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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.

COUNTDOWN

Five weeks and counting down until June 7 at midnight.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Join us on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in the Executive Dining Room at the Legislative Office Building from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. for the [Young Lawyers Legislative Breakfast](#). Guest Speakers are [Rep. Christine Conley](#) of Groton and Ledyard and [Rep. Stephanie Cummings](#) of Waterbury. Other guests confirmed to attend are Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, Attorney General George Jepson, and State Comptroller Kevin Lembo.

IN SESSION

The House will be in session this week on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 12:00 p.m., and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The Senate will be in session on Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

CBA LEGISLATION MOVING

Neither the House nor the Senate has been in session much over the last few weeks; one CBA bill has passed in the Senate and one in the House. This week and in the next few weeks we hope

that our bills will start moving. There has been significant activity behind the scenes as we have taken questions from caucuses regarding our position on specific legislation, meetings with members and agencies to amend legislation, working on strike-all amendments on our legislation to make bills better and maybe more acceptable to potential opposition. Five weeks to go.

JUDGES

There is probability that there will be a Judiciary Committee Public Hearing for new judges in the next couple of weeks so that they will be approved before the House and Senate before the end of the session.

RULES COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The Rules Committee of the Superior Court will be holding a public hearing on issues that have been approved and forwarded by the committee throughout the year. On Monday, May 15 the committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Supreme Court. The committee will then hold a meeting to approve issues to go to the Judges Annual Meeting on June 23. Issues approved then will be included to be placed in the January 2018 Practice Book.

CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO

Don't miss [this week's video featuring Rep. Stephen Harding \(R-107\)](#), one of our young CBA members, who represents Brookfield, as well as parts of Bethel and Danbury. Rep. Harding is in his second term and is the ranking member of the Environment Committee, and has a seat on both the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and the Judiciary Committee. Join Rep. Harding as he speaks about being a new legislator and also a relatively new attorney, and how he handles both responsibilities.