

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Judges of Superior Court
June 23, 2017**

A meeting of the Judges of the Superior Court was held, pursuant to notice, on Friday, June 23, 2017 commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Middlesex Judicial District Courthouse, Middletown, CT.

Present: Chief Justice Rogers; Justices D’Auria, Eveleigh, McDonald, and Robinson; Appellate Court Judges Kahn, Keller, Prescott, and Sheldon; Senior Appellate Court Judge Beach; Superior Court Judges Abery-Wetstone, Abrams, Agati, Albis, Alexander, Armata, Avallone, Bates, Bellis, Bentivegna, Blue, Bozzuto, Brazzel-Massaró, Bright, Budzik, Calmar, Carbonneau, Carroll, Cobb, Cole-Chu, Colin, Connors, Conway, Cordani, Cradle, Crawford, D’Addabbo, Danaher, Devlin, Diana, Dooley, Doyle, Driscoll, Dubay, Dyer, Emons, Eschuk, Farley, Fasano, Ficeto, B. Fischer, Frechette, Geathers, Genuario, Ginocchio, Gold, Goodrow, Gordon, Gould, Graham, Graziani, Green, Grogins, Grossman, Hadden, Harmon, Heller, Hernandez, Huddleston, Iannotti, Jacobs, Johnson, Jongbloed, Kamp, Kavanewsky, Knox, Krumeich, Kwak, Lee, Lobo, Marcus, Maronich, Matasavage, McNamara, Miller, Mintz, J. Moore, S. Moore, Morgan, Moukawsher, M. Murphy, M. Murphy, S. Murphy, Nastri, Nazzaro, Nguyen, Olear, Oliver, Ozalis, Pavia, Pierson, Povodator, Prats, Richards, Rodriguez, Roraback, Russo, Schuman, Seeley, Shaban, Shah, Shapiro, Sheridan, Sommer, Spader, Spellman, Stevens, Stewart, Strackbein, Suarez, Swienton, M. Taylor, Tindill, Truglia, Tyma, Vacchelli, Vitale, Welch, Wenzel, Westbrook, Wiese, Wilson, Woods, Young and Zemetis; Senior Judges Arnold, Boland, Cosgrove, Cremins, Devine, Domnarski, Gleeson, Lager, Prestley, Santos, Scholl, Sequino and Winslow; Judge Trial Referees Quinn and Frazzini.

Judge Carroll, Chief Court Administrator, called the meeting to order and welcomed the judges to the annual meeting. He thanked the Education Committee and the presenters at the Judge’s Institute. Judge Carroll specifically thanked Judge Westbrook and Judge Sheridan for organizing the Judge’s Institute, and thanked Dean Fisher of the University of Connecticut School of Law for his hospitality. Judge Carroll announced that the Judge’s Annual Meeting was being covered by CT-N. Judge Carroll called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last annual meeting that was held on June 24, 2016. The motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Judge Carroll invited Chief Justice Rogers to speak to the judges about recent developments affecting the courts. Following these remarks, Judge Carroll provided an overview

of the budget, facilities, and legislation impacting the Judicial Branch. He also announced the hiring of, and introduced the 13 new Superior Court judges, included an update on the changes in the status of the members of the judiciary since the last annual meeting, and he presented plaques of appreciation to Judges Bright, and Gold for their service as administrative judges. Judge Carroll also noted that Judge Dewey, who was unable to attend, would be receiving a plaque for her service as an administrative judge.

Judge Carroll 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 forwarded to you for use at this meeting.

This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Justice Eveleigh then made the following motion,

I further move:

- (a) that the remainder of the amendments to the Practice Book as adopted become effective on January 1st, 2018; and
- (b) that the Reporter of Judicial Decisions may make editorial changes to the amendments including changes in the section numbers.


The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The Practice Book revisions adopted at this meeting are attached to these minutes as Appendix A. Judge Carroll noted that this would be Justice Eveleigh's last meeting as Chairman of the Rules Committee and thanked him for his extraordinary efforts.

The election of Judges to the Rules Committee was the next agenda item. Judge Carroll recognized Judge Shaban who nominated Judge Stevens to replace Judge Sommers, whose term had expired. Judge Shaban also re-nominated Judges Ozalis, Dubay, and Sheridan to the positions they currently hold. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Judge Shaban then commented that he did not have any nominations for the Judicial Review Council because there were no openings this year. He further noted that on May 9, 2017 Governor Malloy appointed Judge Bozzutto to the opening that existed at last year's annual meeting.

The next agenda item was the report of the Executive Committee. Judge Carroll 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 of the Judicial Branch as approved at the May 23, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously. The approved recommendations for appointments and reappointments are included as Appendix B of these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth K. Graham
Secretary