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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**

16 Days and counting until June 7 at midnight.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Monday, May 22, 2017**

9:00 a.m. - Judiciary Committee [Public Hearing](#) and Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

10:30 a.m. – Finance, Revenue and Bonding [Committee Meeting](#)

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

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

10:00 a.m. – Appropriations, Commerce and Housing [Committees Meeting](#)

## **IN SESSION**

### **The House**

11:30 a.m. – Tuesday, May 23

10:30 a.m. – Wednesday, May 24

10:30 a.m. – Thursday, May 25

### **The Senate**

12:00 p.m. – Tuesday, May 23

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12:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 25

## **THE BUDGET CHALLENGE**

Three budgets have been released by the governor, the democrats, and the republicans. Tolls, Tesla, Uber, marijuana, opioids, casinos, concessions, and pension contributions are issues along with saving Hartford that will be soon decided through these negotiations. There will be discussions, though no one believes there will be an agreement by June 7. More than likely a budget will be approved by June 30. However, there is some talk about October 1, 2017.

## **IN THE CAPITOL**

With only 16 days left of the legislature, caucus should be explaining and discussing the budget as well as explaining bills (i.e. which bills are good and hopefully placed on consent).

Four legislative receptions will be held this week (three on Wednesday, May 24 and one on Thursday, May 25) to thank everyone for their hard work throughout the 2017 legislative session. This will include thanking interns as well as the legislators who will be leaving the Capitol and going into legislative retirement, running for mayor, running for higher office, or for probate judgeship.

## **CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO**

[Don't miss this week's video featuring Rep. Tom O'Dea](#) (R), Deputy at-Large, and member of the Judiciary, Legislative Management, and Transportation Committees. Rep. O'Dea is a graduate of Providence College and Columbus School of Law at Catholic University. As a CBA and Litigation Section member, he discusses the balance of practicing law and being a republican leader in the House.