

Minutes of the Annual Meeting Judges of the Superior Court June 14, 2013

A meeting of the Judges of the Superior Court was held, pursuant to notice, on Friday, June 14, 2013 commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Middlesex Judicial District Courthouse, Middletown, CT.

Present: Chief Justice Rogers; Justices Zarella, Eveleigh, McDonald and Espinosa; Appellate Court Chief Judge DiPentima; Appellate Court Judges Lavine, Beach, R. Robinson, and Sheldon and Keller; Superior Court Judges Abery-Wetstone, Abrams, Adelman, Agati, Albis, Arnold, Aurigemma, Bentivegna, Berger, Blawie, Blue, Boland, Bozzuto, Brazzel-Massaro, Bright, Brown, Burgdorff, Burke, Calmar, Carbonneau, Carroll, Clifford, Cobb, Cohn, Cole-Chu, Colin, Comerford, Connors, Conway, Cosgrove, Cradle, Crawford, Cronan, D'Addabbo, Dannaher, Dannehy, Devine, Devlin, Doherty, Dolan, Domnarski, Dooley, Driscoll, Dubay, Dyer, Elgo, Emons, Epstein, Eschuk, Fasano, Ficeto, B. Fischer, J. Fischer, Frazzini, Frechette, Genuario, Ginocchio, Gleeson, Gold, Gould, Graham, Graziani, Hadden, Heller, Hiller, Huddleston, Hudock, Iannotti, Johnson, Jongbloed, Kahn, Kamp, Kavanewsky, Keegan, Klatt, Kwak, Lager, Lee, Lobo, Malone, Marano, Marcus, Maronich, Matasavage, McMahon, McNamara, Mintz, Moore, Morgan, Mosley, Moukawsher, Mullarkey, Mullins, Munro, Murphy, Nazzaro, Newson, Olear, Ozalis, Pavia, Pickard, Pinkus, Povodator, Prescott, Prestley, Quinn, S. Richards, Riley, Robaina, Roche, Rodriguez, Roraback, Rubinow, Santos, Schuman, Seeley, Shaban, Shapiro, Sheridan, Shluger, Solomon, Sommer, Stevens, Strackbein, Suarez, Swienton, C. Taylor, M. Taylor, Truglia, Turner, Tyma, Vacchelli, Vitale, Wahla, Wenzel, Westbrook, Wiese, Wilson, Winslow, Wolven, Woods, Young and Zemetis; Senior Judges: Frankel, Gallagher, J. Kaplan, Pittman, Santos, Scholl, Sequino and Shay.

Judge Quinn, Chief Court Administrator, called the meeting to order and welcomed the judges to the annual meeting. She asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Newtown shooting as today is the six month anniversary of the tragedy. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the last annual meeting held on June 15, 2012. Upon motion made by Judge Kavanewsky and seconded by Judge R. Robinson, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

Judge Quinn invited Chief Justice Rogers to the podium to speak to the judges. The Chief Justice announced that Judge Quinn was retiring as the Chief Court Administrator, effective October 1, 2013 and that Judge Carroll had been selected to replace her. She also announced that

Judge Solomon had been selected to replace Judge Carroll as Deputy Chief Court Administrator. Chief Justice Rogers described many of Judge Quinn's accomplishments as Chief Court Administrator and expressed her appreciation for all that Judge Quinn has done. The judges gave Judge Quinn a standing ovation. Following these remarks, Judge Quinn gave her remarks which included an update on the changes in the status of the members of the judiciary since the last annual meeting.

Judge Quinn recognized Justice Eveleigh who gave the report of the Rules Committee.

Following his report, Justice Eveleigh made the following motion,

I move the adoption of the amendments to the Practice Book which were mailed to you for use at this meeting.

This motion was seconded by Judge R. Robinson and approved unanimously.

Justice Eveleigh then made the following motion,

I further move:

(a) that the amendments as just adopted Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5, 1.16, 4.2 and 4.3 and to Practice Book Sections 3-3, 3-8, 3-9, 4-2, 25a-1 and 25a-3 (these concern limited scope representation) become effective on October 21, 2013; and

(b) that the rest of the amendments to the Practice Book as just adopted become effective on January 1, 2014; and

(c) that the Reporter of Judicial Decisions may make editorial changes to the amendments including changes in the section numbers.

The motion was seconded by Judge R. Robinson and approved unanimously. The Practice Book revisions adopted at this meeting are attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Following Justice Eveleigh's report, Judge Quinn made a motion nominating Judges Berger, Bright, Cohn and Wilson to serve on the Rules Committee for one year terms commencing July 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Judge Marano and it was approved unanimously.

The next agenda item was the report of the Executive Committee. Judge Quinn asked for a motion to approve all final actions taken by the Executive Committee as noted in the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting. The motion was made by Judge Moore, seconded by Judge Genuario and approved unanimously.

Judge Quinn then asked for a motion to approve the recommendations made by the Executive Committee concerning annual appointments of certain Judicial Branch employees and individuals to serve on various panels and committees as set forth in Appendix C of the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting. In addition, she asked that the motion include the appointments of Attorney Thomas P. Pettinicchi of Watertown and Attorney Sean G. Fitzmaurice of Waterbury as members of the Litchfield Judicial District Local Grievance Panel for three year terms commencing July 1, 2013. Such motion was made by Judge R. Robinson, seconded by Judge Shaban and approved unanimously. Judge Carroll made a motion to appoint Attorney John Matulis of New Britain as a member of the Hartford County Standing Committee on Recommendations for Admission to the Bar for a three year term commencing July 1, 2013, to replace Attorney Thomas Fitzgerald who has retired. The motion was seconded by Judge Berger and approved unanimously. The approved recommendations for appointments and reappointments are included as Appendix B of these minutes.

There being no further business, Judge Carroll moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Coffey
Secretary

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