

# Chief State's Attorney's Meeting

Office of the Chief State's Attorney  
Kevin T. Kane Training Center  
300 Corporate Place  
Rocky Hill, CT

## Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:56 p.m. by Chief State's Attorney Patrick J. Griffin.

Also present: Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Administration, Personnel and Finance John J. Russotto; Deputy Chief State's Attorney of Operations Kevin D. Lawlor; Deputy Chief State's Attorney, Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr.; State's Attorneys Margaret E. Kelley (Ansonia/Milford),; David R. Applegate (Danbury), Sharmese L. Walcott (Hartford), David R. Shannon (Litchfield), State's Attorney Michael A. Gailor (Middlesex); Christian Watson (New Britain), John P. Doyle, Jr. (New Haven), Paul J. Narducci (New London), Paul J. Ferencek (Stamford/Norwalk), Matthew C. Gedansky (Tolland), Maureen T. Platt (Waterbury) and Anne F. Mahoney (Windham).

Also present: Executive Assistant State's Attorneys Kathryn W. Bare and Lisa M. D'Angelo, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorneys David Kutzner and Vincent Duva; Senior Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Sugrue; Manager of Research and Planning Kyle Baudoin; Director of Information Technology Naveen Prathikantam; Legislative Liaison Anne Cournoyer, Chief Inspector Michael Sullivan and Marisa DePhillips, Executive Secretary to the Chief State's Attorney.

State's Attorney Mahoney moved to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2024 meeting. State's Attorney Narducci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding budget matters, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said as a result of the pull back on spending for the rest of the fiscal year, the Division is focusing on backfilling critical vacancies and dealing with the loss of temporary positions.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto said the Criminal Justice Commission is currently discussing the scheduling of upcoming reappointment hearings. Chief State's Attorney Griffin told State's Attorneys he would be available to meet with the State's Attorneys up for reappointment in preparation for the upcoming reappointment hearings.

In regard to recruitment, Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto reported that the Division is almost finished interviewing candidates for paid summer internships.

Legislative Liaison Cournoyer told State's Attorneys the Division's Legislative Recommendations to the 2025 Session of the General Assembly were included in the Chief State's Attorney's Meeting packet. Chief State's Attorney Griffin said the four

proposals from the Division – *An Act Concerning Dissemination of Information in DNA Data Bank, An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Kit Labeling and Storage, An Act Concerning Nonresident Landlord Registration and An Act Permitting Charging Sexual Assault Crimes as a Continuous Course of Conduct* - were recently presented to the Judiciary Committee.

Executive Assistant State's Attorney D'Angelo reported that State Program Manager Jessica Nocera Pepper would be demonstrating the Division's new in-house training management system at the January 8, 2025 meeting.

In other business, the State's Attorneys discussed whether the annual Division-wide training in June should continue to be held both in Rocky Hill and in the individual Judicial Districts and efforts by the state Judicial Branch to more closely monitor access to all court locations on nights and weekends. Also, State's Attorney Applegate led discussion on whether subpoenas would be impacted by the new HIPAA rule requiring healthcare providers to implement new policies and procedures in responding to requests for protected health information that may involve reproductive healthcare information, State's Attorney Gedansky led discussion about the service of outstanding failure-to-appear warrants and Deputy Chief State's Attorney Lawlor reported that he and Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney Duva met recently with the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC) about the release of information in criminal cases involving juveniles. Deputy Chief State's Attorney Lawlor also reported that due to staff shortages, the Appellate Bureau is requesting assistance from prosecutors across the Division who may be able to assist with appeals.

Following other business, State Program Manager Nocera Pepper led a demonstration of the Division's new training management system.

Deputy Chief State's Attorney Lawlor introduced Dr. Reena Kapoor, Director of the Law and Psychiatry Division at the Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Kapoor, an invited guest at the meeting, discussed the work of the Law and Psychiatry Division and how it can assist prosecutors.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Chief State's Attorney Russotto and seconded by State's Attorney Kelley. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.