

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

Probate Court BUDGET PRESENTATION FY 2024



The Probate Court is a Court of limited jurisdiction with its legal authority vested by C.G.S. Sec. 45a. The Court consists of the Judge, Richard P. Gentile, the Chief Clerk, Clerk, and three Assistant Clerks.

All matters before the Court are heard by Judge Gentile in a formal hearing after which a formal decree is issued. The Clerks process petitions, assist the public & provide information re: the Court's forms & procedures.

The East Hartford Probate Court exclusively serves the Town of East Hartford.

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

- Trusts

DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The Judge of Probate hears a variety of petitions concerning essential matters, including, but not limited to: • Probate of wills / administration of estates Conservatorship of persons and estates Guardianship of intellectually disabled adults • Guardianship of persons and estate of minors Termination of Parental Rights & Adoptions Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings Parentage Claims Change of Names of minors and adults Certification of Foreign Adoptions/Registration of Foreign Births



UPCOMING PROJECTS

- The Court's primary objective continues to be providing optimal customer service to the users of the Court.
- The Court's weighted workload for FY 2023 increased by approximately 11% from the previous FY (2022). It is expected that the Court's weighted workload will continue to increase in FY 2024 to surpass that of FY 2023, as in FY 2023 the Court's weighted workload increased despite a temporary staff shortage.
- Judge Gentile is in the Court to meet the increased workload. Court hearings are often scheduled five days a week to accommodate the numerous petitions being filed with the Court, many of which concern protected persons (i.e. individuals with physical or mental incapacity, individuals with intellectual disability, and minor children).

BUDGET CHANGES

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	REASON	\$ CHANGE
G2500	62214	Books/Maps/ Publications	Increase in cost of Court's monthly Thomson Reuter Library Subscription Plan for the Court's legal publications, which includes updated volumes of C.G.S., supplemental updates, and other legal reference materials	\$2,500.00
G2500	63221	Printing and Reproduction	Beginning in July 2024 Probate Administration will be migrating the Probate Courts from cable internet to fiber optic internet, for faster, more efficient & reliable service, which is critical for Court's network connectivity. Increase in cost is estimated to be between \$360.00 - \$450.00 / month, which we estimate will result in an increase in of approx. \$275.00 / month	\$3,500.00
TOTAL		\$6,000.00		



BUDGET CHANGES

ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	REASON	\$ CHANGE			
NO CHANGES							
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