

Committee on Judicial Ethics 100 Washington Street 1st Floor-Public Room Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:30 am

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
- III. Consideration and action on **Informal JE 2020-01** (concerning whether a Judicial Official may create an LLC with a long-time friend for the purpose of developing real estate and selling the properties if the Judicial Official limits his involvement to that of an investor) and review research regarding the difference between an "advisor" and an "investor."
- IV. Consideration and action on Informal JE 2020-02
 Issue: If it comes to the court's attention that an attorney has been formally charged with a crime (witness tampering), are Judicial Officials under any ethical obligation to do any of the following:
 - a. Inquire in chambers of counsel whether he/she has informed the client that he/she has been formally charged;
 - Inquire whether the attorney asked the client whether he/she still wishes to be represented by the attorney in light of his/her arrest on this formal charge;
 - Inquire of the client on the record whether he/she was informed of these charges by the attorney and whether the client still wishes to be represented by the attorney; and
 - d. Inquire whether the attorney has obtained the client's written informed consent to continued representation in light of the disclosure of these facts.

The Judicial Officials also seek advice as to whether their obligation to do any of the above hinges on the type of crime with which the attorney has been charged.

- V. New business
- VI. Adjournment