

CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2011
14 WEST RIVER STREET
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

Members Participating:

Judge Douglas S. Lavine
Attorney Robert S. Bello
Attorney Jonathan Bowman
Attorney Maureen Dewan
Attorney John J. Houlihan
Judge Alfred J. Jennings, Jr. (from I.B)
Ms. Johanna Kimball (from II.A)
Judge Leslie I. Olear
Attorney J. Adrian Rebollo
Attorney George L. Smith
Mr. David J. Sullivan, III
Attorney Harry Weller

Staff Present:

Attorney Christopher G. Blanchard
Ms. Kristy Tiede

The meeting commenced at 2:05 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Minutes of Meeting, September 15, 2011

The minutes of the public meeting of September 15, 2011 were unanimously approved as drafted.

B.) Proposed Amendments to Practice Book Sections 2-70 and 2-79.

The committee considered drafts of proposed amendments to Practice Book Sections 2-70 and 2-79 prepared by Attorney Blanchard. The proposed amendments would change the language regarding the amount of the fee set in the current version of Practice Book Section 2-70, allowing the judges of the superior court to reduce the amount of the client security fund fee, and would also allow the judges to set a

reinstatement fee to be paid by attorneys whose licenses to practice law are administratively suspended as a result of their failure to pay the fee. The draft amendments were approved by the committee, with two changes to the language of the amendments to Practice Book Section 2-70: inserting the words "has been" in lieu of the word "is" after the words "administrative suspension" in the last sentence of subsection (a); and substituting the word "failure" for the word "failing" in that same sentence. With those changes, Attorney Blanchard was directed to submit the proposed amendments to the Superior Court's Rules Committee, along with a recommendation that the client security fund fee be reduced to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and a reinstatement fee be imposed in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

- C.) Proposed Amendment to Practice Book Section 2-71; E-Mail from Attorney Carl E. Testo dated September 30, 2011.

The committee considered an e-mail dated September 30, 2011 from Attorney Carl E. Testo, secretary to the Superior Court's Rules Committee, requesting additional information on that committee's behalf regarding the amendment to Practice Book Section 2-71 proposed by the Client Security Fund Committee that would add "in-laws" to the list of family members of an attorney who are not eligible for reimbursement from the client security fund. The purpose of the inquiry was to determine if there had been a "real abuse" of the rule as it currently exists. The committee noted that only several claims have been filed involving in-laws of attorneys, and therefore there has not been a real abuse of the current rule. Attorney Blanchard was directed to contact Attorney Testo with the information concerning the committee's experience with the current rule.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2012

The committee approved the following meeting dates for calendar year 2012. The meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m. on each date. The committee determined that the January and March meetings would take place by video conference, with locations to be determined at a future date:

January 19, 2012	video conference
March 1, 2012	video conference
April 12, 2012	Milford
May 24, 2012	Hartford
July 12, 2012	Milford

September 13, 2012
October 25, 2012
December 6, 2012

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Hartford

If the facilities are available, meetings scheduled for Milford will take place at the Ansonia-Milford Judicial District at 14 West River Street in Milford, and meetings scheduled for Hartford will take place in the conference room at the Community Court building located at 80 Washington Street in Hartford.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 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