

**Draft Minutes of
The Subcommittee on Audio Recording of Court Proceedings
Monday, April 20, 2009**

The Subcommittee on Audio Recordings of Court Proceedings met on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 90 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

In attendance: Atty. Charles Howard (Chair), the Hon. David P. Gold, Mr. Thomas B. Scheffey.

Guests: Atty. Joseph Del Ciampo, Judicial Branch Legal Services.

I. Atty. Howard called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting were approved as written. Atty. Howard took notice of the April 15, 2009 resignation from the Subcommittee of member Patrick Sanders. Atty. Howard and the Subcommittee expressed thanks and gratitude to Mr. Sanders for his contribution and efforts in the Subcommittee's endeavor.

II. Discussion of draft report for Judicial Media Committee: Each Subcommittee member received a copy of the support-staff prepared draft report on audio recording of court proceedings. Each of the attendant subcommittee members had suggestions for additions and clarifications to the 13-page report. Mr. Scheffey disagreed with some of the language regarding the members' understanding of the existing Practice Book Rule as it relates to recording. He will submit to Atty. Howard a clarification of his understanding of the Rule for inclusion on the report. The draft report was written based on each member's articulation of their concerns and issues regarding audio recordings made by the public of court proceedings, along with references to research of other states and the voiced and emailed comments of the public. The members agreed that each member's individual written articulation should be attached to report. There was discussion on what if any recommendations the report should contain, and Atty. Howard suggested that each Subcommittee member email him with their suggestions. The members agreed that another full Subcommittee meeting would have to be scheduled to complete the editing process and to vote on whether to send the final report to the Judicial-Media Committee.

III. Schedule future meeting/adjourn: The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the fourth-floor conference room at 90 Washington Street, Hartford, Ct. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.