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Office of the Probate Court Administrator  
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Attention: Budget Committee:  
Hon. Paul J. Knierim, Probate Court Administrator  
Hon. Joseph Marino, Judge of Middletown  
Hon. Dianne Yamin, Judge of Danbury

RE: Budget Committee – Vacation Time

Dear Judges:

I was working on January 20<sup>th</sup> and, therefore, not able to attend the Budget Committee meeting regarding vacation time. I am sorry I missed it because I need some clarification.

My husband is a teacher and we enjoy going down to North Carolina during his February school vacation. According to the accrual system that was presented, it appears that this will not be possible next year.

Because my husband is a teacher, I am limited to only certain weeks each year. We cannot plan on the trip for his April vacation because snow days are applied to that week and he sometimes has to work part of it. The summers are too hot down there and I do not have enough seniority to go during the week after Christmas, when he would have off.

Please clarify how it is possible for a clerk to have a February vacation without having to carry over the previous year's vacation time they have earned. I have been here over five years and, therefore, would be receiving three weeks vacation time.

This may sound trivial compared to some of the difficult decisions you are making but my husband and I still really like each other after thirty years of marriage and I would like to go on vacation with him. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Isabella Karash, Assistant Clerk  
West Haven Probate Clerk