

## PROBATE BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Overview from July 6, 2020

Location: Zoom

---

Notes from the meeting:

- Hearings continue to be held via Zoom, including the OTSC hearings for a limited number of cases (most are being adjourned or will be adjourned if a petition is submitted requesting an adjournment for a good reason).
- Zoom has limitations in some hospitals and other facilities; there are various challenges getting the equipment into the hands of the providers.
- Chapter 51 and 54 hearings at BHD are scheduled to all be heard via Zoom by August 1.
- BHD is facilitating technology with partners. GAL and adversary counsel are allowed to visit.
- Judge Dugan will be coming over on August 1 and any hearings to be scheduled in August and beyond can still be scheduled with Judge Murray's clerk: ([Vanessa.Lee@wicourts.gov](mailto:Vanessa.Lee@wicourts.gov) 414.278.4488).
- Registration can still be done for the Spring GAL CLE, which has been rescheduled as a three-part series comprised of one-hour presentations; registration may be for one, two, or all three, with a discount given if registered for all three. If anyone missed a segment of the series, the seminars have all been recorded and can be accessed "on demand" (following registration).
  - Tuesday, June 30 (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.) TRO/Adult-at-Risk Injunction Do's and Don'ts for GALs
  - Thursday, July 9 (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.) Guardianship Powers: Too Much, Too Little or Just Right
  - Thursday, July 23 (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.) Who You Gonna Call? Milwaukee ADRC
- In light of the pandemic, it is unlikely that the Probate Fall Golf Outing will be held this year.
- Suggestions for topics and speakers for the Fall 2020 Probate CLE are requested, along with any preferences in dates (e.g., Sept./Oct. or Nov./Dec.).
- Judge Van Grunsven demonstrated various features of Zoom that he has the ability to do, such as the breakout room (good for hand-holding with clients) and reactions.
- Broadcasting of guardianship hearings is not appropriate for YouTube because of the confidential nature of the proceedings.
- For those hearings where exhibits will be used, the exhibits need to be given to all parties and the judge's clerk prior to the hearing.
- Attorney Jim Collis recommended Next Level Litigation for the outsourcing of exhibits; he found the cost to be reasonable and it was appreciated by the judge who was able to highlight the exhibits. Attorney Lisa Procaccio recommended US Legal Support, whose contact is Casey Barlow ([cbarlow@uslegalsupport.com](mailto:cbarlow@uslegalsupport.com)).
- The next Bench-Bar Meeting via Zoom will be on Monday, August 10 at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Shue