

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MAY 20, 2021  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL AND  
80 WASHINGTON STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge William H. Bright, Jr.  
Attorney Vanessa R. Avery  
Attorney Margaret I. Castinado  
Attorney Adele P. Edgerton  
Judge John B. Farley  
Attorney Charles L. Howard  
Attorney Mathew P. Jasinski  
Attorney Jeanet Figueroa Laskos  
Mr. Doug Rankin  
Attorney David Reif  
Attorney Kirsten S.P. Rigney  
Ms. Juliette Taylor  
Attorney Harry D. Weller

Staff Present:

Ms. Krista Barcomb  
Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard

The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.

## I. OLD BUSINESS

### A.) Minutes of Meeting, March 25, 2021

The minutes of the public meeting of March 25, 2021 were unanimously approved as drafted.

### B.) Practice Book Section 2-77; Recommendation to the Chief Court Administrator dated March 26, 2021

The committee took note of its letter dated March 26, 2021 to the Chief Court Administrator, and its recommendation pursuant to Practice Book § 2-77 that \$100,000.00 be made available from the client security fund for the purpose of grants-in-aid for the delivery of legal services to the poor.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### A.) Correspondence dated April 6, 2021 from Joyce P. Santoro, Director of Financial Services re: Lawyers Assistance Program Cap

The committee took note of an email from Joyce P. Santoro, director of the Judicial Branch's Financial Services Unit dated April 6, 2021 notifying the committee that pursuant to Practice Book § 2-77, \$256,024.11 will be made available from the client security fund to the Lawyers Assistance Program during calendar year 2021.

### B.) Client Security Fund Fee Collection for 2021

Attorney Blanchard reported that the client security fund fee collection for calendar year 2021 had commenced. The due date for this year's fee is June 15, 2021.

### C.) Client Security Fund Committee Office Staff

Attorney Blanchard reported that a member of the clerical staff at the office of the Client Security Fund recently left for new employment. The committee has received authorization from the Judicial Branch to fill the vacant position.

### D.) Client Security Fund Committee Non-Attorney Member Vacancy

Judge Bright reported that due to a recent resignation there is presently a vacancy for a non-attorney member on the committee.

E.) Committee Meetings

The committee determined that its next meeting will take place in person on July 29, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Community Court Facility located at 80 Washington Street in Hartford, and that future meetings will also take place in person provided that such gatherings remain permitted by public health guidelines.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 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