

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## Task Force to Improve Access to Legal Counsel in Civil Matters

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### DISMANTLING BARRIERS WORKING GROUP

#### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

9:00 AM in Room M64 of Ruttenberg Hall, 133 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by the working group Chair, Michael Wishnie

The following working group members were present:

Catherine Bailey, Katherine Flaherty, Monte Frank, Walter Menjivar, Cecil Thomas, Michael Wishnie

No working group members were absent.

Working group members and the two law students assisting the group (Noah Kolbi-Molinas and Melissa Marichal) introduced themselves.

Michael Wishnie described the working group and its two-part mission of (1) identifying and describing barriers to access and (2) generating strategies for dismantling these barriers.

A document outlining existing barriers and potential strategies for dismantling them was distributed to the group. The working group discussed the contents of the outline, with each member highlighting any changes or additions the member thought should be made.

Michael Wishnie asked group members for one or two recommendations they believe would be doable and have real impact. Several recommendations were made and discussed.

Michael Wishnie announced he would circulate a revised outline reflecting the working group members' suggestions. He explained that their next step would be to generate a shorter document containing a list of barriers and suggestions for dismantling these barriers, and to submit this document to the Task Force in advance of the upcoming Task Force meeting on September 30, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.