

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
**PUBLIC PORTION**  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
JANUARY 16, 2009

The Treasurer, Denise Martino Phelan of Glastonbury, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). Present were members Richard F. Banbury, Raymond W. Beckwith, Kevin C. Connors, Earl F. Dewey, II, Honorable Anne C. Dranginis, Mary E. Driscoll, Eric M. Gross, Honorable Arthur Hiller, Honorable C. Ian McLachlan, Gail E. McTaggart, Honorable Aaron Ment, David A. Moraghan, Honorable Barbara M. Quinn, Alix Simonetti and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director Attorney Services Section, Kathleen B. Wood, Administrative Director, Jessica Kallipolites, Assistant Administrative Director and Vincent Diana, Chair of the Hartford County Standing Committee.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Mr. Moraghan, it was voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes for the October 10, 2008 meeting.

Discussion was had regarding an inquiry from Mr. Diana for clarification in relation to motion applicants. The question posed was whether a motion applicant must establish a business office in Connecticut while s/he has a temporary license or whether such a requirement is not necessary as long as more than fifty (50) percent of his/her legal work concerns itself with matter involving Connecticut courts and residents, irrespective of where s/he lives or where his/her business office is located. The consensus of the committee was that the latter was sufficient. The committee requested that Ms. Wood contact the other local Standing Committees regarding the requirements of the rule and their experience(s) with similar situations, and to report back to the committee.

Discussion was had regarding the current and future budgetary issues facing both the state of CT and the committee. Upon motion by Judge Quinn, seconded by Judge Hiller, it was voted unanimously to transfer \$250,000 to the executive secretary of the judicial branch for deposit as court revenue in the general fund of the state of Connecticut, pursuant to Practice Book § 2-22 (a).

The essay subcommittee reported that it met on two (2) occasions to discuss potential changes to the essay portion of the bar examination. The subcommittee recommended: 1- that a special meeting be held in May to allow for presentations from the NCBE regarding the Multistate Essay Examination and the Multistate Performance Test, from current graders regarding the quality of the essay questions presently used and from Ms. Wood regarding a cost analysis for the various options available to the committee, as well as discussion of the material presented; and 2- that a special meeting be held in June to allow for discussion of the material presented at the May special meeting and to vote on possible changes to the essay portion of the

bar examination. Upon motion by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Mr. Gross, it was voted unanimously to approve the essay subcommittee's recommendation in its entirety.

The pro bono subcommittee reported that it met to discuss the possibility of allowing retired attorneys to provide pro bono legal services in Connecticut. Various concerns were noted and discussed. The subcommittee recommended that it meet with representatives from legal aid groups in Connecticut and gauge their interest and future participation in such a program; if these groups were receptive to the subcommittee's concerns, then the subcommittee would present a written report to the full committee for possible referral to the Rules Committee. Upon motion by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Judge Quinn, it was voted unanimously to approve the pro bono subcommittee's recommendation as outlined above.

Ms. Wood presented the committee with the recent pass rates on both the Massachusetts and Connecticut bar examinations for the committee-approved law schools. The committee charged Ms. Wood with getting updated information from both law schools as set forth in Article II and to determine when each school was last reviewed by the ABA and the results of such review.

Ms. Wood presented the committee with documentation regarding the pass/fail rates for other jurisdictions that are comparable with Connecticut based on geography and population.

Ms. Wood presented the committee with documentation regarding various rules and regulations from other jurisdictions setting forth procedures to be followed when cheating or other dishonest conduct is suspected during the administration of the bar examination. Upon motion by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Mr. Wax-Krell, it was voted unanimously that the administrative office will draft a proposed regulation setting forth a procedure similar to that currently utilized in New York, incorporating comments from committee members.

The public portion of the agenda was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

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IRVING H. PERLMUTTER  
Secretary