

## **PROBATE JUDGE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

A meeting of the Probate Judge Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 via Zoom Webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by the City Clerk.

Present: Ann Marie Maccarone, Esq.  
John R. Grasso, Esq.  
Erica Laros, Esq.  
Joseph Agresti  
Henry Palazzo

Also Present: Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Mr. Agresti nominated Attorney Maccarone to Chair the meeting. Attorney Grasso seconded the nomination.

**Chair** asked if anyone is on the call who would like to speak.

**Judge George M. Cappello** was also present and thanked everyone for inviting him on this call. He stated that he has served as Probate Judge for the last two years in the City and prior to that he served as Auxiliary Judge. He also stated that he provided his resume to the Commission and asked for consideration of his re-appointment as Probate Judge.

**Chair** asked if anyone has any questions of Judge Cappello.

**Mr. Palazzo** asked Judge Cappello how he would handle a situation where an individual had to represent themselves in Probate Court. Judge Cappello stated that he this happens many times. Mr. Palazzo asked Judge Cappello to give example of what type of guardianships he runs into. Judge Cappello stated that there are adult and juvenile guardianships.

**Judge Cappello** indicated that the Court has been operating via Zoom due to COVID and it has been working fine, but he would, at some point, like to go into in-person sessions.

**Mr. Palazzo** asked how many Auxiliary Judges there are in Cranston. Judge Cappello stated there is one Auxiliary Judge. Mr. Palazzo asked if there more than one Auxiliary Judge is needed. Judge Cappello stated that one has been working out fine.

**Chair** asked if there were any other nominations for Probate Judge. None were stated.

On motion by Attorney Grasso, seconded by Attorney Laros, it was voted to nominate George M. Cappello as Probate Judge for the term 2021-2023. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees