

COMMITTEE ON THE LIAISON WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT
JAY W. JACKSON, CHAIR

PURPOSE

The purpose of the committee is to discuss matters of mutual interest among those who administer our state court system and who are regularly engaged, as judges and attorneys, in the actual administration and functioning of the system on a day-to-day basis. The objective is to give input to administrators and attempt to improve and/or modify the system to the extent necessary and possible.

ANNUAL REPORT

Throughout the year, the committee met with its membership at the Hartford Marriott in Rocky Hill. The meetings were informal and enlightening. The committee consists of the chief court administrator; deputy chief court administrator; chief administrative judges of the various divisions of the Judicial Branch; and several active, practicing attorneys with extensive experience in conducting trials with our state courts.

Guests at the meetings included: Lt. Gov. Michael Fedele; Chief Justice Chase Rogers; The Honorable Robert Genuario, Secretary Office of Policy and Management; State Rep. Denise Merrill, D. Storrs, House chair Appropriations Committee; State Sen. Mary Ann Handley, D. Manchester Vice chair Judiciary Committee; State Rep. Toni E. Walker, House chair Judicial Subcommittee, D. New Haven; State Sen. Andrew McDonald, D-Stamford, Senate Judiciary Committee chair; State Rep. Michael P. Lawlor, D-East Haven, House Judiciary Committee chair; State Sen. John Kissell, R. Enfield, Ranking Senate member Judiciary Committee; State Rep. Arthur O'Neill, R-Southbury, House Judiciary Committee ranking member; and State Rep. Gerald Fox, D. Stamford, Vice Chairman House Judiciary Committee.

Members and guests have discussed a wide range of subjects involving the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. Special efforts have been made to inform the membership of the Connecticut Bar Association that the committee should be used as a conduit to convey suggestions and constructive criticism to those making the decisions in each of the three branches.

The chair and the entire committee feel that the meetings and resulting dialogue have helped improve the system by contributing to a better understanding of the problems facing bench and bar.