

EDUCATION LAW COMMITTEE

WINONA W. ZIMBERLIN, CHAIR

PURPOSE

The purpose of the committee is to bring together education lawyers to discuss matters of mutual interest. Lawyers who practice in the area of special education, labor law, hearing officers, litigators, lawyers who are teachers, and school administrators are members. Committee members represent boards, parents, and teachers.

ANNUAL REPORT

We sponsored a CLE program about mold in the schools, titled, "Sick of School? Indoor Air Quality and Mold: Litigation in Public Schools and Beyond." We learned of the dangers of mold pollution to children and also of the scientific and legal hurdles in receiving recovery for injured students.

We had a meeting to discuss a recent case where a student successfully challenged an expulsion decision at CCSU—not by suing the school, but by a civil action against another student. This novel approach resulted in a monetary recovery for the student who was expelled.

This spring we are planning a meeting with a representative of the Department of Education to speak about proposals pending in the Connecticut legislature this session.

Many thanks to all committee members who have volunteered their time to prepare informative and educational programs.

FEDERAL JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

WILLIAM H. CLENDENEN, CHAIR

PURPOSE

The Federal Judiciary Committee reviews and reports on nominations proposed by Connecticut's U.S. Senators for judicial appointments, primarily to the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Our recommendations are reported to the president of the Connecticut Bar Association and are then communicated to the two Senators.

ANNUAL REPORT

There have been no proposed appointments to the federal branch during this year.