

MINUTES
Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Committee
Meeting of December 3, 2008

The first meeting of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Committee was held at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell on December 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Attorney Faith P. Arkin, Hon. Arnold W. Aronson, Attorney Livia D. Barndollar, Hon. Patrick J. Clifford, Hon. Thomas J. Corradino, Attorney James O. Craven, Attorney Gregory T. D'Auria, Hon. Maureen D. Dennis, Hon. Alexandra D. DiPentima (Co-Chair), Attorney Anne C. Dranginis, Representative Gerald Fox, Attorney Ronald S. Gold, Attorney R. Bartley Halloran, Attorney Raymond Hassett, Hon. Katherine Y. Hutchinson, Hon. Frank R. Iannotti, Attorney Kevin T. Kane, Hon. Joette Katz, Hon. Christine E. Keller, Hon. Aaron Ment, Dean Jeremy Paul, Hon. Ellen Ash Peters, Hon. Antonio C. Robaina, Senator Andrew W. Roraback, Hon. Robert B. Shapiro, Hon. Joseph M. Shortall (Co-Chair), Attorney Richard Silver, Attorney Herman Woodard and Hon. Patrick L. Carroll, III, Deputy Chief Court Administrator

Judge DiPentima called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members to the meeting at 2:10 P.M. All meetings are public forums.

Judge Shortall also welcomed the members, reviewed the agenda for the meeting and made a brief statement about the goals of the program and the tasks of the committee. At the request of Judge Shortall, all of the members introduced themselves.

Judge DiPentima then gave an overview of the work of the Public Service and Trust Commission, the development of the Strategic Plan, which included the five outcome goals, and the development of the Implementation Plan which included the establishment of several committees; the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Committee being one of those committees.

Judge Shortall then reviewed the Committee Charge by outlining the goals of the Judicial Performance Evaluation program and the tasks of this committee that were enunciated in the Implementation Plan, including reexamining the way judges are presently evaluated, exploring evaluation beyond the existing program, considering posting information on the web, and considering establishing an advisory panel.

Attorney Faith Arkin provided the committee with an overview of the current Judicial Performance Evaluation Program which is administered within the Judge Support Services Unit of the Superior Court Operations Division. The presentation included the current goals of the program, the questionnaires used, how reports are generated and the

evaluation process. The committee briefly discussed some aspects of the current program and suggested that the committee review the ABA Guidelines that were promulgated in 2005.

Judge Shortall suggested that the committee be divided into at least two smaller groups; each group to have open discussions about reviewing judicial performance. Before the next meeting the members are to formulate ideas about changes to the existing program, whether it should be expanded and what subcommittees ought to be formed. The next meeting is expected to be during the week of January 12, 2009 and notices will be sent as soon as a date is selected.

The approximate deadline for this committee to report to the Chief Justice is June 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.