

# Connecticut Bar Association Capitol Update with Bill Chapman



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Budget, tolls, sexual harassment, marijuana, Hartford funding, opioids, gaming, and guns. These are some of the issues that continue to stand out in the next few weeks of the session that ends on May 9, 2018 at midnight. And judges. There is still hope for a budget to be passed.

As we approach completion of the session, most likely as in other years, there may not be a special session, mainly because there are endorsement of seats in May, primaries in August and elections in November. Those running for office want to show that they accomplished something in a timely fashion. Those not running wish to be honored by their colleagues in their respective chambers before the session ends. And of those leaving their present elective seats, they want the time to gain supporters for a higher seat, whether in the state senate or a constitutional office, especially in the highly anticipated race for attorney general.

## Musings in the Branch

May 5 seems to be the anniversary for most remaining judges for re-nomination. Otherwise, if not then approved by both chambers, they will be out of a job on the bench. Last week almost all judges re-nominated were approved in one chamber.

All re-nominated judges will hope to be approved in the other chamber this week.

Judge Jane Emons has not yet had her name on either House or Senate agenda.

Meanwhile on April 23 the Judiciary Committee will hold public hearings for Justice Richard Robinson for Supreme Court Justice, Judge Steve Eckert for associate justice and Judge Ingrid Moll for appellate court judge. Another 30 judges will be placed on the agenda for superior court judges. This could be a 15 hour hearing as scheduled.

## CBA Young Lawyers Legislative Breakfast

The Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section held its annual breakfast this past week in the Legislative Office Building's Legislative Dining Room. Representative Matt Ritter, House Majority Leader, was the guest speaker. He was joined by Attorney General George Jepsen. There were 50 members in attendance.

## In Session House

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18

11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19

## Senate

12:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 18

## Public Hearings Tuesday, April 17, 2018

11:00 a.m. - [Appropriations Committee](#) in Room 1D

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Room 2C  
The Public Health Committee, Energy and Technology Committee, Environment Committee, and Planning and Development Committee on the Connecticut State Water Plan.

### **Capitol Update video**

[In this week's Capitol Update video](#), James Field Spallone, chief legal counsel for the House Democrats, speaks of his ten years as a state representative, his six years as the deputy secretary of the state, and his recent work in the speakers office.