

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
NOVEMBER 2, 2007

The Chair, Raymond W. Beckwith of Trumbull, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. (EDT). Present were members Richard Banbury, John Barnett, Earl F. Dewey III, David Moraghan, Irving H. Perlmutter, Denise Martino Phelan, Alix Simonetti and Matthew Wax-Krell. Present by invitation were Howard E. Emond, Jr., Deputy Director Legal Services and Kathleen Wood, Program Manager I. Also present by invitation was J. Charles Mokriski, Esquire, a partner of the firm of Day, Pitney LLP and a member of the bars of the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He requested and was granted permission to address the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee concerning the proposed new rules concerning “authorized house counsel.”

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Mr. Dewey, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2007, without correction.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Perlmutter, seconded by Mr. Barnett, it was voted unanimously to accept and record the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2007 without correction.

There were no treasurer’s or litigation reports.

The chair reported on the response to the letter from Dean Harold Hongju Koh of the Yale Law School, speaking for the deans of the three Connecticut law schools concerning the admission of the faculty members of the respective institutions who are members of the bars of other jurisdictions to the bar of the State of Connecticut without examination. Mr. Dewey moved that the Rules Committee of the Superior Court be advised as to the opposition of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee, except for clinical professors. This motion was seconded by Mr. Beckwith. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Moraghan, it was voted unanimously to table Mr. Dewey’s motion. The Chair will appoint a subcommittee to examine the issue, with the subcommittee to report to the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee by January 10, 2008 in order to be able to distribute the report to Committee members prior to the meeting scheduled for January 18, 2008.

The visitor present by invitation, J. Charles Mokriski expressed his views concerning the new rules concerning “authorized house counsel” and their regulation under the new rules promulgated by the Rules Committee of the Superior Court. The Chair advised Mr. Mokriski that until there is a further change in the rules enacted by the Rules Committee of the Superior Court, the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee has no authority to revise its procedures as to the educational qualifications of lawyers educated in foreign jurisdictions to “authorized house counsel” practice

under Section 2-15A of the Rules of the Superior Court as to the admission of “in-house counsel.” Upon motion duly made by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to table further discussion concerning regulations governing the admission and qualification of in-house counsel.

The Chair announced that he will accept volunteers to form a subcommittee to monitor the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee computer website and to review procedures for the posting of appropriate items.

The Chair announced that the report of the Character and Fitness subcommittee will be delivered by Mr. Emond in the absence of Mr. Whelton who was not present. In the matter of the following applicants, it was voted unanimously to hold formal hearings on the good character and fitness of each for recommendation to the judges of the Superior Court for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Movant</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
601	Banbury	Moraghan
621	Phelan	Simonetti
631	Simonetti	Moraghan

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Dewey, to accept the report of Mr. Whelton as to the admission of 624 to the bar of the State of Connecticut, the motion was defeated ayes – 2, nays – 7. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Ms. Simonetti, it was voted unanimously to hold a formal hearing as to the good character and fitness of 624 to be admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Banbury, it was voted unanimously to recommend to the Judges of the Superior Court the admission of 627 to the bar of the State of Connecticut.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Wax-Krell, seconded by Mr. Banbury it was voted unanimously to reinstate the application of 634 for Admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut, as well as 634’s score on the July 2007 bar examination. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Dewey, seconded by Mr. Moraghan it was voted unanimously to refer the application of 634 to Mr. Whelton to report as to the good character and fitness of the applicant for admission to the bar of the State of Connecticut.*

The Committee instructed Ms. Wood to post the minutes from the September 21, 2007 and October 5, 2007 meetings online.

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

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING H. PERLMUTTER
Secretary

* 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.