

Agenda

Judicial-Media Committee

Monday, October 19, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, WFSB-TV Channel 3

333 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT

I. Welcome – Mr. Claude Albert, co-chair

II. Approval of minutes from meeting of September 14, 2009

III. Discussion of, vote on Pilot Program Committee report

IV. Audio recordings of court proceedings

a) Discussion and vote on the following motions proposed by co-chairs G. Claude Albert and Judge Lavine.

1) The Judicial-Media Committee recommends that Practice Book Section 1-10(a) be amended to read: “Personal computers may be used for note-taking in a courtroom. *Members of the media, as defined by Practice Book 1-10A, may use audio recording devices for note-taking in a courtroom, subject to the limitations in Practice Book Section 1-10B. If the judicial authority finds that the use of computers or audio recording devices is disruptive of the court proceeding, it may limit such use. No other electronic devices shall be used in a courtroom unless authorized by a judicial authority or permitted by these rules.*”

2) The Judicial-Media Committee recommends that the Practice Book rules and/or guidelines authorized by the Chief Court Administrator for electronic devices in the courtroom provide that for good cause only, a judge may permit members of the public who are neither litigants nor members of the recognized media to make audio recordings of a court proceeding, subject to conditions to be established by the court. Any such decision shall not be appealable.

3) Subject to the Practice Book Sections 1-10B (b), there shall be no audio recordings of court proceedings in the superior court except as authorized by a judicial authority. In exercising its authority to determine whether to allow audio recordings, the court shall consider whether the requester is a member of the media as defined by Practice Book Sections 1-10A. [The judicial authority may authorize audio recordings only with or without the requirements as provided by Practice Book Sections 1-11 - 1-11C]. Any such decision shall not be appealable. The only official transcript of the court proceedings will be that prepared by the court reporter or monitor. (*Judge Stevens provided this language*).

4) The Judicial-Media Committee recommends that the rules and/or guidelines for electronic devices in courtrooms should state that the only official transcript and/or audio tape of the proceeding will be that prepared by the court reporter or monitor.

V. Schedule next meeting/adjourn