# Bench-Bar Centralized Small Claims Subcommittee Access & Quality of Service

## Meeting Minutes August 25, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Honorable Clarance J. Jones, Honorable James W. Abrams, Attorney Nancy L. Kierstead, Attorney Adam Olshan, Attorney Robert L. Peat, Attorney Raphael Podolsky and Attorney Sarah Poriss

#### <u>Agenda</u>

#### **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Nancy L. Kierstead, Director of Court Operations

#### **New Business & Suggestions:**

Attorney name tags; identification of attorneys in court Magistrate script to include identifying attorneys Settlement script

Pro bono Attorneys to mediate at Court Service Centers
Statute change for bank attachments to wait for a default execution
Collection Court vs. Peoples Court
Stack Collection cases on one day at the larger courts
Revise answer form to be more defendant friendly

Website for Magistrates only

The Small Claims Civil Process- Spanish copy

Online tutorial

Television loop with tutorials in the hallways of the courthouses Court Service Center- pc set up with tutorials Add more information on Small Claims portion of the website

Access issues- Meriden cases going to Middletown

### <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Recorder: Janet-Marie Harris, Court Planner I, Court Operations