

Approved Minutes
Committee on Court Recording Monitors and Court Reporters
December 8, 2009
2:00
Wethersfield, Connecticut

The Committee on Court Recording Monitors and Court Reporters met at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Committee members in attendance: Justice Joette Katz (chair), Hon. Marshall K. Berger, Jr., Atty. Scott Hartley, Mr. James Maher, Atty. Richard O'Connor, Atty. Lauren Weisfeld, and Atty. Harry Weller. Member Atty. Peter Dreyer, Shirley Sambrook, and Caren Kittredge were absent.

Court Operations Executive Director Atty. Joseph D. D'Alesio was also present, along with Judicial Branch Legal Services advisor Atty. Martin Libbin.

Justice Katz called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

1. Justice Katz welcomed the members to the Committee.
- 2.. The minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting were approved with all members present voting in favor (7-0).
3. Justice Katz introduced Atty. Joseph D. D'Alesio, Executive Director of Judicial Branch Court Operations.
4. The Committee returned to its discussion from the November 23, 2009 interrelationship digraph exercise, in which the members identified, as the main issue surrounding the making of the transcript of Judicial Branch proceedings, "What is the record, and who owns it?" Specifically, the group began its discussion about what constitutes a case "record," whether defined by statute or common understanding, and what role a transcript plays as part of the record. The Committee re-read its charge and generally agreed that memorializing what occurs in the courtroom is part of the process of creating the court record and the committee's sole focus. Mr. Maher said that the question of ownership of the transcript is a national issue among state judicial branches. Justice Katz requested that Atty. Libbin the Committee support staff members research what other states are doing to define "the record," and what issues surround the concept of record ownership. The Committee also agreed to explore what technologies are available for the electronic recording of court proceedings with information from the director of the Courtroom 21 Project at the William & Mary Law School.
5. The next meeting of the Committee will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.