

1 **Rule 3. Style of pleadings and forms.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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