

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
14 WEST RIVER STREET
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge Douglas S. Lavine
Attorney Patricia R. Beauregard
Attorney Joseph B. Burns (from I.B)
Attorney John W. Cannavino
Attorney John J. Houlihan, Jr.
Attorney George L. Smith
Mr. David J. Sullivan III
Attorney Harry Weller

Staff Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard
Ms. Nancy Pulito

The meeting commenced at 2:05 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, July 28, 2016

The minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2016 were unanimously approved as drafted.

B.) Public Act 16-26, An Act Concerning Funding of Legal Services for the Poor-Update

Attorney Blanchard provided an update on the efforts to implement public act 16-26, which amended Connecticut General Statutes Section

51-81d to allow payments made into the client security fund after October 1, 2016 to be used to provide grants to the Connecticut Bar Foundation to provide legal services for indigent persons. Attorney Blanchard reported that on August 24, 2016 he attended a meeting with Judge Lavine, Chief Court Administrator Judge Patrick L. Carroll III, Deputy Chief Court Administrator Judge Elliot N. Solomon, and other members of the Judicial Branch's administration to discuss drafting amendments to the Practice Book to implement the act.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Quarterly Report, April-June 2016

The committee considered the quarterly report of its activities to the Executive Committee of the Superior Court for the second quarter of 2016. Attorney Blanchard noted the significant increase in the number of pending claims from the beginning of the calendar year, from eighty-eight (88) at the end of 2015 to one hundred and twenty-six (126) at the end of June, 2016. In light of the increase in the number of pending claims, as well as the increase in the number of claims filed during 2016, Attorney Blanchard recommended requesting assistance from the Judicial Branch to provide additional resources for investigation of claims filed with the committee. He noted that one possibility would be assistance from the office of the Statewide Grievance Committee, which might include allowing the grievance committee's investigator to assist the Client Security Fund Committee for a set number of hours per week. Such an arrangement would have to be approved by the Judicial Branch's administration, and the cost of such an arrangement, if approved, would need to be determined. The committee unanimously approved Attorney Blanchard's recommendation to seek such assistance from the Judicial Branch for investigation of claims filed with the committee, subject to the committee's approval of any associated costs.

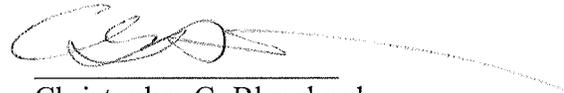
B.) Annual Account Summary, Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The committee took note of the annual account summary of the client security fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as prepared by the Judicial Branch's Fiscal Administration office.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 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,

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

Christopher G. Blanchard
Staff Attorney