

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, December 15, 2025

On December 15, 2025, the Rules Committee met using *Microsoft Teams* from 2:02 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

HON. WILLIAM H. BRIGHT, JR., CHAIR
HON. BARBARA AARON
HON. BARRY F. ARMATA
HON. KEVIN C. DOYLE
HON. ERNEST GREEN
HON. CHRISTOPHER A. H. GRIFFIN
HON. JESSICA TORRES
HON. THOMAS J. WELCH

Also in attendance were Lori Petruzzelli, Counsel to the Rules Committee, James T. O'Connor, Assistant Counsel to the Rules Committee, and Jillian Greenbacker, Assistant Counsel to the Rules Committee. Judge Jennifer Macierowski was absent.

1. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2025.

2. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Zenas Zelotes that would require attorneys who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs to conduct legal research to append a certification to their pleadings and/or briefs that they have independently verified the accuracy of the citations therein (RC ID # [2023-011](#)).

The Committee also considered an informational memorandum from Attorney Kevin DiAdamo concerning Public Acts 2023, No. 23-16, and Artificial Intelligence technology generally (RC ID # 2023-014).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this matter until its January meeting for the Chair to draft and members to review proposed language.

3. The Committee considered a proposal referred to the Committee by Justice McDonald regarding the propriety of a party having ex parte communications with a disclosed expert witness of an opposing party, and whether any changes to the rules in this subject area are necessary or appropriate (RC ID # [2024-009](#)).

Judge Barbara Aaron provided an update from the working group.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this matter until its January meeting to give the Committee an opportunity to review the proposal from the working group.

4. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Christopher DeMatteo to amend Practice Book Section 41-9 to repeal the limitation on motions to dismiss, allowing them to be filed on sufficiency of the evidence grounds in warrant cases (RC ID # [2025-004](#)).

After discussion, the Committee voted to take no further action on this matter.

5. The Committee considered a proposal from Donna Boynton to amend Practice Book Section 7-19 to specify that a self-represented litigant may subpoena witnesses to depositions (RC ID # [2025-009](#)).

Attorney Jillian Greenbacker was present and addressed the Committee.

After discussion, the Committee tabled this matter to its January meeting for Judges Griffin and Torres to work with Attorney Greenbacker to modify the proposal language.

6. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney James Sullivan for a new rule concerning notification to clients when a lawyer leaves a law firm (RC ID # [2025-011](#)).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this matter to its January meeting, per the request of the Connecticut Bar Association.

7. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney Emmett Gilles to amend the Uniform Standing Orders for Foreclosure by Sale, changing Saturday sales (RC ID # [2025-018](#)).

Attorney Emmett Gilles was present and addressed the Committee.

After discussion, the Committee voted to refer this matter directly to Judge Joan Alexander, Chief Court Administrator, and Judge Barbara Bellis, Chief Administrative Judge for Civil Matters.

8. The Committee considered a proposal from Judge Tammy Nguyen-O'Dowd to amend Practice Book Section 35a-5 to conform with General Statutes § 46b-129 (p) (RC ID # [2025-019](#)).

Judge Nguyen-O'Dowd was present and addressed the Committee.

After discussion, the Committee voted to submit to public hearing the proposal to amend Practice Book Section 35a-5, as set forth in Appendix A. Judge Barbara Aaron abstained from voting on this matter.

9. The Committee considered a review draft FAQs regarding amendments to Section 2-27A (b), permitting MCLE credit for pro bono work (RC ID # [2025-017](#)).

After discussion, the Committee voted to refer this matter directly to the Access to Justice Commission to work with the MCLE Commission and the CBA to develop the FAQs.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori Petruzzelli

Lori Petruzzelli
Counsel to the Rules Committee

APPENDIX A

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Sec. 35a-5. Notice and Right To Be Heard

(a) Any foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver shall be notified of and have a right to be heard in any proceeding held concerning a child or youth living with such foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver. The Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families shall provide written notice of all court proceedings concerning any child or youth to any such foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver of such child or youth. Records of such notice shall be kept by the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families and information about notice given in each case provided to the court. Any notice provided pursuant to this subsection shall include the Internet website address for any proceeding that will be conducted on a virtual platform.

(b) Any foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver who has cared for the child or youth shall have the right to be heard and comment on the best interests of such child or youth in any proceeding under General Statutes § 46b-129 that is brought not more than one year after the last day the foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver provided such care.

(c) The judicial authority may, for good cause shown and within reasonable limits, broaden or restrict any foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver's right to attend the proceeding or to be heard and comment on the best interest of the child or youth if such authority concludes that modification is necessary to ensure that

the proceeding is conducted in a manner that best serves the rights at stake and objectives to be achieved.

[(b)] (d) Upon motion of any sibling of any child or youth committed to the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families pursuant to General Statutes § 46b-129, the sibling shall have the right to be heard concerning visitation with and placement of any such child or youth.

COMMENTARY—2025: The revisions to this section conform to the holding of our Supreme Court in *In re Jewelyette M.*, 351 Conn. 511, 332 A.3d 207 (2025).