

Minutes of the Meeting
Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Monday, September 8, 2025

On September 8, 2025, the Rules Committee met using Microsoft Teams from 2:00 p.m. to 2:16 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. JENNIFER MACIEROWSKI
HON. JESSICA TORRES
HON. THOMAS J. WELCH

Also in attendance were Lori A. Petruzzelli, Counsel to the Rules Committee, and James T. O'Connor, Assistant Counsel to the Rules Committee.

1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2025, with one revision. Justice Bright and Judges Griffin and Torres abstained from voting.

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 October meeting.

3. The Committee considered a proposal from Attorney John M. Spielman for a new rule regarding objections to deposition questions based on race, ethnicity, and skin color (RC ID # [2024-007](#)).

After discussion, the Committee took no further action on this matter. Following this matter, Judge Welch left the meeting,

4. The Committee considered a proposal from Justice Andrew McDonald for a new rule to address the misgendering in Connecticut courts of individuals who are nonbinary or transgender (RC ID # [2024-016](#)).

The Committee also considered a proposal from Attorney Lisa J. Steele for adoption of rules concerning the use of names and pronouns for attorneys, parties, and witnesses (RC ID # 2024-020).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal until its October meeting to give the new Committee members an opportunity to review the proposal.

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](#)).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal and voted to refer it for comments to Judge Leo Diana, Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters, Judge Barbara Bellis, Chief Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) Litigation Section, and any other sections of the CBA as deemed appropriate.

6. The Committee considered a proposal from Professor Sachin S. Pandya of the University of Connecticut School of Law to amend Practice Book Section 38-18 to conform the rule to the express requirements of General Statutes § 54-53a (RC ID # [2025-010](#)).

After discussion, the Committee tabled this proposal and voted to refer it for comments to Judge Robin Pavia, Chief Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters.

7. The Committee recognized Attorney Joseph J. Del Ciampo, former Counsel to the Committee, and thanked him for his years of service, on the occasion of his retirement.

8. Justice Bright noted that the meeting schedule was amended, with the next meeting to be held on October 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori A. Petruzzelli

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