



Connecticut Law Revision Commission

2016 Annual Report

CONNECTICUT LAW REVISION COMMISSION

The Connecticut Law Revision Commission assists the Connecticut General Assembly by recommending revisions of Connecticut law to ensure its responsiveness to current needs and recent case law. The commission undertakes revisions at the request of the Judiciary Committee or other legislative committees, as well as legislative leaders, state agencies, the Judicial Department, the Connecticut Bar Association, law school professors, and private practitioners. Statutory authority for the Connecticut Law Revision Commission is found in sections 2-85 to 2-88, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Governor, the President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint members to the Commission. The President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary also sit as members on the Commission or may designate individuals to serve as members in their place. Any designee of a Chairperson or Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee must be a current member of the Judiciary Committee.

Since 2003, the state budget has not included funding for commission staff. Pursuant to Section 2-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission has requested assistance in the performance of its responsibilities from the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Assistance is also provided by other staff offices within the Connecticut General Assembly. Section 2-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes also provides that additional assistance may be provided from any other source.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

Representative Arthur J. O'Neill, Chairman

Honorable Julia L. Aurigemma

William R. Breetz

Senator Eric D. Coleman

Professor Anne C. Dailey

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Senator John A. Kissel

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Joel I. Rudikoff

Joseph J. Selinger, Jr.

Representative William Tong

Michael Vitali

Thomas J. Welsh

**RESEARCH AND PROJECTS INITIATED, PENDING OR
COMPLETED DURING 2016**

There were no projects initiated or completed during 2016.

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES - 2016

There were no expenditures attributed to the Law Revision Commission during the 2016 calendar year.

IN MEMORIAM

Neal Ossen

The Law Revision Commission lost one of its most dedicated and long-tenured members when Attorney Neal Ossen passed away on August 8, 2016. Neal was an attorney in private practice, but he also worked in public service, which included service in the Peace Corps, as counsel to the House Democrats in the Connecticut General Assembly, as a member of the Connecticut Law Revision Commission, and as a Uniform Law Commissioner. Neal was active on the Law Revision Commission and most recently served as co-chairperson of the commission's advisory committee on the Uniform Title for Vessels Act in 2012. We will miss Neal's enthusiasm, dedication and thoughtfulness.