

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

Thursday, December 17, 2015 9:30 a.m.

## AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- II. Approve minutes of the November 19, 2015 regular meeting.
- III. Ratification of Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2015-20
  Issue: Does a Judicial Official have a duty to recuse or disclose the existence of the fee-splitting arrangement? If so, do the same requirements apply if the Judicial Official limits his or her role to conducting pre-trials, handling continuance requests and assigning the cases to the trial judge?
- IV. Ratification of Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2015-23
  Issue: May a Judicial Official attend a large annual holiday party hosted by a law firm? The law firm invites hundreds of people, including other lawyers that they litigate against, judges, politicians, business people, etc.
- V. Consideration and action on Informal JE 2015-21
  Issue: Once a lawsuit or complaint against a Judicial Official is disposed, is there an ongoing obligation to disclose the prior lawsuit or complaint if the attorney or party involved in the prior proceeding appears before the Judicial Official in a separate matter commenced after the disposition of the lawsuit or complaint, and if so, for how long?
- VI. Consideration and action on Informal JE 2015-22
  Issue: May a Judicial Official serve on the Board of Directors of a Connecticut nonprofit institution that consists of public charter schools in a particular community?
- VII. New Business 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule
- VIII. Adjournment