

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

Thursday, October 20, 2016 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the August 18, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- III. Ratification of Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2016-13 (issued September 16, 2016)
- IV. Consideration and action on Informal JE 2016-14
 Issue: A Judicial Official has had a personal friendship for many years with a nonattorney whose son recently was admitted to the bar and is working for a small firm in
 the Judicial Official's courthouse. The Judicial Official has not socialized with the
 son's parents for approximately 5 years, but he/she still periodically keeps in touch by
 phone, text and social media. The Judicial Official and the son are not friends. Is the
 Judicial Official disqualified, or does he or she have a duty to disclose when (1) the
 son or (2) a member of the law firm appears before the Judicial Official?
- V. Discussion of the legislative history of Connecticut General Statutes §51-39a. Use of judicial office for financial gain prohibited.
- VI. Adjournment