

# CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES

### Board of Directors Meeting - January 9, 2012

President Wes Horton called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Supreme Court Lawyers' Lounge. Other Board members and committee chairs present at the meeting were Judge Henry Cohn, John Farley, Mike Widener, and Sheila Huddleston. Justice Zarella also attended.

Mr. Horton reported that the Program Committee has invited Judith Kaye, retired Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, to be the speaker at our 2012 annual meeting. Of the dates under consideration, Judge Kaye is available only on May 1, 2012. The Program Committee has confirmed that the New Haven Lawn Club is available on that date, and Mr. Horton has confirmed that Chief Justice Rogers is also available that day. The consensus of the committee was that the Program Committee should proceed to confirm the May 1 date with Judge Kaye.

Ms. Huddleston reported that Volume V of the journal, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court and State Library building, will be going to the printer this week. Two articles for Volume VI have already been received: an article by Judge William Rush called "The First Law Clerk," and a brief article by Linda Hocking of the Litchfield Historical Society called "Legal History Resources at the Litchfield Historical Society." Other articles by former clerks, including Judge Lois Tanzer and retired Deputy Attorney General Carolyn Querijero, have been promised. Mr. Horton suggested that Josephine Gitler, the first woman to serve as a law clerk, be asked to write about her clerkship experience as well. Kit Collier is reviewing a proposal by Richard DeLuca for an article on home rule. Justice Zarella suggested a possible article by an attorney who has researched issues about witchcraft trials in Connecticut and will contact her.

Mr. Farley then discussed various strategies for increasing membership. He proposed that the Society develop a separate website that could be linked to the Society's page on the Judicial Branch website to allow online registration and payment of dues. It was suggested that he confer with Melissa Farley about the feasibility of that proposal. He also suggested that the Society consider increasing the size of the Board of Directors to increase the number of people invested in the Society's growth and development. Ms. Huddleston was asked to consult with Mr. Howard about statutory or by-law limitations on Board size and on the effect of increasing the Board size on the number of members needed to be present to constitute a quorum. Justice Zarella suggested that if the Board

size is increased, we consider adding members from Stamford, Bridgeport, and New Haven.

Mr. Widener reported that Linda Hocking has sent an article on legal history resources in Litchfield to the journal, and that he is working on a similar article about legal history resources at Yale.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 2 p.m. in the Supreme Court Lawyers' Lounge. A nominating committee will be appointed at that time.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila A. Huddleston

(standing in for Secretary Charles L. Howard)