Rules Committee Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Attorneys’ Conference Room
Supreme Court Building

Agenda

4-1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on November 24, 2009.

4-2. Proposal by Attorney Denise Poncini to amend Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct to adopt provisions of Section 6 of P.A. 09-152 concerning IOLTA.

4-3. Letters from Attorney Franklin Drazen, Director of the Connecticut Chapter of Elder Law Attorneys, and Lori Barbee, Executive Director of the National Elder Law Foundation, to amend Rule 7.4A(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct to include “Elder Law” as a field of law in which attorneys may be certified as specialists in this state; letter from Attorney Marilyn Denny concerning this.

4-4. Proposal by Attorney David Stamm, then Administrative Director of the Bar Examining Committee, to amend the rules concerning fitness to practice law; report submitted by Attorney Anne Dranginis, Chair of the Bar Examining Committee, concerning the proposal; material concerning the solicitation of mental health information in connection with applications for bar admission.

4-5. Proposals submitted by Attorney Livia Barndollar, President of the Connecticut Bar Association, to amend Rule 5.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Practice Book Section 2-15A to permit authorized house counsel to provide pro bono services to non-profit organizations.

4-6. Proposal by Attorney James H. Lee to amend Sec. 2-64 concerning the procedure by which attorneys are appointed trustees to close the law practices of deceased attorneys; comments from the CBA Task Force on Attorney Trust Accounts, Chief Disciplinary Counsel Mark Dubois, Statewide Bar Counsel Michael Bowler, and Attorney Richard S. Fisher concerning these proposals.

4-7. Proposed revision to the Code of Judicial Conduct submitted by Justice Barry R. Schaller, on behalf of the Judicial Code Committee; various comments concerning this proposal.

4-8. Proposed new rule submitted by Justice C. Ian McLachlan and Attorney Nancy A. Porter to adopt provisions of Section 1 of Public Act 08-67 concerning the protection of family violence victims in family relations matters.

4-9. Proposed new rule, submitted by an ad hoc committee composed of Justices Zarella and
McLachlan and Judges Keller, Olear and Sheldon, establishing a pilot program to increase public access to juvenile proceedings in connection with Section 5 of P.A. 09-194; letter from Judge Barbara Quinn, Chief Court Administrator, on behalf of Juvenile Access Pilot Program Advisory Board concerning proposal.

4-10. CBA’s proposed changes to the ABA’s revisions to Rules 3.8 and 4.2 of the Rules of Professional Conduct; comments received by the Rules Committee and testimony given at May 22, 2006, public hearing concerning these proposals; minutes of meeting of Criminal Practice Commission concerning Rules 3.8 and 4.2; letter from Hon. Barbara Kerr Howe, Chair of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Policy Implementation Committee, and Robert Mundheim, Chair ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, concerning recent amendments to Rules 1.0, 1.10 and 3.8 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

4-11. Comments from Attorney Kate W. Haakonsen with regard to Section 4-7 concerning personal identifying information.

4-12. Proposed revisions to the Code of Evidence submitted by Judge Thomas A. Bishop, Chair of the Evidence Oversight Committee.

4-13. Uniform Interstate Deposition and Discovery Act submitted by Attorney David D. Biklen on behalf of the Uniform Law Commissioners.

4-14. Proposals submitted by Judge Barbara M. Quinn on behalf of the Civil Commission to amend the discovery rules concerning electronically stored information; comments by Judge Barbara Bellis concerning the proposals; and Uniform rules Relating to Discovery of Electronically Stored Information, submitted by Uniform State Law Commissioner David Biklen.

4-15. Proposal by Attorney M. Dean Montgomery to amend the discovery rules to specifically address metadata.

4-16. Correspondence from Attorney Robert S. Kolesnik with regard to Section 13-4 concerning disclosure of experts.

4-17. Such other matters that may come before the Rules Committee.