

Minutes of the Meeting
Legal Specialization Screening Committee
September 24, 2009

On Thursday, September 24, 2009, the Legal Specialization Screening Committee met in the Judicial Branch, Legal Services Conference Room at 100 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut, from approximately 10:01 a.m. to 10:32 a.m. Members in attendance were:

Attorney Maureen M. Murphy, Vice Chair
Attorney Anthony M. Fitzgerald
Attorney Jeffrey N. Low

Also in attendance were Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo, Counsel, Legal Services, Judicial Branch, and Attorney Denise K. Poncini, Counsel, Legal Services, Judicial Branch.

Agenda Items:

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2008.
2. The Committee considered materials submitted by the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification (NBLSC), recertified by the Rules Committee on December 15, 2008 to certify lawyers as specialists in the areas of Civil Trial Practice and Criminal Law, showing changes in its exam format. The Committee voted unanimously to advise the Rules Committee that the NBLSC continues to be in compliance with its authorization by the Rules Committee to certify lawyers in the subject specialty areas.
3. The Committee discussed generally whether mediation should be designated as a field of law in which lawyers may be certified. The matter was tabled for future discussion.
4. The Committee discussed general concerns regarding the lack of information that is available about the Committee and its duties and responsibilities and agreed that it should pursue the various resources for disseminating information about itself that may be available through the Judicial Branch. Attorney Murphy agreed to contact Justice Zarella, Chair of the Rules Committee, in writing about this matter.
5. Counsel reported to the Committee that they are continuing their efforts to revise the Committee's Application as approved by the Committee and to post it

as revised and the Regulations of the Committee as revised on the Judicial Branch website.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph J. Del Ciampo
Counsel, Legal Services

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Denise K. Poncini
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