

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2019
80 WASHINGTON STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge Ingrid L. Moll
Ms. Judith Borden
Attorney Joseph B. Burns (from II.A)
Attorney Margaret I. Castinado
Attorney Adele P. Edgerton
Mr. Robert Guenther
Attorney Charles L. Howard
Attorney Jeanet F. Laskos (from II.A)
Attorney David Reif
Attorney Kirsten S. P. Rigney (from II.A)
Judge Dawne Westbrook

Staff Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard

The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, January 17, 2019

Judge Moll noted one correction to the minutes of the public meeting held on January 17, 2019 as drafted. Under Item II.C. in the second to last sentence of the paragraph, Attorney Gottschalk's name was misspelled and should be corrected. With that correction noted, the minutes were unanimously approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Practice Book Section 2-77; Recommendation to the Chief Court Administrator re: Grants-In-Aid to Legal Services Organizations

The committee considered the matter of making its annual recommendation to the chief court administrator, as required by Practice Book Section 2-77, as to what amount if any should be paid from the client security fund for the purpose of making grants-in-aid to legal services organizations who provide legal services to the poor. After reviewing information provided by Attorney Blanchard regarding the client security fund's revenues and expenses during 2018, and noting that although the fund received revenue of \$2,640,209.49 during the calendar year, the total of claims paid and the fund's administrative expenses exceeded four million dollars, the committee unanimously determined that it would recommend to the chief court administrator that no distribution be made from the fund for grants-in-aid this year.

B.) Quarterly Report, October-December 2018

The committee took note of its quarterly report to the executive committee of the superior court for the last quarter of calendar year 2018.

C.) 2018 Annual Report

The committee took note of the annual report of its activities to the chief justice and the executive committee of the superior court for calendar year 2018.

D.) 2019 Lawyers Assistance Program – Spending Cap

The committee took note of an e-mail dated January 29, 2019 from Ms. Joyce P. Santoro, director of Financial Services for the Judicial Branch, regarding the amount from the client security fund that will be made available to the lawyers assistance program during 2019 pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-77. According to Ms. Santoro's e-mail \$356,553.60 will be available from the fund for the lawyers assistance program in 2019.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher G. Blanchard
Staff Attorney