

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, September 13, 2021

On September 13, 2021, the Rules Committee met using Microsoft Teams from 2:03 p.m. to 2:26 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

HON. ANDREW J. McDONALD, CHAIR
HON. HOLLY ABERY-WETSTONE
HON. BARBARA N. BELLIS
HON. TAMMY T. NGUYEN-O'DOWD
HON. ANTHONY D. TRUGLIA, JR.

Also in attendance were Joseph J. Del Ciampo, Counsel to the Rules Committee, and Lori Petruzzelli, Assistant Counsel to the Rules Committee. Judges Susan Quinn Cobb, John B. Farley, Alex V. Hernandez, and Sheila M. Prats were absent.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2021 with no revisions.

2. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Peter J. Zarella to amend Section 23-1 to replace existing language concerning sections of the General Statutes with "Chapter 909 of the General Statutes" to make the order to show cause procedures applicable to proceedings under the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (RC ID # 2021-008).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal and referred it for review and comments to the Connecticut Bar Association, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, Judge Abrams, Chief Administrative Judge, Civil Matters, and any other organizations that would be appropriate to solicit input from.

3. The Committee considered a proposal from Judge Conway to amend Sections 27-1A and 27-4A regarding the nonjudicial handling of certain delinquency cases to implement recommendations of the IOYouth Task Force. (RC ID # 2021-011).

Judge Westbrook, incoming Chief Administrative Judge for Juvenile Division, was present and addressed the Committee regarding this proposal.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until the November meeting and referred this proposal for review and comment to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee (JJPOC).

4. The Committee considered the recommendation from the Legal Specialization Screening Committee for recertification of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) to certify attorneys as specialists in the area of Workers' Compensation law for a period of five years (RC ID # 2021-013).

After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Connecticut Bar Association to certify lawyers as specialists in the area of Workers' Compensation law for a period of five years, subject to the condition that the CBA shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in the methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.

5. The Committee considered a proposal from Judge Noble to revise the standard premises liability interrogatories (Practice Book Form 203) and requests for production (Practice Book Form 206) to include whether there was an agreement for snow and ice removal and the existence of a contract for the same (RC ID # 2021-014).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until the November meeting and referred it for review and comment to the Connecticut Bar Association, the

Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, the Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association, and Judge Abrams, Chief Administrative Judge, Civil Matters.

6. The Committee considered a proposal from Chief Justice Robinson for a new rule eliminating peremptory challenges based on race or ethnicity, as recommended by the Jury Selection Task Force (RC ID # 2021-015).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until the November meeting and referred it for review and comment to the Jury Selection Task Force, the Connecticut Bar Association, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, the Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association, Judge Abrams, Chief Administrative Judge, Civil Matters, and Judge Gold, Chief Administrative Judge, Criminal Matters.

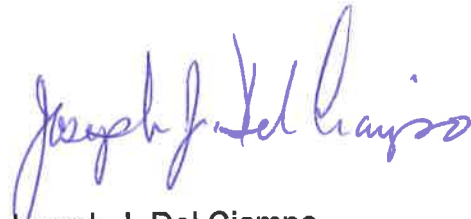
7. The Committee considered a recommendation from the Legal Specialization Screening Committee to approve the recertification of the American Board of Certification's (ABC) authority as a certifier in the specialty areas of Consumer Bankruptcy law and Business Bankruptcy law for a five year period (RC ID # 2021-016).

After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the American Board of Certification to certify lawyers as specialists in the areas of Consumer Bankruptcy law and Business Bankruptcy law for a period of five years, subject to the condition that the ABC shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.

8. The Committee considered a recommendation from the Legal Specialization Screening Committee for revisions to form JD-ES-63, *Application for Authority to Certify Lawyers as Specialists* (RC ID # 2021-017).

After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the revisions to form JD-ES-63.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph J. Del Ciampo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

Joseph J. Del Ciampo
Counsel to the Rules Committee