

Minutes
Family Support Magistrate Rules Subcommittee
October 27, 2008

The Family Support Magistrate Rules Subcommittee met in room 607L at the Middlesex Judicial District Courthouse located at 1 Court Street, Middletown, CT on October 27, 2008.

Those in attendance: Hon. Bethany J. Alvord, Hon. Sandra Sosnoff Baird (Co-Chair), Jane Grossman, David M. Iaccarino, David Mulligan, Hon. Lynda Munro (co-Chair), Hon. Joseph H. Pellegrino, Laureen J. Vitale, Hon. Linda Wihbey, Lucia S. Ziobro.

Also in attendance were Attorney Joseph Del Ciampo and Johanna Greenfield.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Judge Munro.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the workgroup held on October 2, 2008 were approved unanimously by the members of the subcommittee.

2. Continue Rule Consideration

The Strategic Plan for the Judicial Branch was distributed to committee members along with Chapter 13 of the Practice Book.

It was suggested and agreed that a starting point for the day would be to review Chapter 25 of the Practice Book to discuss which of those sections the committee thinks should apply to Family Support Magistrate matters. It will later be decided whether one rule should be proposed that references those sections as applying to Family Support Magistrate matters, or whether Family Support Magistrate should be referenced in each rule.

Rule 25-1 Yes (unanimous) with some language revision for Family Support Magistrate matters.

Rule 25-2 No (unanimous).

Rule 25-3 No (unanimous).

Rule 25-4 No (unanimous).

Rule 25-5 (a)(1) and (a)(2) will be postponed for Joseph Del Ciampo to research the statutory authority regarding the subject matter for Family Support Magistrates.

(a)(3) Yes (unanimous) with some language revision for Family Support Magistrate matters.

(a)(4) No (unanimous).

(a)(5) No (David M. Iaccarino and Hon. Linda Wihbey voted yes).

(a)(6) No (unanimous).

(a)(7) Yes (unanimous) with some language revision for Family Support Magistrate matters.

(a)(8) No (unanimous).

(a)(9) No (unanimous).

(a)(10) No (unanimous).

(a)(11)(a) No (unanimous).

(a)(11)(b) Yes (unanimous) with some language revision for Family Support Magistrate matters.

25-6 Postponed for committee members to review the rules referenced therein and to re-read the language.

25-7 No (unanimous).

25-8 No (unanimous).

25-9 & 25-10 Postponed for research regarding answers in paternity cases. The committee will read the Smith and Syed cases as well.

25-11 Yes to the degree that these items are filed and applicable in Family Support Magistrate matters. This will likely be revisited for additional discussion.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 17, 2008 at the same location.

Judge Munro adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.