

THE JUDICIAL NEWS

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ELECTRONIC VOTING IS ON THE WAY



JPE will be contracting with Votenet Solutions to provide electronic voting software and services. This electronic platform will allow JPE members to vote remotely from any computer anywhere. Whereas previously, voting was done regionally for contract ratification and centralized for constitutional changes and the election of officers, now all voting can be accomplished with a click of a mouse. Votenet is a reputable company whose voting programs comport with the LMRDA (Labor-Management Reporting & Disclosure Act) and will adhere to our local constitution. Larger unions in Connecticut, like AFT A&R, already use Votenet Solutions. If you would like more information on Votenet Solutions, please visit their website at www.votenet.com.

WAGE INCREASE INFORMATION

Finally, wage increases are due in August of this year. The 2013 and 2014 wage tables are available on the JPE website (JPEUNION.NET) under the documents tab. Additionally, State Comptroller Kevin Lembo has issued a memorandum to all state agencies outlining the dates of the wage increases and the dates of other associated payments (AI., etc.). A copy of that memorandum can be viewed on the union's website (JPEUNION.NET) also under the documents tab. If you have questions, feel free to email Executive Director/General Counsel Marshall Segar at info@marshalllawusa.com.

ATTENTION STEWARDS, BUILDING REPS AND THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE UNION FUNCTION

Union training on the HOW TO's and WHAT FOR's of collective bargaining will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at JPE HQ (50 Columbus Blvd, Hartford) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All interested members are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. RSVP at info@marshalllawusa.com



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A Message from THE ACTING PRESIDENT

APO II, James Romano (New London)



JPE Members,

JPE has come a long way in the past twelve months and we have more work to do.

One of our first voyages into the political process is weaving its way through the General Assembly right now.

House Bill 6218 (Freedom of Information Act Exemption for Probation Officers) is JPE's first attempt at such legislation.

A copy of the bill is in the documents tab on JPEUNION.NET.

To summarize, the bill would prohibit the release of a probation officer's personnel file to anyone who is a CSSD client. The union feels that your information should stay private and not be accessible to your clients.

Please contact your local legislators and ask them to support House Bill 6218.

Thanks,

Jimmy (jamesromano@sbcglobal.net)

Upcoming Events

JPE Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th
50 Columbus Blvd. Hartford
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Eastern Region Members Social

Wednesday, March 13th
New London, Norwich, Danielson -
Facilities and Offices
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
HANAFIN'S IRISH PUB
312 State St, New London

Stewards/Building Rep Training

Saturday, March 23rd
50 Columbus Blvd. Hartford
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AFT Public Employees Conference

Thursday – Saturday
April 25 – 27
Baltimore, MD

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