

Rule 3. Style of pleadings and forms.

(a) Pleadings in the juvenile court include, but are not limited to, petitions, motions, and responsive pleadings. Pleadings and other papers filed with the juvenile court ~~shall~~must comply with ~~Utah R. Civ. P.~~Rule 10 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Pleadings and other papers in cases transferred from the district court ~~shall~~must show the juvenile court case number and the district court case number.

(b) Matters filed in the court ~~shall~~must be captioned as follows:

(1) In minors' cases or private petition cases: "State of Utah, in the interest of _____, a minor ~~under _____ years of age.~~"

(2) In cases of adults charged with any crime: "State of Utah, Plaintiff, vs. _____, Defendant."

(3) In cases requesting protective orders: "_____, Petitioner, vs. _____, Respondent."

(4) In adoptions: "In the matter of the adoption of _____."

(5) In cases transferred from district court involving issues of custody, support, and parent time: "State of Utah, in the interest of _____. In the matter of _____, Petitioner, vs. _____, Respondent."

(6) In all other matters and for court-approved forms used across more than one case type: "In the matter of: _____ (case name)."

(c) Forms used in the juvenile court ~~shall~~must be those standardized and adopted by the Board of Juvenile Court Judges or the Judicial Council, and those forms may be single spaced when so authorized.

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