

# Connecticut Bar Association Capitol Update with Bill Chapman



## Capitol Update News

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On Monday, March 12 the House of Representatives approved the nomination of Associate Justice Andrew McDonald as chief justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. The vote was 75-74-2, with one member absent/awaiting to resign and one member with a conflict because of a pending case in the Supreme Court. At this time, the nomination is scheduled to go to the Senate Monday, March 26. Justice McDonald has spent a significant amount of time talking with senators by phone and in person about judicial concerns. If he does not have the votes prior to the senate session, there may be a hold on the nomination and either Justice Palmer remains interim chief justice or Justice McDonald is named interim chief justice.

Meanwhile, there are a number of justices and judges awaiting re-nomination confirmation. There are also a number of people who are having background checks in preparation for their nominations to the bench. They would all need to go to the Judiciary Committee for approval before General Assembly confirmation.

Judiciary JF day is April 4, and the session ends on May 9.

Last week, Steve Allaire of the CBA Elder Law Section testified in the Human Services

Committee for [SB270](#), An Act Concerning Work and Community Service Requirements for Recipients of Certain Public Assistance Programs. There were also a number of CBA attorneys who testified on their own for bills in different committees.

## Resignation in the House

Rep. Angel Arce (D-Hartford) has not yet resigned from his District 4 seat. After receipt of his resignation, the governor will give a 45 day notice to hold a special election for the seat. The new district representative may likely only participate in the last week of the session.

## Legislative Bills Status

Lots of bills are now being posted for public hearings. Committees will then meet to JF (joint favorable report) bills. Most legislative committees will have their JF day within the next two weeks. It also means that it is the last day that a bill may be voted out of its committee. Not all bills raised in committee get a public hearing and not all bills that have a public hearing get bills voted out of committee. However, when a bill gets voted out of a committee, it has until midnight on May 9 to be approved through both chambers. More than likely, because it's an election cycle, there will not be a special session proposed.

## In Session

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

10:30 a.m. - House  
11:00 a.m. - Senate

### **Public Hearings**

#### **Monday, March 19, 2018**

10:00 a.m. - [Government Administration and Elections Committee](#) in Room 2A  
10:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 2C  
11:15 a.m. - [Planning and Development Committee](#) in Room 2B.

#### **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

11:00 a.m. - [Public Health Committee](#) in Room 2C  
11:30 a.m. - [Commerce Committee](#) in Room 1C  
12:00 p.m. - [Human Services Committee](#) in Room 2A

#### **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

10:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 2C  
1:00 p.m. - [Appropriations, Commerce, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, and Planning and Development Committees](#) in the House Chamber ([Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth](#))

#### **Friday, March 23, 2018**

10:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 2C

### **Capitol Update video**

[In this week's Capitol Update Video](#), Rep. Themis Klarides (R-Derby, Orange), the House Republican Leader, speaks about her foray into politics, responsibilities as the leader of the caucus, and how her background as an attorney helps her caucus.