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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.

JUDGES

The following judges nominated for reappointment by Governor Malloy were discussed and approved by the Judiciary Committee on March 1. They will be on the March 8 agenda for approval by the House and Senate.

Appellate Court

The Honorable Bethany J. Alvord of Bloomfield

Superior Court

The Honorable Holly Abery-Wetstone of West Hartford

The Honorable Carl E. Taylor of West Hartford

The Honorable Peter Emmett Wiese of Avon

Senior Judge

The Honorable Angelo L. dos Santos of Putnam

The Honorable Susan S. Reynolds of Ridgefield

The Honorable Heidi G. Winslow of Newtown

State Referee

The Honorable Francis J. Foley, III of Hanover
The Honorable George N. Thim of Trumbull

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, March 6, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. - Judiciary Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 10:00 a.m. - Government Administration Elections [Committee Meeting](#)
- 10:30 a.m. - Environment Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 10:30 a.m. - Public Health [Committee Meeting](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - Education Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - Government Administration and Elections [Public Hearing](#)
- 1:00 p.m. - Appropriations Committee
 - Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee Work Session
 - Human Services Subcommittee Work Session

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. - Public Safety and Security Committee Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. - Public Health Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - Energy and Technology Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - Human Services Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - Insurance and Real Estate Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 1:00 p.m. - Appropriations Committee
 - General Government B Subcommittee Work Session
- 1:00 p.m. - Insurance and Real Estate Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. - Public Safety and Security Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 9:00 a.m. - Appropriations Committee
 - Transportation Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies
- 10:30 a.m. - Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - Commerce Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 11:30 a.m. - Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 2:00 p.m. - Appropriations Committee
 - General Government A Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

Friday, March 10, 2017

- 10:30 a.m. - Environment Committee Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. - Planning and Development Committee [Public Hearing](#)
- 1:30 p.m. - Appropriations Committee
 - Higher Education Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

1:30 p.m. - Appropriations Committee

- Regulation and Protection Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

2:00 p.m. - Appropriations Committee

- Legislative Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies

IN SESSION

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

11:00 a.m. - House Session

12:00 p.m. - Senate Session

CBA MEMBERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Promoting Civil Gideon legislation with the legislative caucus leadership were Bill Clendenen, Tim Shearin, and Bart Halloran.

This week the following members came to testify:

- Eric Miller (Veterans' and Military Affairs Section) supporting [HB7100](#) An Act Concerning American Legion State Fund Commission Transparency
- Kelley Galica Peck (Estates & Probate Section) supporting [SB 5](#) An Act Increasing the Estate Tax Exemption and [SB 62](#) An Act Repealing the Gift Tax
- Barry Hawkins (Alternative Dispute Regulation Section) supporting [HB 7135](#) An Act Adopting the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act
- Suzanne Brown Walsh (Estates & Probate Section) supporting [SB 884](#) An Act Adopting the Connecticut Uniform Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents Act and Revising the Connecticut Uniform Power of Attorney Act

Submitting testimony:

- Monte Frank (Connecticut Bar Association) supporting [HB5742](#) An Act Concerning Threatening of a Judge
- Chris McCormack (Environmental Law Section) [HB7134](#) (Raised) An Act Concerning Consent Orders Entered into by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

With the Legislative Policy and Review Committee meeting three times this past week, much more legislation is being testified upon. There are only a few more weeks of public hearings.

CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO

[Don't miss this week's video](#) with guest, Senator John A. Kissel (R), co-chair of the Judiciary Committee who speaks about the Senate tie and how it will be working in such an atmosphere. He also shares the challenging legislation of this year's session.