

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, May 8, 2023

On May 8, 2023, beginning at 10:06 a.m. the Rules Committee of the Superior Court conducted a public hearing in person and, simultaneously, by way of *Microsoft Teams*, to receive comments concerning proposed revisions to the Practice Book and, pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 51-14 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to receive comments on any proposed new rule or change in existing rule that any member of the bar or the public deemed desirable. Immediately following the public hearing, the Rules Committee met from 10:48 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

HON. ANDREW J. McDONALD, CHAIR
HON. COURTNEY M. CHAPLIN
HON. JOHN B. FARLEY
HON. STEPHANIE A. MCLAUGHLIN
HON. TAMMY T. NGUYEN-O'DOWD
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. Judges Alex V. Hernandez and Sheila M. Prats were absent.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2023, with one minor revision.

2. The Committee considered a proposal from Judge Elizabeth Stewart to amend Practice Book Section 17-51 to explicitly permit the entry of summary judgment based on a defense when that defense only affects part of a count (RC ID # 2022-020).

Judge Stewart, Judge Pierson, and Attorney Alinor Sterling were present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until the fall and referred it to Judge Barbara Bellis, Chief Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, and to the sections of the Connecticut Bar Association concerned with civil procedure and litigation.

3. The Committee considered a proposal from the Connecticut Bar Association to amend Practice Book Section 2-27A to allow attorneys to earn up to four hours per year of MCLE credit by judging mock trials or moot courts at the undergraduate, high school, or middle school levels, in addition to those at the law school level (RC ID # 2023-002).

Attorney Jonathan Weiner from the Connecticut Bar Association was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until the fall at Attorney Weiner's request.

4. The Committee considered a proposal from Judge Michael Albis to amend various Practice Book Sections regarding the Pathways process in Family Matters (RC ID # 2023-008).

Judge Albis, Chief Administrative Judge, Family Matters, Attorney Amy Calvo McNamara, representing the Family Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, Attorney Enlsa Diaz, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, and Attorneys Lorraine Carcova and Raphael

Podolsky, Connecticut Legal Services, were present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until the fall.

5. The Committee considered the reappointment of three members of the Legal Specialization Screening Committee and designating the vice-chair of that committee (RC ID # 2023-LSS).

After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend reappointment of Attorneys Jeffrey Low, Brian Henebry, and Patrick Kennedy to continue to serve as members of the Legal Specialization Screening Committee, and to designate Attorney Low to continue to serve as vice-chair of that committee.

6. The Committee considered the proposed schedule of Rules Committee meetings for 2023/2024.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously approved the following schedule of meetings, subject to future amendment:

Monday, September 25, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, November 27, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing followed by meeting.

7. The Committee voted unanimously to submit to the judges for a vote on adoption the Practice Book revisions recommended by the Committee that were published in the April 25, 2023, edition of the Connecticut Law Journal.

Respectfully submitted,



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