



COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL COMPENSATION

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

**Wednesday, October 09, 2024**  
**10:00 am via Zoom**

**Commission Members\* Present:**

Karen Buffkin	Herman Woodward, Jr.
Moy Ogilvie	Herbert Shepardson
Perry Rowthorn	Daniel Papermaster
James Horwitz	Karen Noble
Dan Hitchell	

**Commission Members Absent:**

Jay Malcynsky	Eboni Nelson
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\*One slot has not yet been filled

1. Welcome and introductions

Catherine Thomas, Acting Committee Administrator of the Judiciary Committee, convened the meeting at 10:02 A.M. and members of the Commission introduced themselves.

2. Overview of [CGS § 51-47c](#) and the Commission's charge

Duke Chen, from the Office of Legislative Research, reviewed PA 12-93 and the Commission's charge under the act.

3. Selection of Commission Chairperson

Perry Rowthorn nominated Karen Buffkin to be the Commission's chairperson. Herman Woodward, Jr. seconded the nomination. The commission approved the nomination unanimously.

4. Consideration of invitation for presentations by interested groups and/or public hearing

Chairman Buffkin led the discussion on who should be invited to speak. She noted that Chief Justice Mullens and Chief Court Administrator Bozzuto would like to present. She also noted that the last Commission four years ago had the following groups present: CT Asian Bar Association, the CT Bar Association,

CCDLA, the George Crawford Black Bar Association, and the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Herbert Shepardson asked if the groups would be invited, and if there would also be an opportunity for a public hearing. Chairman Buffkin said that groups would be invited and in the past there had been public hearings. Jim Horwitz clarified that the groups were invited and not all of them spoke. Moy Ogilvie asked for a list of groups that spoke, which was provided by Duke Chen (OLR):

OFA

National Center for State Courts

Judges Association – Judicial Selection Commission

US District Court of Connecticut

CT Bar Association

CT Asian Pacific Bar Association

Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Trial Lawyers Association

Civil Defense Lawyers Association

She also asked if there were others who were invited but did not speak, which Duke Chen did not know. But it was agreed that all affinity bar associations would be invited. Karen Noble asked about written testimony, which Chairman Buffkin said would be included. Jim Horwitz asked if there were additional judges associations that should be invited, and it was decided that would be investigated. Chairman Buffkin concluded by noting that the work also affected Family Support Magistrates and that they should be invited as well.

## 5. Schedule next meeting

There will be five additional meetings. Chairman Buffkin established the following schedule, with each meeting occurring at 9am via Zoom:

Wednesday, October 23

Wednesday, November 6

Wednesday, November 20

Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday, December 18

A list with confirmed meeting dates will be forthcoming.

## 6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 A.M.