

**MINUTES OF MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

May 26, 2015

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held pursuant to notice on May 26, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Attorney's Conference Room, State Supreme Court Building, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.

PRESENT

Present in person were: Supreme Court Justice Peter T. Zarella, Superior Court Judge Patrick L. Carroll, III, Chief Court Administrator and Chair, Judge Elliot N. Solomon, Deputy Chief Court Administrator, Judge Marshall K. Berger, Jr. and Judge William H. Bright, Jr., who attended at the invitation of the Chair. Present by conference call were: Superior Court Judges Barbara M. Bellis (Alternate for Robert J. Devlin, Jr.), Harry E. Calmar, Edward S. Domnarski, Angelo L. dos Santos, Lisa K. Morgan, Michael E. Riley, Sheila A. Ozalis and Michael E. Riley

Call to Order

Judge Carroll called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Judge Berger to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Judge Ozalis and approved unanimously. Judges Bellis and Morgan abstained.

Receipt of Correspondence

Judge Carroll acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Mr. Daniel Lynch. Judge Carroll advised the members that copies of Mr. Lynch's correspondence would be forwarded to the members of the Executive Committee for their review, and that the item would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Report on Administration of IOLTA and Grants-in-Aid Programs

Judge Carroll then introduced Judge Bright who had been invited to address the Committee concerning the administration of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA), the Court Fees Grants-In-Aid and the Judicial Branch Grants-In-Aid programs. Rule 1.15(g)(4)(B) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Memoranda of Understanding Concerning the Court Fees and Judicial Branch Grants-In-Aid programs require the Connecticut Bar Foundation each year to submit certain detailed information

about the programs to the Executive Committee. The reports of the Connecticut Bar Foundation dated May 26, 2015 were distributed to members via email.

Judge Bright opened his remarks by stating that the Connecticut Bar Foundation administers funding for legal services to the poor in Connecticut from three sources, Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA), the Judicial Branch Grants-In-Aid programs and the Court Fees Grants-In-Aid programs. He noted that the IOLTA fund revenues continue to decline. Judge Bright reported that in 2014 approximately \$2,500,000 in funding for legal services for people in need was generated, contrasting sharply with the \$20,000,000 what was generated in 2008. Fortunately, the revenue from the Judicial Branch Grants-In-Aid Program and the Court Fees Grants-In-Aid program supplemented the funds available for distribution. Approximately \$11,000,000 was generated by the Court Fees Grant-In-Aid Program, and \$1,500,000 from the Judicial Branch Grants-in-Aid for legal services for those in need.

Following Judge Bright's report, a motion was made by Judge Bellis and seconded by Judge Berger to approve the reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Client Security Fund report

Judge Carroll then asked for a motion to accept the Client Security Fund Report for the period January 1, 2015 –March 31, 2015. The motion was made by Judge Morgan and seconded by Judge Ozalis. The motion was approved unanimously.

Subject for Ratification Only

Judge Carroll asked the committee to turn its attention to item 5 of the agenda, Executive Committee business conducted June 27, July 11 and August 15, 2014. Judge Carroll noted the recusal of Judge Vacchelli on July 11. A motion was made by Judge Domnarski and seconded by Judge Riley to ratify the appointments, promotions, and transfers, and leaves of absences for the weeks ending June 27, July 11 and August 15, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments, Promotions, Transfers and Leaves of Absence

Judge Carroll then requested a motion to approve item 6 on the agenda, the appointments, promotions, transfers and leaves of absence of Judicial Branch employees. A motion was made by Judge Riley, seconded by Judge Calmar, and approved unanimously.

Appointment Recommendations from Administrative Judges

Judge Carroll requested a motion in favor of approving the appointment recommendations of the Administrative Judges to various committees and positions

within the Judicial Branch and submitting them to the Annual Meeting of the Judges of the Superior Court, with the exception of the Deputy Chief Clerk for Housing Matters for the Waterbury Judicial District, that will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting. The motion was made by Judge dos Santos, seconded by Judge Bellis.

Adjournment

Judge dos Santos moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Judge Morgan and approved unanimously.