

## **Minutes from Pilot Program Committee meeting, June 15, 2009**

Committee members present: Tom Appleby and Judge Patrick Clifford, co-chairs; Judge Marshall Berger, Sara Bernstein, Judge David Gold, John Long, Ken Margolfo, Robin Smith

### **I. Open meeting**

Judge Patrick Clifford and Tom Appleby, co-chairs, opened the meeting at 2 p.m.

### **II. Approval of minutes**

Committee members approved minutes from the meeting of April 6, 2009.

### **III. Review first draft of committee report**

Committee members spent the rest of the meeting discussing the draft report that will be presented to the Judicial-Media Committee this fall. Among the items discussed was a draft standing order prepared by Judge Clifford and distributed to committee members present. Judge Clifford asked members to review the draft and offer any suggestions they might have.

Committee members also discussed better ways to notify counsel when camera requests are received. Staff liaison Rhonda Stearley-Hebert will contact Beth Bickley at the Judicial Branch's IT Division to determine what would need to be done to place a request application form online.

Whether a media outlet should be required to cover an entire trial was another topic of discussion. Media representatives indicated that they would prefer not to be required to cover a trial gavel to gavel. Committee members in turn discussed adding language that would allow a judge in his or her discretion to allow just portions of a criminal proceeding to be videotaped or photographed rather than the entire case.

Tom Appleby also suggested inviting a court representative from a nearby state where cameras are routinely allowed into the courtroom. This individual could be available to address any concerns or issues that Connecticut has and could speak to the full Judicial-Media Committee.

### **IV. New meeting date; adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Committee members scheduled their next meeting date for Monday, July 27, 2009, at 2 p.m.