

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING, JUNE 3, 2009
14 WEST RIVER STREET
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Justice Joette Katz
Attorney Robert S. Bello
Attorney Jonathan Bowman
Attorney Maureen Dewan
Attorney William F. Dow
Attorney Kathleen Eldergill
Dr. Paul Hawkshaw
Attorney John J. Houlihan
Judge Alfred J. Jennings, Jr.
Ms. Johanna Kimball
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo
Attorney Eugene J. Riccio

Also Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard
Ms. Kristy Tiede

The meeting commenced at 2:11 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, April 15, 2009

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2009, were unanimously approved as drafted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Connecticut General Assembly – Substitute Bill No. 1092

Attorney Blanchard reported on the passage of Senate Bill No. 1092 which reversed the legislature's previous action that approved a transfer of two million dollars from the client security fund to the state's general fund. The bill also clarified that money in the fund is not tax revenue and is not to be used for general fund purposes. Attorney Blanchard also reported that

subsequent to the passage of the bill, the complaint in the matter of Zeldes, et.al v Rell was withdrawn by the plaintiffs.

B.) Client Security Fund – Account Summary for January – March 2009

The committee took note of the quarterly account summary of the client security fund prepared by the Judicial Branch Fiscal Administration office for the period from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

C.) Quarterly Report, January – March 2009

The committee took note of the quarterly report of the activities of the client security fund committee prepared for the Executive Committee of the Superior Court for the first quarter of 2009.

D.) Malpractice Insurance Disclosure – ABA/BNA Lawyer’s Manual on Professional Conduct article.

The committee took note of an article that appeared in the April, 2009 edition of the ABA/BNA Lawyers Manual on Professional Conduct, regarding the decision by the Superior Court’s Rules Committee not to adopt a rule requiring an attorney to disclose whether or not the attorney carries malpractice insurance.

E.) Article, “Money Restored to State Fund That Protects Clients from Thieving Lawyers”, Stamford Advocate, May 10, 2009.

The committee took note of an article that appeared in the May 10, 2009 Stamford Advocate regarding the passage of Senate Bill 1092, and the lawsuit filed by members of the bar regarding the proposed transfer of two million dollars from the client security fund to the state’s general fund.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was 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 July 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,


Christopher G. Blanchard