

MINUTES
The Advisory Board on the Americans with Disabilities Act
Tuesday, 9 January, 2018
Attorney Conference Room
Connecticut Supreme Court
231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT

Members Present: Atty. Mark Ciarciello, Ms. Doreen Del Bianco, Mr. Charles Epstein, Ms. Kathleen Gensenheimer, Ms. Kristen Giantonio, Attorney Paul S. Hartan, Mr. Michael Hines, Ms. Laura Jovino, Ms. Sandra Lugo-Gines, Atty. Deirdre McPadden, Atty. Jessie Opinion, Ms. Mary Sitaro. Legal Services Unit Advisors Atty. Viviana Livesay and Atty. Lori Petruzelli. Support staff: Ms. Heather Collins; ADA Centralized Office Staff Mr. Daniel Irace and Ms. Regina Picard.

Members Absent: Chair Chief Court Administrator Judge Patrick L. Carroll III, Ms. Isabel Alvarez, and Atty. Cynthia Theran.

Guests: Deputy Chief Court Administrator Judge Elliot N. Solomon, Superior Court Operations Executive Director Atty. Tais Ericson, Atty. Joseph D. D'Alesio, Atty. Stephen Ment, Atty. Richard Loffredo.

- I. Welcome: Judge Solomon presided over the meeting for Judge Carroll, who was unable to attend, and welcomed the members and guests.
- II. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the March 2016 Meeting: The Minutes were approved with a change to Item III (A).
- III. Discussion and Approval of Annual Report: The members discussed each recommendation from a draft of the Annual Report to Chief Justice Rogers, and some changes were made to the final draft. The Annual Report was approved for presentation to Judge Carroll for review and, upon his recommendation, to Chief Justice Rogers.
- IV. ADA Medical Documentation Policy: Atty. Livesay suggested that the Judicial Branch's Policy on Solicitation and Use of Medical Documentation Supporting Requests for Modifications Under the Americans with Disabilities Act be posted on the Branch's internet ADA page, <http://jud.ct.gov/ADA/default.htm>. While most accommodations and modifications can be made without requesting such documentation, there are occasions when additional information from a current treatment provider is necessary. The Board agreed with Atty. Livesay's suggestion, and the policy will be forwarded to the Branch's Web Board for posting.
- V. Update on Title I Training for Judicial Branch Employees: Ms. Gensheimer told the Board that a decision was made to pursue the development of training for supervisors on Title I.
- VI. Accommodation Requests: The Board discussed a variety of accommodation requests received.
- VII. Schedule next meeting: Judge Solomon suggested that the Board meet again in April. A date will be circulated and posted on the Board's webpage.