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Connecticut Judicial Branch Jury Selection Task Force
November 16, 2020
2:00

Meeting held remotely using Microsoft Teams

The meeting was recorded using Microsoft Teams for viewing at a later date on the Judicial Branch's YouTube Channel.

Members in attendance: Hon. Chase T. Rogers (Co-Chair), Hon. Omar A. Williams (Co-Chair), Hon. James W. Abrams, Hon. Joan Alexander, Hon. David Gold, Hon. Joette Katz, Hon. Douglas Lavine, State Rep. Matthew Blumenthal, Atty. Glenn Coffin, Atty. Richard Colangelo, Atty. Tais C. Ericson, Dean Timothy Fisher, Ms. Esther Harris, Atty. James J. Healy, Ms. Hannah Kogan, Atty. Erik T. Lohr, Atty. Charleen E. Merced Agosto, Atty. Christine Perra Rapillo, Atty. Preston Tisdale, Atty. Harry Weller, Atty. Paul D. Williams, Atty. Anna Van Cleave

Also in attendance: Hon. Elizabeth Bozzuto, Hon. Patrick Carroll III, Ms. Melissa Farley, Ms. Krista Hess, Atty. Daniel Krisch, Atty. William Bloss

- I. **Welcome:** Justice Rogers welcomed the Task Force members and reminded the members that legislative proposals would be reviewed and voted on at today's meeting.
- II. **Data, Statutes & Rules Subcommittee:** Dean Timothy Fisher presented proposed revisions to C.G.S. sec. 51-232 (c). The proposed revisions provide for expanded categories of demographic information to be included on the jury questionnaire. The revisions further provide for data collection and maintenance regarding demographic characteristics while excluding personally identifiable information. After discussion and a clarification, the Task Force approved the proposed revisions.
- III. **Jury Summoning Process Subcommittee:** Attorney Erik Lohr presented proposed revisions to C.G.S. sec. 51-217(a). The proposed revisions change certain disqualifiers for jury service. A discussion took place regarding proposed changes to the felony disqualifier. The Task Force agreed to table the discussion in order to allow the subcommittee to meet again, and also to discuss with the Implicit Bias Subcommittee.

Attorney Matthew Blumenthal presented proposed revisions to C.G.S. sec. 51-220. The proposed revisions provide for using a town's juror yield ratio from the previous calendar year in calculating a town's proportional share of the population of the judicial district in determining the number of jurors summoned. The Task Force approved the proposed revisions.

Attorney William Bloss presented proposed revisions to C.G.S. sec. 51-232. The proposed revisions would add a new provision, subsection (f), to allow the Jury Administrator to send an additional jury summons to another randomly selected juror within the same zip code as a jury summons that is found to be undeliverable. The Task Force approved the proposed revisions.

Attorney Harry Weller presented proposed revisions to C.G.S. sec. 51-247, which would increase the compensation of jurors. After discussion and a clarification, the Task Force approved the proposed revisions.

- IV. **Other Business:** The Task Force was reminded of the 12/2/20 deadline for submitting final proposals for review. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/16/20 at 2:00 p.m.
- V. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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