Regional Probate Court #14

Jennifer Berkenstock
Probate Judge

In 2009, the Connecticut State Legislature enacted legislation that provided for the regionalization of Connecticut's Probate Court System. As a result of this legislation, East Haddam, East Hampton, Marlborough and Portland became part of a regional Probate Court effective January 1, 2011—Region #14 District Probate Court.

The Court is located in Marlborough at 9 Austin Drive, Suite 211. The Court is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Court is staffed by Probate Judge Jennifer Berkenstock and three probate clerks.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Major Service Level Accomplishments

- Judge Berkenstock provided a well-run court that provided excellent service to the public.
- In 2020/2021, in order to reopen the Probate Court to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the Probate Court expanded their offices into a small additional space adjacent to the current court space.
- In 2024/2025, the Probate Court rented additional space for long term storage, purchased fire resistant file cabinets and installed fiber internet.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Goals

- Continue to support Judge Berkenstock in providing a well-run court that provides excellent service to the public.

Additional Budget Information

Regional Court Allocations: The Probate Court's expenses are allocated to each of the four towns based upon the residential Grand List provided by towns to the Office of Policy and Management. The entire Probate Court budget for 2025-2026 is $71,166. The allocation is as follows: East Haddam-28.07%, East Hampton-30.87%, Marlborough-15.79% and Portland-25.27%.

Expenditures by Expense Type

Expenditures by Fund

Name	Account ID	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY 2026 ($ Change)	FY 2026 (% Change)
All Funds							
General Fund							
PROBATE	10541610-58252	$14,812.00	$14,575.00	$20,034.00	$19,978.00	-$56.00	-0.3%
Total General Fund:		**$14,812.00**	**$14,575.00**	**$20,034.00**	**$19,978.00**	**-$56.00**	**-0.3%**
Total All Funds:		**$14,812.00**	**$14,575.00**	**$20,034.00**	**$19,978.00**	**-$56.00**	**-0.3%**