## **Agenda**

Judicial-Media Committee
Monday, September 14, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, WFSB-TV Channel 3
333 Capital Blvd. Rocky Hill, CT

- I. Welcome Judge Douglas Lavine, co-chair
- II. Approval of minutes from meeting of May 11, 2009
- III. Committee reports
  - a) Pilot -- Schedule meeting for discussion of final report, vote
  - b) Events -- Discuss Spring 2010 event
- IV. Potential future topics for Judicial-Media Committee meetings
  - a) Placing court documents online
  - b) Media coverage of minorities in the justice system
  - c) Suggestions from members
- V. Discussion of committee term limits
- VI. Audio recordings of court proceedings
  - a) Discussion of and vote on the following motions proposed by co-chairs G. Claude Albert and Judge Lavine:
    - 1) The Judicial-Media Committee recommends that the Practice Book rules and/or guidelines authorized by the Chief Court Administrator for electronic devices in courtrooms be clarified to give judges the discretion to expressly allow recognized media, and parties to litigation, to make audio recordings of court proceedings, subject to any conditions that the court establishes. Any such decision shall not be appealable.
    - 2) The Judicial-Media Committee recommends that the Practice Book rules and/or guidelines authorized by the Chief Court Administrator for electronic devices in courtrooms provide that a judge may permit or prohibit members of the public who are neither litigants nor members of the recognized media, to make audio recordings of a court proceeding, subject to conditions to be established by the court. Any such decision shall not be appealable.
    - 3) The Judicial-Media Committee recommends that the rules and/or guidelines for electronic devices in courtrooms should state that the only official transcript and/or audio tape of the proceeding will be that prepared by the court reporter or monitor.
  - b) Discussion of and vote on other proposed motions
- VII. Schedule next meeting/adjourn