

Minutes
Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and
Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters
May 15, 2018

The Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met in Courtroom 400 of the Hartford Judicial District Courthouse located at 95 Washington Street, Hartford, CT, on May 15, 2018.

Those in attendance: Judge Elizabeth Bozzuto (Chair); Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Mr. Stephen B. Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section, Department of Public Health; Attorney Michael Cronin; Judge Edward Graziani; Attorney Danielle S. Rado; Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly; Attorney Susan Hamilton (designated by Attorney Christine Perra Rapillo)

Those participating by phone: Ms. Wendy Furniss

Absent: Mr. Samuel S. Gray, Jr., President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford

Also in attendance were Attorney Damon Goldstein and Mr. Samuel Bruder from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Judge Bozzuto.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was then made by Judge Graziani and seconded by Danielle Rado to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 27, 2018. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

II. Process for Removal of Individuals from List of Persons Qualified to Serve as a GAL/AMC

Judge Bozzuto indicated that she and Damon Goldstein met with Legal Services to discuss the Committee's work. A number of suggestions were made, which will be incorporated into an updated outline for the Committee's consideration at its next meeting.

III. Changes to the Active List of Persons Qualified to Serve as a GAL/AMC

A. Attorney Jacquelyn Conlon

Attorney Conlon was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Conlon

emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on May 11, 2018. Attorney Conlon meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Conlon be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

B. Attorney Maureen Donahue

Attorney Donahue was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Donahue emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on March 27, 2018. Attorney Donahue meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Donahue be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

C. Attorney Emily Moskowitz

Attorney Moskowitz was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Moskowitz emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April 5, 2018. Attorney Moskowitz meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Moskowitz be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

D. Attorney Christopher Goulden

Attorney Goulden was removed from the active list because he did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Goulden emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April 19, 2018. Attorney Goulden meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Goulden be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved his reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

E. Attorney Wendy Davies

Attorney Davies was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Davies emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April 20, 2018. Attorney Davies meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Davies be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

F. Attorney Bonnie Lee MacDonald

Attorney MacDonald was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney MacDonald emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April 24, 2018. Attorney MacDonald meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney MacDonald be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

G. Attorney Sheryl Shaughnessy

Attorney Shaughnessy was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Shaughnessy emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on May 7, 2018. Attorney Shaughnessy meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Shaughnessy be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

H. Attorney Tara Galbo

Attorney Galbo was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Galbo emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April 25, 2018. Attorney Galbo meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Galbo be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

I. Attorney Livia Barndollar

Attorney MacDonald was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney MacDonald emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April 24, 2018. Attorney MacDonald meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney MacDonald be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

J. Attorney Erika Wikstrom

Attorney Wikstrom was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Attorney Wikstrom emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on May 15, 2018. Attorney Wikstrom meets all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Judge Bozzuto moved, and Danielle Rado seconded, that Attorney Wikstrom be reinstated to the active list. The Committee approved her reinstatement by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

K. Ms. Joan Kloth-Zanard

Ms. Kloth-Zanard was removed from the active list because she did not respond to an email sent to her on November 15, 2017. Ms. Kloth-Zanard emailed a request to be reinstated to the active list on April

12, 2018. Ms. Kloth-Zanard does not currently meet all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

The Committee tabled Ms. Kloth-Zanard's request until such time that she notifies the Committee that she has met all of the requirements of Practice Book Section 25-62.

IV. Report of the Training Subcommittee

Liza Andrews and the other members of the Training Subcommittee ran through a comprehensive outline of the pre-service training curriculum that they assembled. Pre-service training is scheduled for June 13-15. Susan Hamilton provided an update on the registration for the training.

After a brief discussion by the participating Committee members, Michael Cronin moved, and Susan Hamilton seconded, that the Committee adopt the pre-service training curriculum. The Committee adopted the curriculum by an 8-0 vote with one Committee member absent.

V. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters will be held on Tuesday June 19, 2018 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at a location to be determined.

Judge Bozzuto adjourned the meeting at 10:22 AM.