

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING, APRIL 15, 2009  
100 WASHINGTON STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Justice Joette Katz  
Attorney Robert S. Bello  
Attorney Jonathan Bowman  
Attorney Maureen Dewan  
Attorney William F. Dow  
Attorney Kathleen Eldergill  
Judge Carmen E. Espinosa  
Dr. Paul Hawkshaw  
Attorney John J. Houlihan  
Judge Alfred J. Jennings, Jr.  
Attorney David A. Moraghan  
Mr. Ramon Pena

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, March 5, 2009.

The minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2009 were unanimously approved as drafted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Articles Concerning Client Security Fund

The committee took note of several opinion articles that appeared in newspapers opposing the transfer of two million dollars from the client security fund to the state's general fund approved in a bill passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. The committee also took note of the complaint in the matter of Zeldes, et, al v. Rell, a class action lawsuit filed by a number of attorneys and the Connecticut Bar Association seeking to block the transfer of funds, along with several articles appearing in local newspapers concerning the lawsuit. Attorney Blanchard reported that since the lawsuit was filed, the legislature's judiciary committee had approved a bill eliminating the proposed transfer from the deficit mitigation package and restoring the funds to the client security fund. He also reported that the governor had publicly supported the bill approved by the judiciary committee.

B.) E-Mail from Attorney Carolyn C. Swiggart dated March 18, 2009.

The committee took note of an e-mail received from Attorney Carolyn C. Swiggart, dated March 18, 2009, requesting that the committee advise her what was being done by the committee in light of the legislation approving the transfer from the client security fund to the state's general fund. Attorney Blanchard was directed to advise Attorney Swiggart that, in light of the class action lawsuit and the bill approved by the legislature's judiciary committee, the committee would continue to monitor developments to see if in fact the legislature and governor act to repeal the original legislation approving the transfer.

C.) E-Mail from Attorney Thomas B. Kane dated March 26, 2009.

The committee considered an e-mail from Attorney Thomas B. Kane dated March 26, 2009, concerning his suggestion that the committee not collect the client security fund fee in response to the legislation authorizing the transfer of two million dollars from the client security fund to the state's general fund. Attorney Blanchard was directed to advise Attorney Kane of the recent developments concerning the lawsuit and the activities of the legislature's judiciary committee.

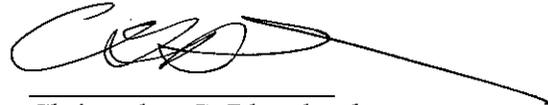
D.) Correspondence dated March 26, 2009, from Attorney Richard A. Cerrato.

The committee took note of a letter dated March 26, 2009, from Attorney Richard A. Cerrato to Governor M. Jodi Rell on behalf of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association, Inc., setting forth the association's opposition to the transfer of two million dollars from the client security fund to the state's general fund.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 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 May 27, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Blanchard', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Christopher G. Blanchard  
Staff Attorney