfield, CT**

The Committee on the Utilization of Judge Trial Referees met in the fourth floor conference room at 225 Spring Street in Wethersfield on Thursday April 8, 2010.

Committee members in attendance: Hon. James W. Abrams, Hon. Arnold W. Aronson, Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr., Hon. Bernadette Conway, Hon. Deborah Kochiss Frankel, Hon. John F. Kavanewsky, Jr., Hon. Linda K. Lager (co-chair), Hon. William J. Lavery (co-chair), Hon. Aaron Ment, Hon. Joseph H. Pellegrino, Hon. Joseph J. Purtill, Hon. William B. Rush, Hon. William L. Wollenberg

The meeting was called to order by Judge Lager at 2:05 PM

1. Judge Lager and Judge Lavery welcomed the members of the committee.
2. The minutes from the December 17, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Judge Frankel, chair of the Survey Subcommittee, provided an overview of the subcommittee's work. The subcommittee developed two surveys, one for current judge trial referees and one for judges who will be turning 70 by December 31, 2016. The full committee unanimously approved the surveys for distribution. The subcommittee also drafted two cover letters to accompany the surveys, one authored by Judge Frankel as chair of the subcommittee and one authored by Judge Lager and Judge Lavery as chairs of the full committee. The full committee unanimously agreed to use the letter authored by the chairs of the full committee.
4. Judge Conway, member of the Allocation Subcommittee, provided an overview of the subcommittee's work. Judge Conway summarized the results of the questionnaire that was distributed to the administrative judges.
5. Judge Kavanewsky, chair of the Training and Education Subcommittee, provided an overview of the subcommittee's work. A discussion ensued regarding the subcommittee's proposals.
6. Judge Rush, chair of the Evaluation Subcommittee, provided an overview of the subcommittee's work. A discussion ensued regarding the subcommittee's work. During the discussion, Judge Abrams provided an overview of the work being done by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Advisory Panel.

7. A discussion ensued regarding the future tasks of the committee. The committee created the Policy Subcommittee, to be chaired by Judge Berger. Once the surveys are returned, the information will be compiled and distributed to the committee members for the subcommittees to continue their work.

8. The next meeting of the full committee will be announced at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM