Minutes

Criminal Practice Commission Immigration Committee November 15, 2010 2:00 PM

Supreme Court – Conference Room

The Criminal Practice Commission's Immigration Committee met in the Supreme Court attorney conference room, located at 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, on Monday November 15, 2010.

Committee members in attendance: Mr. William Carbone, Hon. David Gold (co-chair), Atty. Daniel B. Horwitch, Hon. Joette Katz (co-chair), Mr. Gary A. Roberge, Atty. Elisa Villa and Prof. Michael Wishnie

Also in attendance: Atty. Leonard Boyle, Atty. John Cizik, Ms. Bonnie Doyle, Atty. John Hughes, Mr. Anuj Nadadur and Ms. Rebecca Scholtz

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 by Justice Katz.

- 1. Justice Katz welcomed the members of the committee and the attendees.
- 2. The minutes from the September 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Following discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. Bill Carbone provided an overview of the CSSD Adult Services Policy 4.57, which contains a section regarding foreign born offenders. Mr. Carbone described the current policy requirements and the proposed changes. Following discussion, the Committee unanimously supported the proposed changes to the CSSD policy.
- 4. Linda Cimino, director of the Office of Victim Services, provided an overview of the work that her unit does as it relates to foreign-born victims of crimes. A discussion ensued on the services the Office of Victim Services (OVS) provides. One of the main issues is the lack of resources available to OVS to refer non-citizen victims.
- 5. Rebecca Scholtz distributed a handout entitled "General Suggestions for Establishing a Public Defender Immigration Service Plan," which summarized material that was previously distributed

to the Committee via email. A discussion ensued regarding the handout. The discussion included attorney John Cizik, assistant director of training for the Office of the Chief Public Defender. Attorney Cizik stated that he would pass along the information that he received to his superiors at the Office of the Chief Public Defender.

6. Justice Katz thanked the members of the Committee for their work. A report of the Committee's work will be prepared to be submitted to the Criminal Practice Commission. Prior to submission to the Criminal Practice Commission, the report will be distributed via email to the Committee members for comment.

