

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING, JANUARY 24, 2008
100 WASHINGTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Justice Joette Katz
Attorney Robert S. Bello
Attorney Jonathan Bowman (II.G only)
Attorney Maureen Dewan (from II.D)
Judge Carmen E. Espinosa
Dr. Paul Hawkshaw
Ms. Johanna Kimball
Attorney David A. Moraghan
Mr. Ramon Pena (from II. B)
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo (II.G only)
Judge Thomas G. West

Also Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard
Mr. Kim H. Odell
Ms. Regina Picard
Ms. Kristy Tiede

The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, November 1, 2007

The minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2007, were unanimously approved as drafted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Client Security Fund Fee Collection Date

The committee unanimously determined that June 15, 2008 will be the due date for the 2008 client security fund fee.

B.) Update on Client Security Fund Fee Online Payment Option

Attorney Blanchard provided the committee with an update on efforts to provide attorneys with an option to pay the annual client security fund fee electronically through the Judicial Branch website. Attorney Blanchard advised that efforts to provide an online payment option have been placed on hold, pending the resolution of security concerns raised by the state Treasurer's office.

C.) 2008 Meeting Schedule

The committee unanimously approved the following meeting schedule, with all meetings scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

March 6, 2008	14 West River Street, Milford
April 9, 2008	100 Washington Street, Hartford
May 29, 2008	14 West River Street, Milford
July 10, 2008	100 Washington Street, Hartford
September 11, 2008	14 West River Street, Milford
October 23, 2008	100 Washington Street, Hartford
December 4, 2008	14 West River Street, Milford

D.) Quarterly Report, July – September 2007

The committee took note of the quarterly report of the activities of the Client Security Fund Committee to the Executive Committee of the Superior Court for the period from July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007. Attorney Blanchard noted an error on the second page of the report concerning the number of claims approved as of the end of the quarter. The correct number of claims approved as of the end of the quarter was seventy claims, with awards approved in the amount of \$3,008,117.77. Attorney Blanchard indicated that he would include a correction in the next quarterly report.

E.) Client Security Fund Account Summaries: July – September 2007 and October-December 2007.

The committee took note of the account summaries of the client security fund prepared by the Judicial Branch Fiscal Administration

office for the periods from July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

- F.) Memorandum from Christopher G. Blanchard dated December 3, 2007 re: Authorized House Counsel

The committee considered a memorandum from Attorney Blanchard dated December 3, 2007, regarding collection of the client security fund fee from attorneys who register as authorized house counsel pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-15(A). The committee unanimously adopted Attorney Blanchard's recommendation to bill such attorneys for the client security fund fee who have registered as of January 1 of the calendar year for which the fee is due. The committee noted that the practice would be consistent with how other attorneys are billed, as the client security fund fee is only collected from attorneys admitted as of January 1 of the calendar year for which the fee is due.

- G.) Election of Officers

The committee unanimously elected Justice Joette Katz as chair of the committee for the term expiring December 31, 2008. The committee also unanimously elected Attorney David A. Moraghan as vice-chair of the committee for the term expiring on December 31, 2008.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m., with a meeting to consider matters exempt from F.O.I. and confidential pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-76 following immediately thereafter. The next meeting of the Client Security Fund Committee is scheduled for March 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher G. Blanchard
Staff Attorney