

**Minutes**  
**Public Service and Trust Commission**  
**Self-represented Parties Workgroup**  
**January 19, 2010**

The Self-represented Parties Workgroup met on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 1:00pm via teleconference in Room 206 at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, CT.

Those in attendance: Hon. Raymond R. Norko (Chair), Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto (Chair), Hon. Henry S. Cohn, Attorney Bruce Loudon, Ms. Krista Hess and Mr. David Iaccarino (attendee).

Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm.

1. The minutes of December 29, 2009 meeting were approved.
2. Discussion regarding Advice Days pilot project.  
This Workgroup met specifically to address concerns raised about the scope of the Volunteer Attorney Pilot Program in Hartford and the Volunteer Attorney Pilot Program forms.

The issues included concerns about the 15 minute time limit on advice per person, the scope of the advice being the presentation of available options for the self-represented party and the concern over the volunteer attorneys not having access to the court file while providing advice.

These concerns were brought to the attention of Judicial Branch Legal Services' attorney, Daniel Horwitch who addressed each concern and provided a legal opinion to the Self-represented Parties Workgroup. Attorney Horwitch also made recommendations on form revisions for the *About the Advice Days Program* and the *Volunteer Attorney Guidelines* forms created specifically for the Advice Day program.

The Workgroup revised the above reference forms and broadened the scope of the Advice Day Program in accordance with the recommendations from Legal Services.

The Workgroup removed the 15 minute limit on advice and broadened the scope of the advice to include not only options, but a recommended course of action. The Workgroup agreed with Legal Services that the volunteer attorneys did not need the court file to provide competent, limited legal advice.

3. Next Meeting  
February 9, 2010 at 3:00pm
4. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

