

## MINUTES

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

November 4, 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 November 4, 2010.

Committee members in attendance: Hon. James W. Abrams, Hon. Arnold W. Aronson, Hon. Salvatore C. Agati, 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. 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 September 16, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Judge Agati, chair of the Allocation Subcommittee, summarized the two recommendations of the subcommittee. The first recommendation would revise the language contained in section 2 of the "Policy Concerning the Service of Judge Trial Referees." The second recommendation is to have the Chief Court Administrator develop the questionnaire referenced in the first recommendation.

Judge Aronson recommended that the Allocation Subcommittee's recommendations include an attachment that uses track changes to show the proposed changes made to the policy. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Judge Berger raised the issue of aggregate scheduling, upon which a discussion ensued. Judge Berger moved to have "hours of work" added to the second recommendation of the Allocation Subcommittee. The Committee voted 10-1 against the proposal (Judge Berger in favor).

The Committee unanimously approved the report of the Allocation Subcommittee, as amended.

4. The Committee reviewed the draft final report.

Judge Frankel sought to amend the first recommendation. Following discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to amend the first recommendation.

The draft report will be amended to note that Judge Wollenberg voted against the second recommendation.

Regarding the second recommendation, Judge Aronson sought to add language to either the recommendation or the commentary regarding reappointment by the legislature. Following discussion, the Committee voted 10-1 against the proposed language (Judge Aronson in favor).

Regarding the third recommendation, the draft report will reflect the changes made to the Allocation Subcommittee's report.

The report, as amended, was unanimously approved by the Committee. Judge Bright and Judge Purtill, who were unable to attend the meeting, contacted the Committee chairs and informed them that they were in agreement with the report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM