

## Legal Specialization Screening Committee Minutes

April 27, 2021 Meeting  
Judicial Branch, Legal Services Unit  
2:00pm

### VIRTUAL MEETING VIA TEAMS

Members Participating: Attorney Rosemarie Paine (Chair), Attorney Jeffrey Low (Vice Chair), Attorney Patrick Kennedy, Attorney Brian Henebry

Legal Specialization Screening Committee (LSSC) Staff participating: Attorney Denise Poncini

1. The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on November 28, 2018. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes. Attorney Henebry abstained from this vote.
2. The Committee considered the Connecticut Bar Association's renewal application to certify lawyers as specialists in Worker's Compensation law. After brief discussion, the Committee unanimously approved that the following resolution be forwarded to the Rules Committee:

The Legal Specialization Screening Committee recommends that the Connecticut Bar Association be approved for recertification as a certifier in the specialty area of Workers' Compensation law, for a five year period, pursuant to its application dated February 19, 2021, because in the opinion of the Committee, it meets all of the criteria in the rules and as developed by the Committee to evaluate whether entities should be approved as certifiers, subject to the condition that, if approved, the applicant shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.

3. The Committee considered Attorney Paine's suggestion that entities filing renewal applications be asked to flag any changes, deletions or additions from the prior application. Attorney Poncini noted that the Regulations of the LSSC did not cover this subject. After discussing appropriate terminology, it was determined to recommend to the Rules Committee that the instructions of the Application For Authority to Certify Lawyers as Specialist, JD-ES-63, be revised to add a new Instruction #4 as follows:
  4. Any changes, deletions or additions to the prior application should be itemized in a separate document.

The Committee requested that the form be so revised for the approval of the Committee before its transmission to the Rules Committee for approval.

4. The meeting adjourned at 2:14.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Poncini".

Denise Poncini

Counsel, Legal Services