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RE: Proposed Trustee List Request

Dear Connecticut Attorneys,

The Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel (OCDC) files or appears in civil cases where trustees are needed to protect current clients of attorneys who are deceased, disabled, resigned, suspended, disbarred, inactive or otherwise unable to practice. The basic function of a trustee as described in Practice Book §2-64, is to protect the interests of current clients, usually by notifying the clients of the attorney's incapacity, and by forwarding their files to successor counsel or returning the file to the client. The trustee may also be called upon to rectify the IOLTA account but may only disburse funds with court permission. The trustee serves voluntarily, and often without compensation. Trustees may bill the judicial branch for their reasonable administrative expenses. Once appointed, the OCDC provides information and support to trustees. We have prepared Trustee Guidelines containing information and sample pleadings, and we are available to answer questions and offer other assistance as needed.

Unfortunately, the number of cases requiring trustee appointments has risen over the past several years. Currently, we are experiencing a shortage of attorneys willing to serve as trustees. We are hoping to develop a comprehensive list of potential trustees from each judicial district. Without such a list, courts are forced to appoint trustees who may be located outside of the general area where the attorney practiced, (causing inconvenience for the clients and attorney), or who may be unfamiliar with the practice areas of the attorney. On occasion, courts have appointed trustees without knowing whether they are willing or able to serve. All of these issues can further complicate the process. The OCDC is therefore soliciting attorneys to volunteer as potential trustees to help fulfill our profession's obligation to the clients of those who become unfit or incapable of practicing.

We hope to generate a robust list of attorneys within each judicial district in the state who are willing to serve as trustees. A comprehensive list would allow the courts to appoint trustees who are located within the jurisdiction where the incapacitated attorney practiced, and who are familiar with the type of law practiced by the incapacitated attorney. The process would then be more efficient and would also ensure that our profession is managed and maintained for our colleagues and clients.

Kindly complete the attached information sheet if you are willing to assist us with this endeavor. Any further questions can be directed to Attorney Beth Baldwin, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel at 860-706-5057 or Beth.Baldwin@jud.ct.gov

Proposed Trustee List

Attorney Name: _____

Office Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Area of Practice: _____

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