

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

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: Chief Justice Chase Rogers; Justice David Borden; The Honorable Robert Genuario, Secretary Office of Policy and Management; State Senator Toni Harp, D-New Haven, Senate chair Appropriations Committee; State Senator David Cappiello, R-Danbury, ranking Senate member, Appropriations Committee; State Senator Andrew McDonald, D-Stamford, Senate Judiciary Committee chair; State Representative. Michael P. Lawlor, D-East Haven, House Judiciary Committee chair; State Senator John Kissell, R-Enfield, ranking Senate member Judiciary Committee; State Representative Arthur O'Neill, R-Southbury, House Judiciary Committee ranking member; and State Representative 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.