

## Minutes

Meeting of Events Subcommittee  
September 28, 2009

Present: Karen Florin and Judge Susan Handy, co-chairs; Claude Albert, Judge Robert Holzberg, Dave Ward.

Also present: Rhonda Stearley-Hebert (staff)

### I. Call meeting to order

Ms. Florin called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

### II. Approval of minutes

Subcommittee members unanimously approved minutes of meetings on Jan. 14, 2009, Feb. 10, 2009, and Feb.17, 2009.

### III. Start planning Law School for Journalists in 2010

Subcommittee members scheduled the next *Law School for Journalists* for Thursday, March 18, 2010, beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting a half-day. Subcommittee members also agreed to ask the CBA whether the event could again be held at the CBA facility in New Britain.

Judge Handy presented the following format for the next *Law School for Journalists*: A videotape that CT-N is putting together will highlight two actual contested sentencing that Judge Handy and Judge David Gold do in their respective courtrooms. The title of the videotape will be, "You Be the Judge." Those attending would watch the arguments before the judges and just before they impose sentence, the videotape would be turned off and audience members would then "be the judge" and discuss what they believe would be an appropriate sentence. Following the discussion, audience members would then watch the rest of the videotape to learn what sentences the judges imposed. The program will also include a primer on the considerations affecting sentencing.

Subcommittee members agreed this would be an excellent presentation that would teach journalists a lot about what goes into sentencing defendants. Ms. Florin added that the better the media understands sentencing, so too will the public. She added that journalists would also like to learn more about how pre-sentence investigations are prepared and the impact of victims on sentencing.

### IV. Adjourn

The subcommittee scheduled its next meeting for Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, at WFSB in Rocky Hill. Members adjourned at about 3 p.m.