

Committee on Judicial Ethics
Teleconference
Wednesday July 14, 2010

Members present via teleconference: Justice Barry R. Schaller, Chair, Judge Linda K. Lager, Vice Chair, Judge Robert J. Devlin, Jr., Judge Francis X. Hennessy and Associate Professor Jeffrey A. Meyer. Staff present: Martin R. Libbin, Esq., Secretary.

MINUTES

- I. With all members present, Justice Schaller called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Although publicly noticed, no members of the public attended.
- II. The Committee unanimously approved the draft Minutes of the June 30, 2010 meeting.
- III. The Committee considered Judicial Ethics Formal Opinion 2010-21 concerning whether a Judicial Official may speak to a group of Connecticut Department of Public Health employees who are engaged in the licensing, investigation and quality improvement of daycare facilities. The subject matter of the proposed program, for which the Judicial Official would be the only speaker, concerns the problems of American children and their role in the courts. In addition to making general comments and responding to questions provided in advance, the Judicial Official planned to take questions from those in attendance. Based upon Canons 2, 3 and 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct and the corresponding provisions in the new Code of Judicial Conduct which takes effect on January 1, 2011, the Committee unanimously concluded that it was not improper for the Judicial Official to speak at the program subject to the Judicial Official complying with a number of specified conditions. (A copy of the Formal Opinion is attached to these Minutes.)
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.