



**Committee on Judicial Ethics**  
**100 Washington Street**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor-Public Room**  
**Hartford, Connecticut 06106**

Thursday, February 15, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

## AGENDA

- I. Call to order
  - II. Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.
  - III. Ratification of Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2018-01  
Issue: May a Judicial Official comment on a recently appointed police chief's character for use in a profile that will appear in a well-known local newspaper?
  - IV. Ratification of Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2018-02  
Issue: May a retiring Judicial Official, who plans to return to the practice of law, use his/her former judicial title in any law firm material?
  - V. Ratification of Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2018-03  
Issues: (1) How should a Judicial Official to respond to ex parte letters; (2) must the Judicial Official provide notice of the communications to the parties; and (3) must the Judicial Official take any action regarding any potential lawyer misconduct?
  - VI. Consideration and action on Informal JE 2018-04  
Issue: Is American Bar Association Formal Opinion 478 (concerning the propriety of conducting independent factual research on the Internet) a proper interpretation of the comparable provisions in the Connecticut Code of Judicial Conduct?
  - VII. Adjournment
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