

Connecticut Bar Association Capitol Update with Bill Chapman



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The House is in session on Monday, March 12, a day when the House may approve the nomination of Associate Justice Andrew McDonald as chief justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. If that is the case, the nomination will then move to a Senate vote on his nomination. The Senate has not scheduled a meeting this week as of this writing. It stands at 18-18 with the lieutenant governor having the responsibility of breaking any tie votes. Senator Gayle Slossberg (D-Milford, 14) has stated that she will recuse herself from a Senate vote on Justice McDonald. A number of judges will also be discussed at Monday's House session to confirm their re-nominations.

There will be 17 public hearings this week. Last week a number of CBA members came to testify at the Legislative Office Building. They included:

- Barry Hawkins for [HB5258](#), An Act Adopting The Revised Uniform Arbitration Act
- Marcel Bernier for [HB5251](#), An Act Establishing Benefit Limited Liability Companies
- Kelley Peck for [SB 397](#), An Act Concerning Adoption Of The Uniform Trust Code, The Connecticut Uniform Directed Trust Act, and The Connecticut Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act

- John Lawrence for [SB399](#), An Act Concerning the Uniform Protected Series Act
- Lisa Davis for [SB390](#), An Act Preserving the Interests of Prior Title Holders
- Kathleen Tetreault for [SB234](#), An Act Permitting A Community Spouse Of An Institutionalized Spouse To Retain The Maximum Amount Of Allowable Assets

Changes in the House

Rep. Phil Young (D-Stratford) was sworn-in last week after a special election in which he has taken the seat of Rep. Laura Hoydick (R) who was recently elected the new mayor of Stratford. The 120th seat in Stratford had previously been held by republicans for 40 years.

In the past week, Rep. Angel Arce (D-Hartford) resigned from his District 4 seat. After reception of his resignation, the governor gives a 45-day notice to hold a special election for the seat. The new district representative may likely participate in the last week of the session.

Public Hearings

Monday, March 12

11:00 a.m. – House Session at in the Capitol

Tuesday, March 13

10:00 a.m. - [General Law Committee](#) in Room 1E

10:00 a.m. - [Human Services Committee](#)
in Room 2A
11:00 a.m. - [Public Safety and Security
Committee](#) in Room 2B
11:15 a.m. - [Planning and Development](#)
in Room 1A
12:00 p.m. - [Labor and Public Employees
Committee](#) in Room 1E
1:30 p.m. - [Banking Committee](#) in Room 1C

Wednesday, March 14

10:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 2D
10:30 a.m. - [Transportation Committee](#) in Room
1E
11:00 a.m. - [Education Committee](#) in Room 1D
1:00 p.m. - [Environment Committee](#) in Room
2B
2:00 p.m. - Appropriations Committee in Room
2C

Thursday, March 15

11:00 a.m. - [Government Administration and
Elections Committee](#) in Room 1A
11:00 a.m. - Human Services
Committee in Room 2A

Friday, March 16

10:30 a.m. - [Finance, Revenue and Bonding
Committee](#) in Room 2E
11:00 a.m. - [Environment Committee](#) in Room
2B
11:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 1E
11:00 a.m. - [Public Health Committee](#) in Room
2C
11:15 a.m. - [Planning and Development
Committee](#) in Room 1A

Committee Forums and Presentations

Thursday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2E

The Appropriations Committee will hold an informational forum on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the PCA Workforce Council and New England Healthcare Employees Union District 1199, SEIU. Speaking on the MOA will be Ben Barnes, OPM secretary; Lisa Grasso Egan, OPM undersecretary for labor relations; David Pickus, president, SEIU 1199 New England; representatives of Consumer-Employers; and representatives of personal care attendants.

Thursday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D

The Public Health Committee will hold an informational forum on health information exchange and health data.

Friday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B

The Environment Committee will hold an informational meeting on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's tree removal determination and process along state highways.

Capitol Update Video

[In this week's Capitol Update video](#), Rep. Richard Smith (R-New Fairfield, Sherman, New Milford) speaks about being the ranking member on the General Law Committee and minority member on the Judiciary and Labor and Public Employees Committees. He also talks about how his 30 years as an attorney helps his representation on the General Assembly.