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Next meeting

2:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Connecticut Bar Association
30 Bank St., New Britain

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**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008**

Attendance: Carl Lupinacci, Judith Dicine, Sharon Levy, Noel Whitney, Rich DeParle, Pat Walker, Richard Tenenbaum, Sonja Devitt, David Pels, Raphael Podolsky, Penny Trick, and Rocco Guarnieri.

1. Preliminary Matters –

(a) The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Raphael Podolsky, at 2:15 pm at the Burroughs Community Center, 2470 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport.

(b) Patricia Walker, who was appointed by Governor Rell to the Council, was introduced. She is Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

(c) The agenda was amended at the request of the chairperson to make the biennial report the first item after preliminary matters. The revised agenda was approved unanimously.

(d) The minutes of September 17, 2008, were approved unanimously.

2. 2009 biennial report: The draft biennial report was discussed at length and a number of changes were made by consensus. The Council unanimously approved the biennial report, as amended (motion by Dick Tenenbaum, second by Pat Walker). The chairperson was authorized to incorporate the changes into the draft before submission to DECD for printing.

3. 2009 meeting schedule: The Council unanimously approved the following regular meeting schedule for 2009 (motion by Rocco Guarnieri, second by Rich DeParle). The Council will meet at 2 pm at the following places on the following dates, which are the third Wednesday of March, June, September, and December.

March 18, 2009 -- Connecticut Bar Association, New Britain
June 17, 2009 -- Burroughs Community Center, Bridgeport
September 21, 2009 -- Connecticut Bar Association, New Britain
December 16, 2009 -- Burroughs Community Center, Bridgeport

4. Matters tabled: The following matters were unanimously tabled to the March, 2009, meeting:

- * Availability of interpreters in the housing courts
- * Variations between housing courts in the number of criminal prosecutions
- * Explanation of proceedings by the court of the clerk at the time that the summary process calendar is called
- * Use of non-law school interns in mediation programs

5. Police training materials: The Council discussed the recommendation of the Prosecution Subcommittee that the draft police training manual be forwarded to the Chief State's Attorney with the recommendation that it be adopted. A number of minor changes were made by consensus. The primary disputed issues were the section on group homes and the section on transient occupancy. The Council unanimously amended the section on "halfway houses, community residences, and other forms of adult group living" on p. 8-9 of the draft by adding the following sentence: "If you are in doubt, contact your shift supervisor or a housing prosecutor." A motion to table action on the manual until the March meeting was defeated 2-5 (motion by Carl Lupinacci, second by Rocco Guarnieri). A motion to adopt the recommendation of the Prosecution Subcommittee was approved, 5-2 (motion by Dick Tenenbaum, second by Rich DeParle). The chairperson and Judith Dicine were authorized to incorporate approved modifications into the draft before submission to the Chief State's Attorney.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm (motion by Pat Walker, second by Rocco Guarnieri).

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Trick
Co-Secretary