

1 **Rule 86. Licensed paralegal practitioners.**

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3 (a) **Application of the Rules of Civil Procedure to licensed paralegal practitioners.** To
4 the extent consistent with their limited license, licensed paralegal practitioners must be
5 treated in the same manner as attorneys for purposes of interpreting and implementing
6 these rules. If a rule permits or requires an attorney to sign or file a document, a licensed
7 paralegal practitioner may do so only if there is an applicable court-approved form
8 available or the document is prepared consistent with the relevant portions of the Judicial
9 Council-approved forms and the practice is consistent with the scope of the licensed
10 paralegal practitioner's license.

11 (b) **Terms "attorney" and "counsel."** Throughout these rules, where the terms
12 "attorney," "lawyer," and "counsel" are used, they refer to legal professionals. Legal
13 professionals include licensed paralegal practitioners in the practice areas for which
14 licensed paralegal practitioners are authorized to practice. Those practice areas are set
15 forth in Utah Special Practice Rule 14-802 unless specifically carved out in this rule.

16 (c) **Disclosures under Rules 26, 26.1, and 26.3.** Licensed paralegal practitioners are
17 permitted to prepare and serve initial, supplemental, and pretrial disclosures
18 under Rules 26, 26.1, and 26.3.

19 (d) **Licensed paralegal practitioner fees.** Where these rules refer to attorney fees, they
20 also mean licensed paralegal practitioner fees. Under Rule 73, licensed paralegal
21 practitioners may recover fees with a supporting affidavit. Rule 73(f)(1)-(3) does not
22 apply to licensed paralegal practitioners.

23 (e) **Appearances.**

24 ~~(e)~~(1) Under Rule 75, a licensed paralegal practitioner whose agreement with a party
25 is limited to the preparation, but not the filing, of a pleading or other paper is not
26 required to enter an appearance.

27 ~~(e)~~(2)A licensed paralegal practitioner who has entered a general appearance is
28 obligated to inform the client of any papers filed, regardless of whether the paper falls
29 within the scope of the licensed paralegal practitioner's representation.

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