

*Draft Minutes of the Judicial-Media Committee's Events Subcommittee
Public Meeting Via Conference Call, Monday July 16, 2007*

Present: Ms. Lynne Tuohy, Attorney Stanley Twardy Jr., Attorney Lou Pepe, Judge Michael Shay and Ms. Adriana Venegas-McCormick.

Absent: Mr. Paul Giguere, Judge Susan Handy, Judge Robert Holzberg.

Agenda Item No. 1: Call meeting to order-- Attorney Twardy called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2: Approval of minutes from last meeting --The subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes from its previous meeting on June 25, 2007.

Agenda Item No. 3: Continue Brainstorming on Ideas for Panel/Program/Dialogue Involving Judges/Journalists

Attorney Twardy listed items discussed at the last meeting as possible topics for a panel, including prohibitions on what a judge can say publicly, gag rules and openness rules.

Ms. Venegas-McCormick updated the subcommittee on her efforts to line up Dr. Mario Gaboury as a speaker for the full Judicial-Media Committee meeting on Sept. 10. Dr. Gaboury, whose expertise is in issues regarding crime victims, has degrees in law and psychology, and also is a professor of criminal justice at the University of New Haven. Ms. Venegas-McCormick indicated that he would be happy to address the committee and address any topics that the members wanted addressed.

Ms. Tuohy suggested that an interactive forum might be better, in that it would provide more give-and-take. She also said she would like Dr. Gaboury to address what he sees as the positive and negative effects of the media on victims.

The subcommittee returned to potential topics for a panel discussion (apart from the Judicial-Media Committee on Sept. 10) and concluded that that would be best to continue the discussion in person rather than through a conference call.

Judge Shay asked whether the subcommittee was foreclosing the possibility of having a forum with a more historical perspective regarding the interaction of the courts and news media. Attorney Twardy responded that the subcommittee hadn't limited itself to anything, and that Judge Shay's idea was a possibility.

The subcommittee decided to meet in person on Sept. 10 before the full Judicial-Media Committee starts. Attorney Twardy asked everyone to think about what programs and topics they would like, and also about potential speakers.

IV. New Business -- There was no new business discussed.

V. Adjourn -- The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.