

NOTICES

Small Claims Decentralization

Effective Monday, October 16, 2017, the Centralized Small Claims Office located at 80 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106 will be closed. No new small claims writs or any other documents on small claims cases can be filed at the Centralized Small Claims Office in person, by fax or by mail as of that date. The decentralization process will begin in August, 2017, and be completed effective October 16, 2017. The following is a brief summary of the changes. For more information on small claims decentralization, go to the Judicial Branch website at www.jud.ct.gov or a clerk's office, court service center, public information desk or law library.

Effective Friday, September 1, 2017 and after:

1. All small claims cases filed *with the Centralized Small Claims Office* or electronically through Small Claims E-Filing will have an answer date on or after October 16, 2017, and will be transferred to the small claims docket at the appropriate judicial district or housing session.
2. Any existing (pending or post-judgment) small claims case that (1) requires a hearing date after September 1, 2017; or (2) has a final date for compliance ordered by a magistrate after September 1, 2017, will be transferred to the small claims docket in the appropriate judicial district or housing session.
3. When a case is transferred, the court will send to counsel and self-represented parties notice of the court location and a new docket number that must be used on any documents filed with the court for these cases. Paper documents must include the new docket number and be filed with the clerk of the appropriate location. Electronically-filed documents must be filed through *Superior Court E-filing*, using the new docket number.
4. Any new cases, or documents filed on existing cases that have not been transferred, shall be filed electronically through Centralized Small Claims E-Filing or on paper with the Centralized Small Claims Office or at the appropriate court location, until 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2017.

Effective October 16, 2017, and after:

1. When you are filing a new small claims case after the defendants have been served, you must file the small claims writ with the appropriate judicial district or housing session location clerk's office as set forth in Section 51-345 and 51-346 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. If you are filing any document *on paper* (including an application for an execution filed by a self-represented party) on an existing case that has not been transferred to a judicial district or housing session location, you must file the paper document with the appropriate judicial district or housing session clerk's office. The clerk will then have the case transferred from Centralized Small Claims to the appropriate judicial district or housing session location.
3. If you are filing an application for an execution *electronically* on a small claims case that has *not* been transferred and assigned a new docket number, you must use the existing small claims docket number and file it through

Centralized Small Claims E-Filing, not Superior Court E-Filing. Once the execution is filed, the case will be transferred to the small claims docket in the appropriate judicial district or housing session location and assigned a new docket number.

4. If you want to view a file that has not been transferred and assigned a new docket number, you must contact the appropriate judicial district or housing session location for assistance.

For more information on where to file small claims cases, go to the Judicial Branch website:

<http://www.jud.ct.gov/directory/directory/directions/smallclaims.htm>.

BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Notice of Amendment of Regulations

At its meeting on July 7, 2017, the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee voted to amend Articles I, III, and X of its Regulations to allow for different application fees for bar examination applicants based upon when an application is received, to allow for an examination applicant with a UBE score who is deemed withdrawn to then file an application for admission by transfer of the UBE score attained in CT, and to set forth the fees for those filing for temporary licensing under Practice Book Section 2-13A. These amendments are effective 90 days from publication in the Law Journal.

Jessica F. Kallipolites
Administrative Director
Connecticut Bar Examining Committee

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

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Art. I-4. SUBCOMMITTEE ON NON-STANDARD TESTING.

(a) There shall be a subcommittee on non-standard testing for each examination, which shall have the power to act for the committee, to be appointed by the chair, which subcommittee shall have the duty, power and authority to consider and act upon all petitions for non-standard testing and to determine the terms and conditions upon which non-standard testing will be provided to applicants.

(b) Petitions for non-standard testing shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the committee and shall be filed, together with such attachments as the committee may require, with the administrative director on or before ~~the filing deadline for applications for admission to the bar~~ 30 April for a July examination and on or before 30 November for a February examination. The subcommittee may, in its discretion, hold a hearing on such petitions. The committee shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing.

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ARTICLE III

ADMISSION BY EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION BY TRANSFER OF
A UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION SCORE ATTAINED IN
ANOTHER JURISDICTION

Art. III-1.

(A) The application to take the bar examination and for admission to the bar (for which the official forms obtainable from the administrative director must be used) shall be filed between 01 March and 30 April for a July examination and between 01 October and 30 November for a February examination, ~~together with the fee prescribed by Article X (1).~~ Applications filed between 01 March and 31 March for a July examination or between 01 October and 31 October for a February examination shall be filed together with the fee prescribed by Article X(1)(a). Applications filed between 01 April and 30 April for a July examination or 01 November and 30 November for a February examination shall be filed together with the fee prescribed by Article X(1)(b).

(B) The application for admission by transfer of a Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) score ~~attained in another jurisdiction~~ (for which the official forms obtainable from the administrative director must be used) shall be filed within 3 years after attaining a total scaled score of 266 or higher on the UBE taken in ~~another~~ any jurisdiction, together with the fee prescribed by Article X (2). A score is considered to have been attained on the date of the administration of the UBE that resulted in the score. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his or her qualifying UBE score is transferred to the administrative director by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE). Applicants shall submit official transcripts of undergraduate and legal education sufficient to satisfy the committee that the applicant's educational qualifications meet the requirements of Section 2-8 of the Rules.

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ARTICLE X

Schedule of Fees

Art. X. The following shall be the fees in connection with applications for admission to the bar:

~~(1) The application fee for admission by examination: \$800~~

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(a) First filing deadline: \$800

(b) Final filing deadline: \$900

(2) The application fee for admission by UBE score transfer: \$750

(3) Application fee for admission without examination: \$1,800

(4) Investigation under Sec. 2-8(8): \$50

(5) Copy of prior examination questions: \$15

(6) Copy of prior examination answers (includes questions): \$35

- (7) Copy of applicant's application for admission by examination: \$15
- (8) Copy of applicant's exam answers: \$20
- (9) Transmittal of applicant's MBE score to another jurisdiction: \$25
- (10) Replacement of examination scores and information: \$15
- (11) Replacement of admission certificate: \$20
- (12) Application fee for foreign legal consultant: \$500
- (13) Application fee for registration as authorized house counsel: \$1000.
- (14) Petition for determination on foreign education: \$500
- (15) Military Spouse Temporary Licensing:
 - (a) Application Fee: \$750
 - (b) Renewal Fee: \$300

All fees must be made payable to the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee by certified check or money order; personal checks are not accepted.

Notice of Reprimand of Attorney

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-54, notice is hereby given that on 5/9/17 in docket number FBTCV166059632S in regard to Raymond Heche, juris number 027075, of Bridgeport, CT for the reasons articulated on the record on today's date, the court issues a reprimand, with the requirement that the respondent will have no access to the firm's IOLTA account.

By the Court,
Bellis, J.

Notice of Inactive Status of Attorney

The application for inactive status pursuant to PB Section 2-58 for Steven Wright, juris number 306556, is granted. Attorney James M. Nugent, juris number 101986, is appointed as Trustee, pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-64, to inventory the files, secure the clients fund account, review the office mail and take such action as is necessary to protect the interests of clients, and to provide accounting(s) and report(s) to the court.

By the Court,
Bellis, J.
5/19/17

Notice of Suspension of Attorney

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-54, notice is hereby given that on 5/25/17 in docket number FBTCV166058698S in regard to Peter L. Craft, juris number 301042, of Fairfield, CT the court issues the following orders:

In accordance with Practice Book Section 2-40, the court orders an order of suspension for 2 1/2 years, retroactive from the date the respondent was placed on interim suspension, November 2, 2016.

The respondent is required to apply for reinstatement pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-53(d)(4), and may do so upon successful completion of his sentence, including the three year period of probation.

No trustee is appointed pursuant to Practice Book Sections 2-40 and 2-64, as the respondent has no current clients.

By the Court,
Bellis, J.

Notice of Reprimand of Attorneys

Pursuant to Practice Book Section 2-54, notice is hereby given of the following reprimands ordered by reviewing committees of the Statewide Grievance Committee:

Reviewing Committee Reprimands

April 21, 2017: Mark J. Kovack, Stamford, Connecticut - #303932

April 28, 2017: Gerald Hecht, Danbury, Connecticut - #100651

Copies of the full text of the decisions of the Statewide Grievance Committee are available through the Committee's offices at Second Floor, Suite Two, 287 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06118-1885. The fee for copies is \$.25 (twenty-five cents) per page. The full text of the decisions is also available on the Connecticut Judicial Branch website (www.jud.ct.gov).

Attest:
Michael P. Bowler
Statewide Bar Counsel
