

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
OCTOBER 5, 2007

The Chair, Raymond W. Beckwith of Trumbull, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. (EDT). Present were members John W. Barnett, Earl Dewey, Mary Driscoll, Eric Gross, Honorable Arthur Hiller, Honorable John Langenbach, Adam Mantzaris, Honorable C. Ian McLachlan, Gail McTaggart, David Moraghan, Irving H. Perlmutter, Denise Martino Phelan, Matthew Wax-Krell, Michael Whelton and Mary Zackrison. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director Legal Services, Attorney Services Section, R. David Stamm, Director, Connecticut Bar Examining Committee, Joseph J. DelCiampo, Counsel, Legal Services and Kathleen Wood, Program Manager I.

Upon motion made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Judge Hiller, it was voted unanimously to deem those 657 applicants who had obtained a passing grade on the July, 2007 bar examination to have passed the examination.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Mary Zackrison, it was voted unanimously to deem those 155 applicants who had not obtained a passing grade on July, 2007 bar examination to have failed the examination.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Mr. Barnett it was voted unanimously that those applicants, four hundred twenty-one (421) in number who had obtained a passing grade on the July, 2007 bar examination and who have complied with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut, be recommended to the Judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Judge Hiller, it was voted unanimously to recommend to the judges of the Superior Court the admission of those applicants obtaining a passing grade on the July, 2007 bar examination but whose applications contained technical defects, be recommended upon remedying the defects, unless further evidence warrants additional review pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Mary Zackrison, it was voted unanimously to review further the applications of twenty-one (21) applicants who have passed the bar examination pursuant to Article VI of the regulations of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter seconded by Mr. Beckwith, consideration of the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2007 was tabled until the next meeting of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee.

Mr. Barnett delivered the treasurer's report. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Perlmutter, it was voted unanimously to approve the treasurer's report for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2007, and to approve the treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Judge Langenbach, it was voted unanimously to table the election of offices for the period November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008 until the meeting scheduled for April 25, 2008.

Upon motion duly made by Judge McLachlan, seconded by Mr. Dewey, it was voted unanimously that the chair appoint a nominating subcommittee to submit a report recommending nominations by April 1, 2008.

Mr. Beckwith moved that the Committee direct him, as chair to appoint a subcommittee of no more than five (5) persons to prepare a response to the request of Justice Peter T. Zarella concerning a proposed rule designated as Section 2-13A as to the practice of law in Connecticut by certain law school personnel not otherwise admitted in Connecticut. The motion was seconded by Judge Langenbach and passed unanimously. The chair will direct the members of the subcommittee, when appointed, to report its recommendations no later than March 31, 2008 for presentation at the next regularly schedule meeting on April 25, 2008.

Mr. Beckwith moved that the forms submitted by the administrative staff as to the implementation of the new rules concerning the admission of "Authorized House Counsel" be approved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Whelton. Mr. Barnett moved to have question 24 omitted, seconded by Mr. Mantzaris. The amendment failed of adoption by a vote of five (5) in favor and nine (9) opposed. Mary Driscoll moved to eliminate question 11 from the application, seconded by Mr. Barnett. The amendment failed of adoption by vote of seven (7) in favor and seven (7) opposed. Mr. Whelton moved that question 12 be deleted in its entirety, seconded by Mr. Moraghan. This amendment to the forms was approved unanimously. Mr. Beckwith moved that the application form, as amended, be adopted by the committee, seconded by Mr. Whelton. The motion was adopted unanimously and the "Authorized House Counsel" application form as amended, was approved unanimously.

Mr. Whelton delivered the report of the Character and Fitness Subcommittee. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Whelton, seconded by Mr. Moraghan, it was voted unanimously to hold a formal hearing as to the conditional admission of 502. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Whelton, seconded by Mary Driscoll, it was voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the New Haven County Standing Committee and to recommend to the Judges of the Superior Court the admission of 599 to the bar of the State of Connecticut.*

There was no foreign education subcommittee report by Judge Quinn.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Mr. Barnett, it was voted unanimously to approve the application form for the July, 2008 bar examination.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Moragahn, seconded by Mr. Mantzaris, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. (EDT).

* Names of applicants have been redacted and replaced with numeric codes to ensure confidentiality as mandated by Practice Book § 2-4A. While matters concerning character and fitness are exempt from the FOIA, in the spirit of openness, the results of the committee's actions are being provided but all personally identifiable information has been withheld.