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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

Four weeks and counting down until June 7 at midnight.

IN SESSION

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

JUDGES

A new class of judges will be named this week to be vetted within the next week or two by the Judiciary Committee so that they may be approved before the House and Senate before the end of the session.

Last week, Governor Malloy announced that he was nominating Superior Court judges Nina Elgo and Maria Araujo Kahn to serve on the Connecticut Appellate Court.

THE BUDGET CHALLENGE

Discussion comes to full term this week among the governor and the Democrat and Republican caucuses. The largest gap since the recession needs to be filled as fiscal analysts warned last week that Connecticut can expect \$1.5 billion less revenue in the next two-year state budget, to the tune of \$5 billion over two years. As hedge funds are waiting to see what the tax resolution (and thus tax forms) will be in D.C., tax revenues in CT and surrounding states have dropped significantly and are not coming close to the projections presumed by the state budget offices. Unless adjusted, analysts state that finances will run \$2.2 billion in deficit the next fiscal year, and \$2.8 billion the year after that. This is the largest hole since the 18 percent hole Malloy faced during his first year in office in 2011. By working together, caucus leaders say they can get this fixed in the next few weeks.

CBA LEGISLATION

As the legislature is now meeting more frequently, CBA legislation will be coming up for votes on the floor of both the Senate and the House. The presumption and hope is that the budget gets to being resolved in a timely manner. Otherwise, all bets are off.

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. You may find the practice book revisions contemplated by the committee [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.

CAPITOL UPDATE VIDEO

[Watch this week's video featuring Rep. Christine Conley](#) (D) of Groton and Ledyard. Representative Conley was one of the featured speakers at the YLS Annual Legislative Breakfast.