

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING, MARCH 5, 2009
14 WEST RIVER STREET
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Justice Joette Katz
Attorney Robert S. Bello
Attorney William F. Dow
Attorney Kathleen Eldergill
Judge Carmen E. Espinosa
Dr. Paul Hawkshaw
Attorney John J. Houlihan
Ms. Johanna Kimball
Attorney David A. Moraghan
Mr. Ramon Pena
Attorney Eugene J. Riccio

Also Present:

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

The meeting commenced at 2:05 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, January 22, 2009

The minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2009 were unanimously approved as drafted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Quarterly and Annual Reports to Executive Committee of the Superior Court

The committee took note of the quarterly report of the committee's activities for the last quarter of calendar year 2008 prepared for the Executive Committee of the Superior Court, as well as the annual

report to the Executive Committee and the Chief Justice for calendar year 2008.

B.) Claims Filed and Awards by Claim Type – 2008 Annual Statistics

The committee took note of statistics prepared by Attorney Blanchard regarding types of claims filed during calendar year 2008, and awards made to claimants during 2008 categorized by the type of claim filed.

C.) Lawyers Assistance Program – Calculation of Amount Available for Program

The committee took note of the calculation of the amount available from the client security fund for the Lawyers Assistance Program, as prepared by the Judicial Branch's Fiscal Administration office pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-77. During 2009, \$477,986.75 will be available from the fund for the program.

D.) Governor's Bill No. 828

The committee took note of Governor's Bill No. 828, which provided for the transfer of one million dollars from the client security fund to the state's general fund during the current fiscal year and subsequent fiscal year as part of the governor's deficit mitigation program. Attorney Blanchard reported that the legislature had instead passed a bill that provided for a two million dollar transfer to the general fund in the current fiscal year.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 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 April 16, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher G. Blanchard
Staff Attorney