

**UTAH JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON MODEL UTAH CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS  
MEETING MINUTES**

Via Webex  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	ROLE:	PRESENT	EXCUSED	GUESTS:
Hon. Teresa Welch	District Court Judge [Chair]	•		<b>STAFF:</b> Bryson King
Hon. Christopher Bown	Justice Court Judge	•		
Dr. Jay Jordan	Linguist/Communications Professor	•		
Hon. Linda Jones	Emeritus District Court Judge		•	
Hon. Matthew Bates	District Court Judge		•	
Lacey Singleton	Defense Attorney	•		
Janet Lawrence	Defense Attorney	•		
Jeffrey Mann	Prosecutor	•		
Breanne Miller	Prosecutor	•		
Shannon Woulfe	Defense Attorney	•		
Freyja Johnson	Defense Attorney	•		
McKay Lewis	Prosecutor		•	
Nic Mills	Prosecutor	•		

**(1) WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 2025 MINUTES**

Judge Welch welcomed the Committee and reviewed the August minutes before calling for any corrections to the minutes or a vote to approve. Nic Mills moved to approve the minutes and Judge Bown seconded the motion. Without objection the motion carries and the minutes are approved. Judge Welch then asked the Committee to review the DUI Series roadmap and asked for any updates to the roadmap. The Committee discussed current assignments, and Janet Lawrence called attention to instructions CR1013 and CR1014 and suggested changes to the titles of those instructions. The Committee discussed the suggestions and amended the instruction titles, and will re-visit those amendments to the roadmap at the next committee meeting.

**(2) AGENDA ITEM 2: PROPOSED CR1012 – IGNITION INTERLOCK DRIVER**

Judge Welch then turned the Committee’s attention to CR1012 and reviewed the Committee Note in the proposed instruction. Turning to section 1(b) in the instruction, Judge Welch asked the Committee for any comments or proposed amendments. Janet Lawrence suggested including language to define an interlock restricted driver as a required element on the offense a jury must find, or removing the last sentence of the Committee Note to require parties to define interlock restricted driver, instead of suggesting that is optional. Breanne Miller then suggested removing the “date” from section 1. Judge Bown suggested moving the “date” to another location in the elements. After discussion among the Committee, and amendments to the first

paragraph of the instruction to align with how other instructions are written, the Committee decided to remove subsection 1(a) and include a description of the date of the alleged offense in 1(b), which will become the new 1(a). Judge Welch then asked the Committee to review the proposed amendments to CR1012 and be ready to vote on the instruction at the next meeting.

**(3) AGENDA ITEM 2: PROPOSED INSTRUCTION – IGNORANCE OR MISTAKE OF FACT/LAW (CR541 & CR542)**

Judge Welch then asked Freyja Johnson to review her proposed instructions for Ignorance or Mistake of Fact/Law. Freyja reviewed the elements, references, and committee notes for both proposed instructions, including relevant statutes and case law supporting the proposals. Breanne Miller then raised a concern about CR541's language in paragraphs one and two regarding the requirement to disprove a defendant's culpable mental state. After some discussion, language in paragraph one was amended to address those concerns, and CR542 was amended to address those concerns as well. Judge Welch then asked the Committee to review CR541 and CR542 and return to the next meeting with feedback about these proposals.

**(4) ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30p.m. The next Committee meeting will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 12:00p.m.