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CAPITOL UPDATE NEWS

Check your inbox every Monday for your **Capitol Update** in the CBA's *Weekly Docket* during this year's legislative session (January 4 - June 7). Visit ctbar.org/capitolupdate to view the latest newsletters and videos.

Capitol Update Newsletter

Each week, the Capitol Update Newsletter you have come to know and love will provide a recap of the past week at the Capitol and the Legislative Office Building as well as what to expect during the coming week.

Capitol Update Video Series - New

Stay current as the CBA's legislative lobbyist, Bill Chapman, guides you through the 2017 legislative session with latest news, interviews, CBA position updates, and more in a brief video each week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 21-24, 2017

Appropriations Committee [Budget Presentations and Public Hearings](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Aging Committee [Meeting](#) and [Public Hearing](#)

10:00 a.m. - Committee on Children [Public Hearing](#)

10:00 a.m. - Insurance and Real Estate Committee [Public Hearing](#)

11:00 a.m. - Public Safety and Security Committee [Public Hearing](#)

12:00 p.m. - Labor and Public Employees Committee [Meeting](#)

1:00 p.m. - Energy and Technology Committee [Public Hearing](#)

2:00 p.m. - General Law Committee [Meeting](#)

2:30 p.m. - General Law Committee [Public Hearing](#)

3:00 p.m. - Labor and Public Employees Committee [Public Hearing](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Government Administration and Elections Committee [Public Hearing](#)

10:30 a.m. - Planning and Development Committee [Public Hearing](#)
10:30 a.m. - Public Health Committee [Public Hearing](#)
12:00 p.m. - Environment Committee [Public Hearing](#)
12:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee [Public Hearing](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

12:00 p.m. - Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee [Public Hearing](#)
12:30 p.m. - Commerce Committee [Public Hearing](#)
1:00 p.m. - Insurance and Real Estate Committee [Public Hearing](#)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Judiciary Committee [Public Hearing](#)
11:00 a.m. - Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee [Public Hearing](#)

JUDGES

The Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on the nomination of judges on Friday, February 17. Approved by the committee for nomination to the Supreme Court as an associate justice was Gregory D'Auria. Approved for re-nomination were Hon. Brian Fischer and Hon. James Ginocchio for the Superior Court, Hon. Emmet Cosgrove to be a senior judge and Hon. Richard Burke to be a state referee. The nomination of Associate Justice Richard Palmer of the Supreme Court was placed on hold.

Though not yet scheduled for a public hearing there are an additional six judges who have been re-nominated. The Judiciary Committee must also for the first time hold a public hearing for family court magistrates.

Governor Malloy has also stated that there will be some new judges named. A pay increase for judges was not included in the governor's proposed budget.

CBA MEMBERS AT THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Testimony was filed and members present included:

- Steve Allaire for Elder Law supporting S.B. 803 AAC PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE in the Human Services Committee.
- Amy Orlando for Elder Law supporting H.B. 7016 AA PRESERVING THE INTERESTS OF PRIOR TITLE HOLDERS in the Banking Committee.
- Scott Harrington for Litigation opposing H.B. 6681 AAC MUNICIPAL TAX APPEALS AND ATTORNEY CONTINGENCY AGREEMENTS in the Planning and Development Committee.

TESTIMONY

If your section has taken a position on legislation and plans to write testimony it is best to do it now. We only get 3-4 days "heads up" as to when a bill is being placed on a public hearing agenda.

If you are *thinking* of taking a position on a bill, please do so *now*. It takes time to get section approval, provide your position request to, and getting a recommendation from, the Legislative Policy and Review Committee (LPRC) and then authorization from a governing body.

FORUM

The Public Safety and Security Committee will be holding a forum on Gaming on Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m.

CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO

Don't miss [this week's video with Attorney Louise DiCocco](#), counsel at Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) and a member of the CBA's Business Law and Tax law sections.