

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, November 27, 2023

On November 27, 2023, the Rules Committee met using Microsoft Teams from 2:01 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

HON. ANDREW J. McDONALD, CHAIR
HON. BARRY F. ARMATA
HON. COURTNEY M. CHAPLIN
HON. ERNEST GREEN
HON. JENNIFER MACIEROWSKI
HON. W. GLEN PIERSON
HON. SHEILA M. PRATS
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 Stephanie A. McLaughlin was absent.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on October 30, 2023, with no revisions.

2. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Zenas Zelotes to create hybrid files, upon request, in cases filed on or before 2014, in which the older part would remain on paper, and new entries digital (RC ID # 2023-006).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its December meeting and referred it to Court Operations to obtain comments from the Chief Clerks' offices.

3. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Zenas Zelotes to grant active members of the bar online access to family cases (via e-services) in cases in which they do not have an appearance (RC ID # 2023-007).

After discussion, the Committee voted to take no action on this matter and tabled the proposal.

4. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Zenas Zelotes for a requirement that attorneys who use AI programs to conduct legal research, such as ChatGPT, append a certification to their pleadings and/or briefs that they have independently verified the accuracy of the citations therein (RC ID # 2023-011).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its September 2024 meeting, to be considered along with RD ID # 2023-014 concerning Public Acts 2023, 23-16 and AI technology generally.

5. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Donna M. Lattarulo to amend the Practice Book to require all attorneys and self-represented parties subject to e-filing requirements to accept service of documents electronically (RC ID # 2023-016).

Attorneys Lattarulo and Zelotes were 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 Judicial Branch Chief Administrative Judges, Court Operations, and the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA).

6. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Jonathan E. Von Kohorn to amend Practice Book Section 25-5 (b) (1) concerning automatic orders upon service of complaint or application and clarity with respect to premarital or postnuptial agreements (RC ID # 2023-017).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal to its January meeting and referred it for comment to Judge Diana, Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters, and the Family Law Section of the CBA.

7. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Daniel Healy for supervision of civil jury selection in every case to curb abuse and delay during voir dire in Connecticut (RC ID # 2023-018).

Attorney Healy 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 Bellis, Chief Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Court Operations, and the CBA.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph J. Del Ciampo".

Joseph J. Del Ciampo
Counsel to the Rules Committee