

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2019  
80 WASHINGTON STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge Ingrid L. Moll  
Ms. Judith Borden  
Judge William H. Bright, Jr.  
Attorney Joseph B. Burns  
Attorney Adele P. Edgerton  
Mr. Robert Guenther  
Attorney John J. Houlihan, Jr.  
Attorney Charles L. Howard  
Attorney Jeanet F. Laskos  
Mr. Doug Rankin  
Attorney David Reif  
Attorney Harry D. Weller  
Judge Dawne Westbrook

Staff Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard  
Attorney Cathy Dowd  
Mr. Garritt Kelly

The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, December 6, 2018

The minutes of the public meeting of December 6, 2018 were unanimously approved as drafted. Mr. Guenther did not participate in the approval of the minutes.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Client Security Fund Fee Due Date

The committee unanimously selected June 17, 2019 as the due date for the 2019 client security fund fee. The committee also determined that, beginning with the 2020 client security fund fee, notice of the fee will be sent by e-mail instead of by first class mail to all attorneys enrolled in the Judicial Branch's "E-Services" program.

B.) Quarterly Report, July-September 2018

The committee took note of the quarterly report of its activities to the Executive Committee of the Superior Court for the third quarter of calendar year 2018

C.) E-Mail from Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo dated December 8, 2018 re: Client Security Fund Fee Exemptions

The committee considered an e-mail dated December 8, 2018 from Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo on behalf of the Rules Committee of the Superior Court requesting comment on a letter that the Rules Committee received from Attorney Deborah Gottschalk suggesting that the Practice Book rules be amended to add a full exemption from the client security fund fee for individuals with disabilities. The committee noted that the rules currently allow any attorney, including an individual who is disabled from practicing law, to obtain a full exemption from the fee by filing a revocable notice of retirement from the bar pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-55. The committee also noted that a retirement pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-55 is revocable by an attorney at any time without penalty in the event the attorney wishes to resume practicing law. In light of the provisions of Practice Book Section 2-55, the committee determined that it appears the current rules adequately address the situation described in Attorney Gottschalk's correspondence. The committee considered Attorney Blanchard's draft proposed response to Attorney Del Ciampo's inquiry and unanimously approved the same.

## II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m., with a meeting to consider matters exempt from F.O.I. and confidential pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-76 following immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher G. Blanchard  
Staff Attorney

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019  
80 WASHINGTON STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge Ingrid L. Moll  
Ms. Judith Borden  
Attorney Joseph B. Burns (from II.A)  
Attorney Margaret I. Castinado  
Attorney Adele P. Edgerton  
Mr. Robert Guenther  
Attorney Charles L. Howard  
Attorney Jeanet F. Laskos (from II.A)  
Attorney David Reif  
Attorney Kirsten S. P. Rigney (from II.A)  
Judge Dawne Westbrook

Staff Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard

The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, January 17, 2019

Judge Moll noted one correction to the minutes of the public meeting held on January 17, 2019 as drafted. Under Item II.C. in the second to last sentence of the paragraph, Attorney Gottschalk's name was misspelled and should be corrected. With that correction noted, the minutes were unanimously approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Practice Book Section 2-77; Recommendation to the Chief Court Administrator re: Grants-In-Aid to Legal Services Organizations

The committee considered the matter of making its annual recommendation to the chief court administrator, as required by Practice Book Section 2-77, as to what amount if any should be paid from the client security fund for the purpose of making grants-in-aid to legal services organizations who provide legal services to the poor. After reviewing information provided by Attorney Blanchard regarding the client security fund's revenues and expenses during 2018, and noting that although the fund received revenue of \$2,640,209.49 during the calendar year, the total of claims paid and the fund's administrative expenses exceeded four million dollars, the committee unanimously determined that it would recommend to the chief court administrator that no distribution be made from the fund for grants-in-aid this year.

B.) Quarterly Report, October-December 2018

The committee took note of its quarterly report to the executive committee of the superior court for the last quarter of calendar year 2018.

C.) 2018 Annual Report

The committee took note of the annual report of its activities to the chief justice and the executive committee of the superior court for calendar year 2018.

D.) 2019 Lawyers Assistance Program – Spending Cap

The committee took note of an e-mail dated January 29, 2019 from Ms. Joyce P. Santoro, director of Financial Services for the Judicial Branch, regarding the amount from the client security fund that will be made available to the lawyers assistance program during 2019 pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-77. According to Ms. Santoro's e-mail \$356,553.60 will be available from the fund for the lawyers assistance program in 2019.

## II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m., with a meeting to consider matters exempt from F.O.I. and confidential pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-76 following immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher G. Blanchard  
Staff Attorney