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CAPITOL UPDATE NEWS

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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

Monday, March 13, 2017

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

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

10:30 a.m. - Environment Committee [Public Hearing](#)

10:30 a.m. - Public Health Committee [Public Hearing](#)

10:30 a.m. - Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

1:00 p.m. – Appropriations General Government B Subcommittee Work Sessions with State Agencies

3:00 p.m. – Appropriations Committee Accountability Subcommittee Work Session

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. - Public Safety and Security Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. – Appropriations Human Services Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

1:00 p.m. - Energy and Technology Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Human Services Committee [Meeting](#)
3:00 p.m. – Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Judiciary Committee [Public Hearing](#)
10:00 a.m. – Appropriations Regulation and Protection Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies
10:30 a.m. - Public Health Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m. – Appropriations Conservation and Development Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

Thursday, March 16, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Appropriations Health Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies
10:30 a.m. - Education Committee [Public Hearing](#)
12:30 p.m. – Appropriations General Government A Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies
1:00 p.m. - Human Services Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Appropriations Judicial and Corrections Subcommittee Work Sessions with State Agencies

Friday, March 17, 2017

12:00 p.m. – Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee [Public Hearing](#)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

11:00 a.m. – Appropriations Human Services Subcommittee Work Session
12:30 p.m. – Appropriations Accountability Subcommittee Work Session

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

11:00 a.m. - Regulation Review Committee [Meeting](#)

CBA MEMBERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

This week the following members came to testify:

- Tom Welch (Commercial Finance Section) supporting [S.B. No. 931](#) An Act Concerning the Fraudulent Filing of Records.
- Kate Haakonsen (Family Law section) supporting but with recommended amendments for [H.B. No. 7196](#) An Act Concerning Non-adversarial Dissolution Of Marriage and the Issuance Of A Default Judgment In A Matter Involving Dissolution Of Marriage, Dissolution Of Civil Union Or Legal Separation.

Submitting Testimony:

- Scott Harrington (Litigation Section) opposing [H.B.7197](#) An Act Increasing the Jurisdictional Monetary Limit in Small Claims Actions.
- Barbara Collins (on behalf of the Association, Human Rights and Responsibilities and the LGBT Sections) supporting [H.B.6695](#) An Act Concerning the Protection of Youth from Conversion Therapy.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

On Wednesday, May 3 the Young Lawyers Section will be holding its annual legislative breakfast at the Legislative Office Building in the Legislators Dining Room. This year's speakers will be newly elected legislators Representative Stephanie Cummings (R), Waterbury and Representative Chris Conley (D), Groton, Ledyard.

JUDGES

On March 8 all judges re-nominated by the governor were approved by the General Assembly, including Justice Richard Palmer (19-16) and Appellate Judge Bethany Alvord. Gregory D'Auria was approved as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and has been sworn in. There will be a forthcoming vetting of two new Appellate Court judges, as well as a number of Family Court magistrates.

CAPITOL NOTES

Ag Day at the Capitol

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council/Connecticut Department of Agriculture will be held on Wednesday, March 15.

Physicians' Day at the Capitol Legislative Breakfast and Luncheon

The Connecticut State Medical Society Legislative Breakfast and the Connecticut Chapter of American College of Surgeons will be held on Thursday, March 16.

Connecticut Psychiatric Society Legislative Reception

The Connecticut Psychiatric Society and National Alliance on Mental Illness will be held on Thursday, March 16.

Annual Italian American Legislative Caucus Reception

The Italian American Legislative Caucus Education Fund holds its annual celebration of St. Joseph's Day on Wednesday, March 22.

CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO

[Watch](#) Representative Stephanie Cummings (R), Waterbury, a newly elected legislator who is serving on the Judiciary, Public Health and the Government Administration, and Elections Committees share what it's like as a first timer in the House.