

**MINUTES**  
**COMPLEX LITIGATION COMMITTEE**  
**August 27, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The Complex Litigation Committee held a meeting at the Waterbury Superior courthouse, 300 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT, courtroom 3A, at 10:00 a.m.

Members in attendance were: Committee Chair Honorable Dennis Eveleigh; Honorable Barbara M. Quinn; Honorable Marshall K. Berger; Honorable Arthur A. Hiller; Honorable Alfred J. Jennings, Jr.; Honorable Linda K. Lager; Attorney Joseph Burns; Attorney Jonathan Orleans; Attorney William Prout; Attorney John Rose; Attorney Richard Silver; and Attorney Richard Weinstein.

Guests: Attorney Joseph D'Alesio, Honorable Patrick L. Carroll, III

At 10:20 a.m., Honorable Dennis Eveleigh called the meeting to order.

**I. Review and approval of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 13, 2008 committee meeting; upon motion by Judge Eveleigh and second, the minutes were so approved.

**II. Review of Report of Subcommittee Recommendations**

Attorney Prout submitted a revised report of the Standards subcommittee's final recommendations.

Judge Eveleigh invited the committee members to offer any comments they had with regard to each of the items detailed in the "Complex Litigation Committee Report of Subcommittee Recommendations", as the committee would vote on whether to approve and pass each item of the report.

Judge Berger commented regarding the process for filing objections (addressed by the Procedures Subcommittee in its final recommendations report).

Attorney Silver commented on the "Length of Assignment" recommendation from the Administrative Subcommittee, and the reconsideration of shortening the time frame by which to conduct a review. Judge Quinn commented on the evaluation process and the difficulty in conducting a review process after only one year. Discussion was held by

the full committee. Judge Jennings commented on Judicial Evaluations, and whether there were an adequate number necessary to conduct reviews after a shorter period of time. Additional discussion was held regarding confidentiality concerns for the Judicial Evaluation process.

Judge Hiller posed the question of who would select the group of representatives from the Bar to meet with the Chief Court Administrator to provide input on the selection/appraisal of Complex Litigation Docket (CLD) judges. Discussion was held as to suggestions for this process.

Attorney D'Alesio presented information as to the formation of a committee to review and address issues concerning the Judicial Evaluation process, a video conferencing committee, and a committee to address jury issues.

### **III. Committee Vote on Final Recommendations**

After further discussion of the full committee, Judge Eveleigh went through each item listed on the subcommittees' final recommendations, for a committee vote.

The committee voted on the subcommittees' recommendations regarding each topic as follows (with oppositions noted):

1. CLD Coordination- passed (Judge Marshall K. Berger opposed)
2. Evaluations-Superior Court/CLD- passed (Attorney Richard Weinstein opposed)
3. Criteria for CLD- passed
4. Length of Assignment- passed
5. Additional CLD Locations- passed (Judge Marshall K. Berger opposed)
6. Speeding Jury Selection- passed
7. Potential Use of Trial Referees- passed
8. Referral Process- passed
9. Request for Adjudication- passed
10. Identifying the Filer of a Motion- passed
11. Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) Access- passed
12. Display of CLD Events on the Judicial Branch Website- passed
13. Information Sheets- passed

### **IV. Other Business**

Judge Eveleigh proposed that the final list of recommendations (as revised after discussion at today's committee meeting), would be circulated to the full committee for review and final approval. After committee approval, the report will be presented by Judge Quinn to the Chief Justice on behalf of the Complex Litigation Committee.

Judge Quinn and Judge Eveleigh thanked the committee members for their commitment and their work in the subcommittees, and thanked the Court Operations support staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.