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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](http://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**

23 Days and counting until June 7 at midnight.

### **IN SESSION**

The House will be in session this week at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday as the Senate plans to meet at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

### **RULES COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Rules Committee of the Superior Court will be holding its annual public hearing on issues that have been approved and forwarded by the committee throughout the year. To view the practice book revisions contemplated by the committee, [click here](#).

The committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Supreme Court on Monday, May 15. They will then hold a meeting to approve the items to go to the Judges Annual Meeting on June 23. Issues approved will be included in the January 2018 Practice Book.

## **JUDGES**

A new class of 13 judges for the Superior Court has been nominated by Governor Malloy with an additional four to be named this week. The nominations came to the House floor on Thursday and were referred to the Judiciary Committee for a public hearing which will be held Monday, May 22, to vet the governor's nominations for Superior Court Judges, Appellate Court Judges, and Family Support Magistrates. After vetting and committee approval, it is hoped that there is enough time for nominations to go before both chambers for confirmation before the end of session.

Included in the list of 13 Superior Court judge nominations are CBA members Barry Armata of Brown Paindiris & Scott LLP; John Cordani, partner with Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennesey LLP; Matthew Gordon, past CBA treasurer and House of Delegates member; Kimberly Knox, past president of the CBA and partner in Horton Shields & Knox PC; Margaret Murphy, treasurer of the CBA's Elder Law Section; Glen Pierson, principal of Loughlin Fitzgerald PC; Elizabeth Stewart, partner and past managing partner of Murtha Cullina LLP; and Thomas Welch of Welch Teodosio Stanek & Blake LLC.

## **THE BUDGET CHALLENGE**

Discussion comes to full term this week among the governor and the Democrat and Republican caucuses. They present to each other their budget resolve and start meeting. This is the largest gap since the 18 percent hole Governor Malloy faced during his first year in office in 2011. By working together, caucus leaders say they can get this fixed in a timely fashion.

## **CBA LEGISLATION**

The legislature is now meeting more often. Certain issues outside of the budget may take up the time in both chambers. If there is time needed for the caucuses to work bills, then time will be spent on the floor with long discussion while issues are being discussed at the same time in the caucus rooms. With the Senate being tied in each caucus and the House needing only a few members to flip a vote, it is necessary to put bills on the floor that will pass. If discussion is necessary to persuade members to vote, a bill may not go forward. That the CBA gets a bill passed in one chamber does not necessarily mean it will pass in the other chamber. The budget is always present... the elephant in the room.

Bills that the CBA is working on:

Passed in both chambers:

- Conversion Therapy (signed by the governor)
- Conservator Accountability

Passed in one chamber:

- UCC 4A Electronic Fund transfer
- Closure of Building Permits

Non-Adversarial Dissolution of Marriage  
Increased Penalties for Hate Crimes

Working to pass:

Power of Attorney Tech Corrections and Substitute Decision Making  
Benefit LLC  
LLC and Business Corporations  
Threatening Judges  
Civil Gideon  
Human Trafficking  
Estate Tax  
Gift Tax  
Opioids  
DEEP Consent Orders  
American Legion Fund Transparency  
Tax Preparers

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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

### **CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO**

[Don't miss this week's video featuring Jonathan Shapiro](#), CBA Vice President and the chair of the Legislative Policy & Review Committee (LPRC). Attorney Shapiro discusses the workings of the LPRC, which is the busiest committee throughout the year within the CBA.