

Connecticut Bar Association Capitol Update with Bill Chapman



Capitol Update News

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All legislative committee work to get bills approved is done. Everything now moves over to the Capitol for the rest of the session which ends on May 9, 2018. As stated previously, there is likely no special session in this "short" year. If bills are referred by the General Assembly to a committee, they are generally quick meetings held outside the House chamber to either move or kill a bill. All bills requested by the CBA were moved out of committee. Most likely 50 out of 120 bills raised in the Judiciary Committee were voted out. Generally, a file copy of a bill is ready within ten days after passage and then it is ready to be paced on the "GO LIST." Agencies and opponents will try to place a fiscal note on a bill to kill it.

The last few weeks of the session will deal with budget, tolls, marijuana, sexual harassment, sports betting, opioids, and casinos.

There are still 33 judges awaiting General Assembly confirmation of their re-nomination to the court. These include two interim Supreme Court justices, an interim appellate court judge, superior court judges, senior judges, and judge trial referees.

And for Chief Justice

Governor Dannel Malloy has made his subsequent nomination for chief justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, Justice Richard A.

Robinson, who has sat on the bench for almost 18 years. Robinson was staff counsel for the City of Stamford when he was appointed to the superior court in 2000. He was then appointed to the appellate court in 2007, and elevated to the Supreme Court in 2013. Judiciary Committee public hearing notices will be noted this week.

Judges and More Judges Nominated

Judge Steve Ecker has been nominated for the Supreme Court to fill the seat vacated by Justice Robinson. Judge Ingrid Moll has been nominated to fill a vacancy on the appellate court. Both were nominated to the bench by Governor Malloy in 2014.

It was a busy week for nominations to the bench. All newly nominated need to go before the Judiciary Committee for public hearings. They then need to go before the General Assembly for confirmation by May 9, 2018, the last session day. If not confirmed by the end of the session, they become interim judges and need to do the process all over again when the next session commences in January 2019, with a new governor and new legislators.

The following CBA members have been nominated in the past week to the superior court bench. There may still be another wave of newly nominated judges next week.

Attorneys Barbara D. Aaron, Suzanne E. Caron, Courtney M. Chaplin, Robert W. Clark, Eric Coleman, Nuala E. Droney, Stephanie McLaughlin, Margarita Hartley Moore, Maureen Price-Boreland, Stuart D. Rosen, Joseph B. Schwartz, James Field Spallone, and James Sicilian.

For more information, view Governor Malloy's official press releases regarding his nominations for the Connecticut [Supreme](#), [Appellate](#), and [Superior](#) Courts.

In Session Senate

12:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 11

House

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 10

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 11

TBD Thursday, April 12

Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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.

Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Legislative Breakfast

Wednesday, April 11

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section cordially invites all legislators and staff to attend the [2018 YLS Annual Legislative Breakfast](#) at the Legislative Office Building in the Executive Dining Room. The event's guest speaker is Representative Matt Ritter, House Majority Leader.

Capitol Update video

[In this week's Capitol Update video](#), Senator Paul Doyle (D-Rocky Hill, Wethersfield), chair of both the Judiciary Committee and the Regulation Review Committee, and vice chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, speaks of his 12 years as a representative and another 12 years as a state senator, and his plan to leave the legislature this year. He also speaks of how he's managed to tend to both a law practice and the legislature for 24 years, and the need to have more attorneys to be elected and involved in the legislature.