**PROBATE BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Overview from August 9, 2021

Location: Zoom

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Notes from the meeting:

* Judge Lindsey Grady, who previously served as a Deputy Register in Probate, plans to attend the meeting next month.
* The Chief Judge plans to open the criminal courts in September, and, if all goes well, the civil and family courts may open in October. Zoom hearings will continue to be used where appropriate.
* Various forms have been updated to include more details for matters involving Chapters 51, 54, and probate. Please ensure that you are using the most current form. <https://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit/index.htm>
* There is still a significant need for bilingual GAL’s. Please contact Josh Steib with your referrals.
* Examining physicians seeking pay from the county should submit their invoices promptly.
* Accessibility to clients and (proposed) wards may be limited in light of the delta variant for the virus and outbreaks within facilities. Before visiting a facility, contact the facility to ensure access to the individual with whom you wish to meet.
* There will be a need for counsel to be appointed in various litigation matters because the attorney cannot serve both as a witness providing testimony to the court and also as an advisor.
* The annual “spring” CLE emphasizing GAL matters will be offered on Friday, September 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Attorney Jessica Liebau will address interstate transfers of guardianship and Attorney Avery Mayne will identify public benefits with which GAL’s should be familiar; there will also be a panel discussion featuring members of the court.
* If anyone is interested in succeeding Avery Mayne as a co-chair of this committee, please contact either Avery or Nancy Shue or Katy Borowski.
* The next Bench-Bar Meeting via Zoom will be on Monday, September 13 at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Shue