

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

Board of Director's Meeting—June 2, 2008

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Other Board members and committee chairs present were: Kit Collier, Tom Groark, Greg D'Auria, Chuck Howard, Molly LeVan, Barbara Heck, Michael Shea, John Farley, Jeff White, and Justice Zarella (ex officio).

Mr. Howard moved that the minutes of the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting taken by Ms. Heck (which were distributed at the meeting) and the previously distributed revised minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting and the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting be approved. Mr. Groark seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Groark indicated that he did not have a Treasurer's report other than that we are financially in good shape at present.

Mr. Shea, Ms. LeVan, Ms. Heck and Mr. White reported on the planning for the Court's 200th Anniversary celebration scheduled for June 6th. The program for the afternoon session has been finalized and is attached. There were over 108 positive responses for attendance. Ms. Heck reported that there will be a reception in the museum following the program, and that there will be an exhibit on the cases discussed, including an extensive exhibit on the Amistad case that will be on loan for the event. Mr. White reported that arrangements had been made, courtesy of Day Pitney, to pick up Ms. Greenhouse in Boston so that she can attend the afternoon program. Arrangements have been made for her to spend the night in Hartford, and additional arrangements for her transportation to and from the Hartford Club were discussed. As for the dinner, we have received 129 positive responses to date, and the final agenda and arrangements for the dinner were discussed.

Mr. Besso's report on the Journal (a copy of which is attached) was discussed. Mr. Howard moved that the Board of Editors be authorized to continue to contract with West Publishing for the Journal. Mr. Groark seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted.

The Board did not schedule the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Howard
Secretary

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Program

Welcoming Remarks
Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers
Connecticut Supreme Court

Presentation of Proclamation and Remarks
Governor M. Jodi Reil
State of Connecticut

Introduction of Speakers
Justice Peter T. Zarella
Connecticut Supreme Court

Discussion of *Synsbury Case (1785)*
Attorney Wesley W. Horton
President, Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

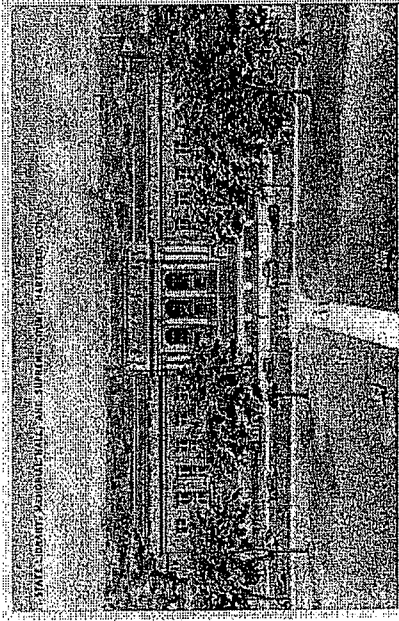
Discussion of *The United States v. The Amistad (1842)*
Justice Flemming L. Norcott, Jr.
Connecticut Supreme Court

Discussion of *State Ex Rel. v. Bulkeley (1892)*
Justice Peter T. Zarella
Connecticut Supreme Court

Discussion of *Griswold v. Connecticut (1965)*
Justice Ellen Ash Peters
Retired Chief Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court

Discussion of *Kelo v. City of New London (2004)*
Professor Christopher Collier
Connecticut State Historian (1984-2004)
Professor of History Emeritus, University of Connecticut

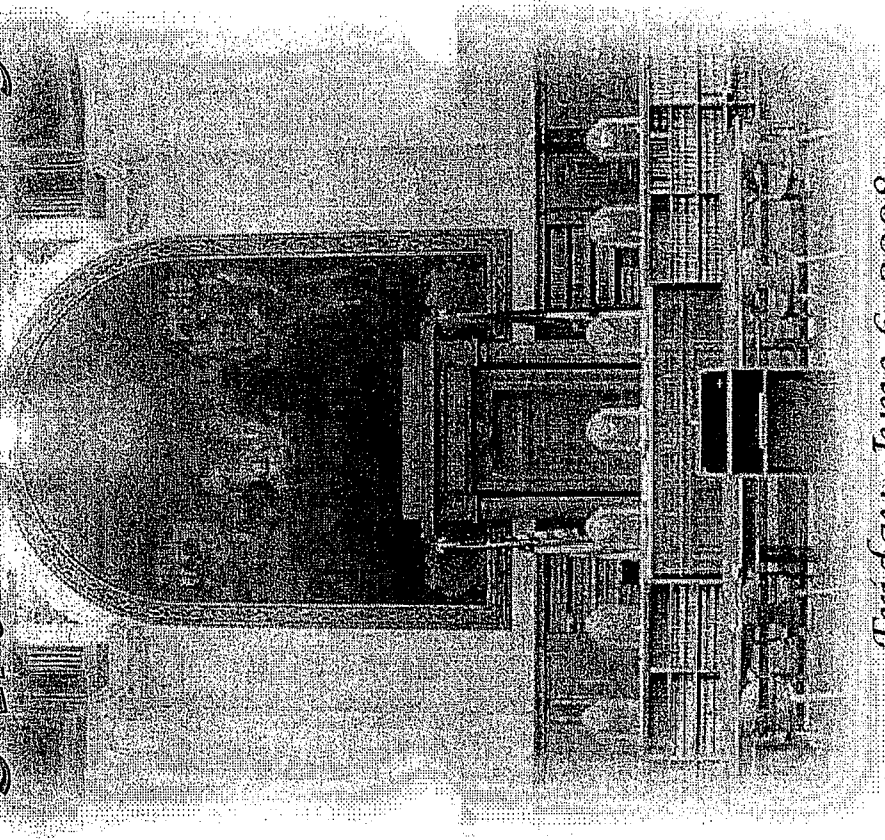
Closing Remarks
Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers



*There will be a reception in the
Museum of Connecticut History
immediately following the ceremony.*

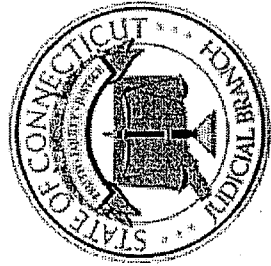
*The Supreme Court Historical Society
is sponsoring a dinner this evening at
the Hartford Club located at
46 Prospect Street in Hartford.
The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m.
and the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
Reservations are required.*

Connecticut Supreme Court 200th Anniversary



Friday, June 6, 2008

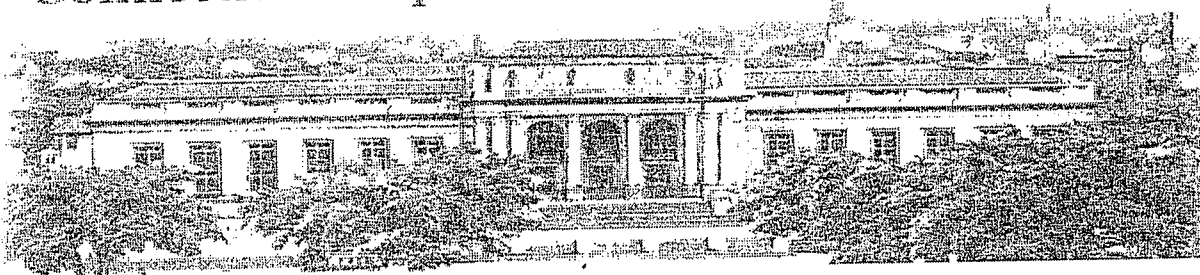
*3:00 p.m. at the
Connecticut Supreme Court*



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Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society



To: CSCHS Board of Directors
From: Michael Besso
Subject: Report from Board of Editors
Date: June 2, 2008

On behalf of the Board of Editors, I submit the following report regarding plans for the publication of the 2008 volume of *Connecticut Supreme Court History*. First, it is necessary for the Board of Directors to authorize the continuation of the printing contract with Western Publishing. The original contract covered the first two volumes only. Regarding the third volume, I have received a quote for printing from Western Publishing that incorporates the same terms and costs in effect for the first two volumes. On the basis of this offer for a contract, I recommend that the Board of Directors approve the continued use of Western Publishing.

Second, regarding the content of the 2008 volume, the Board of Editors has agreed to feature the 1808 Connecticut Supreme Court along with other essays:

Outline of Contents

- Editor's Introduction

- Essays regarding the 1808 Connecticut Supreme Court:
 - Essay on the meaning of the transition in 1808 to a "non-political" court
 - Review essay of the Court's 1808 decisions
 - Short biographical sketches of the Justices sitting on the Supreme Court in 1808

- Essays regarding other subjects:
 - *Federalist 78* in Connecticut debates for a constitutionally independent judiciary
 - Excerpts from Wes Horton's recently published Court history (note: Wes has already agreed to this, and West has already granted permission for publication)

- Case Report
 - *Second Ecclesiastical Society of Portland v. First Ecclesiastical Society* (1854) (note: this case represents the Connecticut Supreme Court's first exercise of judicial review, under the state constitution, to strike down a legislative act).

- Reports of Meetings