

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, October 21, 2024

On October 21, 2024, the Rules Committee met using Microsoft Teams from 2:01 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

HON. JOAN K. ALEXANDER, CHAIR
HON. BARBARA AARON
HON. BARRY F. ARMATA
HON. COURTNEY M. CHAPLIN
HON. ERNEST GREEN
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 Jennifer Macierowski was absent.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2024, with no revisions. Justice Alexander and 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 (AI) technology generally (RC ID # 2023-014).

Justice Alexander and Judge Armata addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled these proposals to its January meeting to give the Committee an opportunity to review the recommendations from the Judicial Branch Committee on Artificial Intelligence in the Legal System.

3. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney James Sullivan to add to the Practice Book Principles of Professionalism (RC ID # 2024-001).

Attorney Elizabeth Rowe from the Statewide Bar Counsel's Office, Attorney James Sullivan, and Attorney Danielle Edwards from the Connecticut Bar Association were present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its November meeting so that appropriate language can be drafted and proper placement of the principles in the Practice book if adopted could be considered.

4. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney James Sullivan to amend Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct concerning Safekeeping Property (RC ID # 2024-006).

Attorney Elizabeth Rowe from the Statewide Bar Counsel's Office and Attorney James Sullivan were present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal and referred it for comment to the Connecticut Bar Association, the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and the Statewide Bar Counsel.

5. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney John M. Spielman to end alleged racial discrimination during depositions (RC ID # 2024-007).

Attorney Spielman was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to allow for additional stakeholders who should be included in this discussion to be identified.

6. 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 Analyst (QABA), and International Behavior Analysts (IBA) as eligible to become guardian ad litem (GAL) in family matters (RC ID # 2024-008).

Christina Torres was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its December meeting and referred it for comment to Judge Leo Diana, Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters, the Standing Committee on GALs and AMCs, and the Connecticut Bar Association Family Law Section.

7. 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 are necessary or appropriate (RC ID # 2024-009).

Attorney Lori Petruzzelli, Assistant Counsel to the Committee, was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

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

8. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Daniel Healy to adopt a rule that requires the court to set a trial date after five court appearances in every criminal case, eliminating the category and classification "On the Trial List Waiting to be Assigned" (RC ID # 2024-010).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal and referred it to Counsel for additional information and to Judge David Gold, Chief Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters.

9. The Committee considered a second proposal from Attorney Daniel Healy to adopt a Jury Claim Form in Connecticut Criminal Matters cases (RC ID # 2024-011).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal and referred it to Counsel for additional information and to Judge David Gold, Chief Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters.

10. The Committee considered a proposal to amend Practice Book Sec. 26-1 to remove the citation of General Statutes § 46b-149, which has been repealed (RC ID # 2024-012).

Attorney Lori Petruzzelli, Assistant Counsel to the Committee, was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

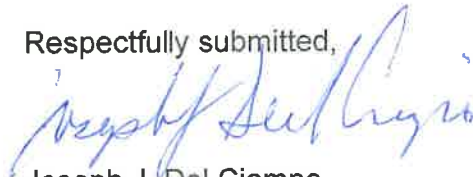
After discussion the Committee decided that the matter will be implemented as a technical amendment.

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

Attorney Giovanna Shay was present and addressed the Committee on this matter.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its January meeting and referred it for comment to Judge Barbara Bellis, Chief Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Court Operations, the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), and the Connecticut Advisory Council on Housing Matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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