

Judicial-Media Committee

Minutes of meeting on April 3, 2017

Members present: Co-chairs Judge Robert J. Devlin and Karen Florin; G. Claude Albert; Tom Appleby; Linda J. Cimino; Melissa Farley; Paul Giguere; Judge David Gold; Alaine Griffin; Judge Susan Handy; Paul Hartan; Judge Barbara Jongbloed, Dan Klau; Morgan McGinley; Chris Powell; Gary Roberge; Judge Hope Seeley; and Judge Dawne Westbrook.

- I. The meeting started at 3:07 p.m.
- II. Judge Devlin introduced two new members to the committee, Paul Hartan and Gary Roberge.
- III. The committee unanimously approved its minutes from the meeting of Sept. 26, 2016.
- IV. Judge Handy provided an update on planning this year's *Journalism School for Judges*.
- V. The committee discussed whether cameras should be allowed in cases where a victim had been sexually assaulted and murdered. Court rules do not allow photos or video of court proceedings where the victim of a sexual assault was killed. However, Hartford Courant Editor John Ferraro asked at the September 2016 meeting whether a judge has the discretion to allow cameras in those proceedings where a victim of a sexual assault was killed. To assist further discussion at this meeting, committee members had for their reference a list of how other states handles similar circumstances.

After a brief discussion, the committee tabled the discussion until its next meeting.
- VI. Invited guest Dr. Kathleen Maurer of the Connecticut Department of Correction made a very informative and interesting presentation regarding the state's opioid addiction crisis.
- VII. The committee scheduled its next meeting for Monday, Sept. 18, before adjourning at approximately 4 p.m.