

**Minutes**  
**Bench-Bar Centralized Small Claims Committee**  
**Subcommittee on Legal Issues**

The Subcommittee on Legal Issues met in the Superior Court Operations Conference Room 204 located at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut at 2:00 p.m. on September 24, 2008.

Subcommittee members in attendance were Attorney Natalie Erickson, Attorney Joanne Faulkner, Chairperson, Attorney Maureen Finn, Attorney Adam Olshan, Attorney Joseph Patchen, Attorney Rafie Podolsky, Attorney Michael Ross, and Attorney Richard Terry. Judge Clarence Jones, Attorney Russell London and Attorney Nancy Kierstead also attended.

Attorney Faulkner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting. Attorney Ross so moved and Attorney Olshan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

There was discussion of the proposed Practice Book amendment to hold plaintiff responsible for service of the claim. A vote to adopt the proposal was taken: six were in favor, two opposed and one abstained. Attorney Natalie Erickson, Attorney Joanne Faulkner, Attorney Maureen Finn, Judge Clarence Jones, Attorney Joseph Patchen, Attorney Michael Ross voted in favor of the amendment. Attorney Adam Olshan and Attorney Richard Terry were opposed and Attorney Rafie Podolsky abstained.

There was discussion of the postal service's delivery confirmation system. Attorney Podolsky agreed to do further research.

Attorney Ross proposed that the small claims rules be amended to disallow service of small claims by indifferent persons. Attorney Faulkner asked if anyone objected. No objections were made so the proposal was accepted unanimously.

It was clarified that address verification was not limited to plaintiffs in trade or commerce.

It was proposed that the rules state that social security numbers are not to be included in filings. No vote was taken.

The committee does not recommend a checklist for filings.

There was discussion of a checklist for entry of defaults. No action taken.

Judge Jones will inquire as to the timeline for submission of proposed rule changes.

The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, October 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Maureen Finn  
Chief Clerk, Centralized Small Claims

