

Bench-Bar Centralized Small Claims Committee
Subcommittee on Operational Process
Minutes of Meeting on September 29, 2008

The Subcommittee on Operational Process met in the Superior Court Operations Conference Room 204 located at 225 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut at 2:00 p.m. on September 29, 2008.

Those in attendance were Attorney Marshall Collins, Attorney Natalie Erickson, Attorney Maureen Finn, Attorney Kevin Hennessy, Attorney Adam Olshan, Attorney Rafie Podolsky, and Attorney William Reveley. Judge Clarence Jones also attended

The minutes from the meeting of September 19, 2008 were reviewed. Attorney Olshan moved to approve the minutes and Attorney Reveley seconded the motion. Attorney Hennessey abstained as he was not in attendance on the 19th. The minutes were approved. The revised minutes from the August 26 meeting were also reviewed and approved.

Agenda item number one, the treatment of housing cases, was discussed. The following recommendation was drafted: Housing cases are to be segregated by a means to be determined by the Branch for the purpose of accelerating hearing dates. Attorney Collins moved for acceptance and Attorney Olshan seconded the motion. The recommendation was adopted unanimously.

The subcommittee discussed bulk e-filing and service of process. The following recommendation was drafted: The subcommittee favors the use by attorneys of automated bulk e-filing as an initial step. The service of process issue is deferred to measure the impact of automated bulk e-filing. Attorney Olshan moved for adoption; Attorney Hennessey seconded the motion. The vote was Attorney Marshall Collins, Attorney Kevin Hennessy, Attorney Adam Olshan, Attorney Rafie Podolsky, and Attorney William Reveley in favor and Attorney Natalie Erickson and Attorney Maureen Finn opposed.

Judge Jones will explore with Judge Quinn whether the Branch can give priority to supporting the implementation of automated bulk e-filing.

The subcommittee will meet again at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

Submitted by,
Maureen Finn