

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, January 13, 2025

On January 13, 2025, the Rules Committee met using Microsoft Teams from 2:01 p.m. to 2:48 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

HON. JOAN K. ALEXANDER, CHAIR
HON. BARBARA AARON
HON. BARRY F. ARMATA
HON. ERNEST GREEN
HON. JENNIFER MACIEROWSKI
HON. STEPHANIE A. MCLAUGHLIN
HON. W. GLEN PIERSON
HON. ELIZABETH J. STEWART

Also in attendance were Joseph J. Del Ciampo, Counsel to the Rules Committee, James T. O'Connor, Assistant Counsel to the Rules Committee, and Lori Petruzzelli, Assistant Counsel to the Rules Committee. Judge Courtney M. Chaplin was absent.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2024, with no revisions. Judge Aaron abstained from voting.

2. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Zenas Zelotes that would require attorneys who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs to conduct legal research, to append a certification to their pleadings and/or briefs that they have independently verified the accuracy of the citations therein (RC ID # [2023-011](#)).

The Committee also considered an informational memorandum from Attorney Kevin DiAdamo concerning Public Acts 2023, No. 23-16, and Artificial Intelligence technology generally (RC ID # [2023-014](#)).

After discussion, the Committee tabled these proposals to its March meeting for further review and discussion of any updates from the Judicial Branch Committee on Artificial Intelligence in the Legal System.

3. The Committee considered a proposal from Christina Torres to amend Practice Book Sec. 25-62 (b)(1) to include Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBA), Licensed Behavioral Analysts (LBA), Qualified Applied Behavior Analysts (QABA), and International Behavior Analysts (IBA) as eligible to become guardians ad litem (GAL) in family matters (RC ID # [2024-008](#)).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its February meeting to give Counsel an opportunity to finalize the language to make it consistent with the Practice Book.

4. The Committee considered a proposal referred to the Committee by Justice McDonald regarding the propriety of a party having ex parte communications with a disclosed expert witness of an opposing party, and whether any changes to the rules in this subject area are necessary or appropriate (RC ID # [2024-009](#)).

Attorney Karolina Dowd from the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its February meeting and referred it for comment to Judge Tammy Nguyen-O'Dowd, Chief Administrative Judge for Juvenile Matters.

5. The Committee considered a proposal to amend the discovery rules in summary process matters (RC ID # [2024-013](#)).

Attorney Houston Putnam Lowry, Attorney Giovanna Shay from Greater Hartford Legal Aid, and Attorney Raphael Podolsky from the Connecticut Advisory Council on Housing Matters, were present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its February meeting and referred it for comment to the Judicial Branch Access to Justice Commission and to the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA).

5. The Committee considered a proposal from the Deposition Subpoena Rules Task Force to amend Practice Book Sections 13-26, 13-28, 13-29, and 13-31, and to add new Section 13-28A, to reflect the adoption of the Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act in Connecticut (RC ID # [2024-014](#)).

Judge Stewart addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its February meeting, or its March meeting if needed, to give the subcommittee an opportunity to submit a revised proposal.

6. The Committee considered a proposal from Judge Barbara Bellis to amend Practice Book Section 10-14, concerning proof of service, to comport with the recent revisions to Section 10-13, concerning method of service (RC ID # [2024-021](#)).

Attorney Jillian Greenbacker, Counsel, Judicial Branch Legal Services, was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its March meeting and referred it for comment to Judge Leo Diana, Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters, Judge Tammy Nguyen-O'Dowd, Chief Administrative Judge for Juvenile Matters, and Judge David Gold, Chief Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters.

7. The Committee considered a proposal to amend Practice Book Section 10-35 concerning Requests to Revise (RC ID # [2025-001](#)).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its March meeting and referred it for comment to Judge Leo Diana, Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters, the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA), and the Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association (CDLA).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph J. Del Ciampo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "D".

Joseph J. Del Ciampo
Counsel to the Rules Committee