



CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

RAISED BILL NO. 7067 (LCO No. 3887)

03887 _____ JUD

Comments of President-Judge, Hon. Dianne E. Yamin

(An Act Concerning the Appointment and Powers of Conservators and Special Limited Conservators with Respect to Psychiatric Treatment):

HELLO, I AM JUDGE DIANNE YAMIN, PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY, AND IN MY 5TH 4-YEAR TERM AS JUDGE OF PROBATE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DANBURY.

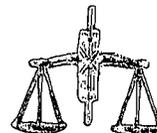
AS I HAVE STATED, ALTHOUGH THE 117 JUDGES OF THE ASSEMBLY HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THESE 3 PROBATE-RELATED BILLS, I HAVE RECEIVED RESPONSES FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF JUDGES, AND I AM HERE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION, IN WHICH I CONCUR.

JUDGES WHO PROVIDED INPUT REGARDING THIS BILL GENERALLY WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH ITS PROVISIONS. HOWEVER, WE PROPOSE AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO PROPOSED SECTION 17a-543(a)(3) SUCH THAT THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT WOULD PAY THE CONSERVATOR'S REASONABLE COMPENSATION, AS FOLLOWS:

"(3) THE REASONABLE COMPENSATION OF A SPECIAL LIMITED CONSERVATOR APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, AND PAID FOR THROUGH, FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; IF AT ANY GIVEN TIME NO SUCH FUNDS SHALL HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR SAID PURPOSE TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, SUCH COMPENSATION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, AND PAID FOR THROUGH, FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SUCH PURPOSE BY THE PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR OUT OF THE PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATION FUND."

THIS CHANGE WOULD MAKE THIS PORTION OF THE STATUTE CONSISTENT WITH EACH AND EVERY OTHER STATUTE THAT REQUIRES THE PAYMENT OF INDIGENCY COSTS BY THE PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATION FUND, (EXCEPT FOR THE REGIONAL PROBATE CHILDRENS' COURTS).

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Honorable Dianne E. Yamin
Judge
Probate Court, District of Danbury