

Minutes of the Meeting
Legal Specialization Screening Committee
August 4, 2011

On Thursday, August 4, 2011, the Legal Specialization Screening Committee met in the Judicial Branch, Legal Services Conference Room at 100 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut, from approximately 10:05 a.m. to 10:23 a.m.

Members in attendance were:

Attorney Salvatore C. DePiano, Chair
Attorney Maureen M. Murphy, Vice Chair
Attorney Jeffrey N. Low

Also in attendance were Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo, Counsel, Legal Services, Judicial Branch, and Attorney Denise K. Poncini, Counsel, Legal Services, Judicial Branch.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2009 with one correction of a typographical error in paragraph 2. (Attorney Murphy and Attorney Low voted to approve the minutes; Attorney DePiano did not take part in this vote as he was not present at the September 24, 2009 meeting.)

2. The Committee considered the application of the American Board of Certification for renewal of its authority to certify lawyers as specialists in the fields of Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Business Bankruptcy Law and upon proper motion voted unanimously to recommend (as noted in Appendix A) to the Rules Committee of the Superior Court that the applicant be recertified because it met all of the criteria in the rules and as developed by the Committee to evaluate whether entities should be approved as certifiers, subject to the condition that, if approved, the applicant shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of approval.

3. The Committee considered a letter from Gwen Arcangelo, Assistant Director, National Board of Legal Specialty Certification (NBLSC), which advises the Committee that the NBLSC has been accredited by the American Bar Association in Civil Pretrial Practice and that the NBLSC plans to submit an application for such certification to the Committee in the near future. After discussion, the committee directed counsel to contact the NBLSC and to inform it of the fields of law in Connecticut in which lawyers may be certified as specialists, and that "Civil Pretrial Practice" is not currently designated as one such field of law.

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4. The Committee considered whether it should conduct its meetings by means of teleconferencing technology. After discussion, the Committee decided that it would not utilize such technology on a general basis but that it would be considered on an ad hoc basis.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel, Legal Services

Appendix A

The Committee recommends that the American Board of Certification be approved for recertification as a certifier in the specialty areas of Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Business Bankruptcy Law, pursuant to its application dated June 27, 2011, because in the opinion of the Committee, it meets all of the criteria in the rules and as developed by the Committee to evaluate whether entities should be approved as certifiers, subject to the condition that, if approved, the applicant shall be required to notify promptly the Legal Specialization Screening Committee of any material changes in its methodology for certifying lawyers as specialists during the term of its approval.