- 1 Rule 86. Licensed pParalegal pPractitioners.
- 2 (a) Application of the Rules of Civil Procedure to licensed paralegal practitioners. To the
- 3 extent consistent with their limited license, licensed paralegal practitioners must be treated in the
- 4 same manner as attorneys for purposes of interpreting and implementing these rules. If a rule
- 5 permits or requires an attorney to sign or file a document, a licensed paralegal practitioner may
- 6 do so only if there is an applicable court-approved form available and the practice is consistent
- 7 with the scope of the licensed paralegal practitioner's license.
- 8 (b) **Terms "attorney" and "counsel."** Throughout these rules, where the terms "attorney,"
- 9 "lawyer," and "counsel" are used, they refer to legal professionals. Legal professionals include
- 10 licensed paralegal practitioners in the practice areas for which licensed paralegal practitioners are
- authorized to practice. Those practice areas are set forth in <u>Utah Special Practice Rule 14-802</u>
- unless specifically carved out in this rule.
- 13 (c) Papers served under Rule 5. If a party is represented by a licensed paralegal practitioner, a
- 14 paper served under Rule 5 must be served upon both the party and the licensed paralegal
- 15 practitioner.
- 16 (cd) Disclosures under Rules 26, 26.1, and 26.3. Licensed paralegal practitioners are permitted
- to prepare and serve initial, supplemental, and pretrial disclosures under Rules 26, 26.1, and
- 18 26.3.
- 19 (de) Licensed paralegal practitioner fees. Where these rules refer to attorney fees, they also
- 20 mean licensed paralegal practitioner fees. Under Rule 73, licensed paralegal practitioners may
- recover fees with a supporting affidavit. Rule 73(f)(1)-(3) does not apply to licensed paralegal
- 22 practitioners.
- 23 (e) Appearances.
- 24 (ef)(1) Limited appearance. Under Rule 75, a licensed paralegal practitioner whose agreement
- 25 with a party 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 obligated to
- 28 inform the client of any papers filed, regardless of whether the paper falls within the scope of the
- 29 licensed paralegal practitioner's representation.