

Connecticut General Assembly

Habeas Corpus Matters Task Force

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c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Ct 06106

Working Group for Petition to Grant Certificate to Appeal
CT Innocence Project Office
2275 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield
2:00 p.m.
Minutes
December 18, 2019

Present: Judge William Bright; Merit Lajoie, James Killen; Erik Lohr; Nicole Anker; Charles Ray; Timothy Everett; Jennifer Bourn; Jennifer Smith; Darcy McGraw

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Judge Bright.

A discussion was held on potential reforms to the current petition for certification process. Issues included in the discussion were:

- Procedures in zoning board cases;
- Appointment of counsel/waiver of fees;
- Standard for granting certification;
- Presumptive number of pages in the certification process;
- Presumptive time period;
- Incorporate Simms decision in statute;
- Number of Appellate judges to decide petition;
- Exception to procedures by stipulation of parties; and
- Anders motion in petition for certification process.

Members will bring suggested legislative changes for discussion at next meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 2:00 at the CT Innocence Project Offices, 2275 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.