



PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRUST COMMISSION

Committee on Alternatives to Court Appearances

Statutes and Rules Analysis Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2009

Those in attendance:

Atty. Jennifer Robinson, Chair
Hon. David Borden
Hon. Emmet Cosgrove

Atty. Joseph Del Ciampo
Atty. Nancy Porter

The subcommittee on Statutes and Rules for the Committee on Alternatives to Court Appearances met on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. at 100 Washington Street, Hartford, in the 3rd floor conference room.

The meeting was called to order at 10:21 a.m. by Justice Borden. As the first order of business the minutes for the meeting held on March 12th were unanimously approved by subcommittee members pending discussed revisions.

The subcommittee discussed the Purposes recommendations regarding court interpreters. Jennifer Robinson indicated that there is nothing in the Practice Book that addresses interpreting by teleconference but did cite a Connecticut Supreme Court Case in which the defendant is entitled to have a continuous translation during trial. The subcommittee recommended a rule with a general provision permitting remote translation services by interpreters as long as the technology is adequate and the continuous translation occurs.

Preliminary recommendations for Criminal matters were discussed but final drafting will be completed by Joseph Del Ciampo and Nancy Porter once they receive the final recommendations from the Purposes subcommittee.

The subcommittee discussed its draft memorandum of recommendations for the Committee on Alternatives to Court Appearances. The subcommittee made some revisions to the memo and it will be updated by Joseph Del Ciampo and discussed at the next meeting along with the criminal recommendations.

Any recommendations from this subcommittee would be to expand, not limit what is already in the statutes and Practice Book.

The next meeting will be schedule after the full committee has approved the Purposes Subcommittee recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting date would be discussed via email.