

1 **Rule 1-101. General definitions** ~~—Rules of construction.~~

2 **Intent:**

3 To establish clear and uniform definitions of words used in this Code.

4 **Applicability:**

5 These definitions shall apply to all rules adopted by the Judicial Council.

6 **Statement of the Rule:**

7 (1) **Definitions.** Unless the context indicates otherwise, as used in this Code:

8 (A) "**Administrative Office**" means the Administrative Office of the State Courts  
9 Administrator.

10 (B) "**Administrative Staff**" means employees of the judiciary who are authorized to  
11 perform ~~and responsible for performing~~ administrative functions.

12 (C) "Administrator" means the State Court Administrator.

13 ~~(DE) "Board"~~ means one or more of the Boards of Judges established by this Code.

14 ~~(D) "Chair" means the presiding officer of a board of judges.~~

15 (E) "**Code**" means the Code of Judicial Administration and may be cited as CJA.

16 (F) "**Council**" means the Utah Judicial Council as established by Article VIII, Section 12  
17 of the Utah Constitution.

18 (G) "**Court**" means an entire jurisdictional system and not any geographic division  
19 thereof.

20 (H) "Court Level Administrator" means the district, juvenile, appellate, business and  
21 chancery court, or justice court administrator.

22 (I) "**Courts of Record**" means those courts in which the judges have the qualifications  
23 required by Article VIII, Section 7 of the Utah Constitution, are selected in the manner  
24 prescribed by Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution, and are retained in the  
25 manner prescribed by Article VIII, Section 9 of the Utah Constitution. The following are  
26 courts of record: the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the district courts, and the  
27 juvenile courts.

28 (J) "**Courts not of Record**" means those courts in which the judges have the  
29 qualifications established by the Legislature and are selected in a manner prescribed by  
30 the Legislature under the authority of Article VIII, Section 11 of the Utah Constitution.  
31 Justice courts are courts not of record.

32 (K) "**Final action**" means the vote of the ~~C~~ouncil adopting, amending, or repealing a  
33 rule or resolution.

34 (L) "**Judge**" includes justices and judges of courts of record and courts not of record.

35 (M) "**Judicial Officer**" means ~~an officer of the court who is a judge, or justice, or court~~  
36 ~~commissioner and has the authority to decide causes or issues between parties and~~  
37 ~~render decisions in a judicial capacity.~~

38 (N) "**Judiciary**" means the entire judicial branch of government in the state of Utah  
39 ~~including justices, judges, court commissioners, referees, hearing officers, court~~  
40 ~~reporters, clerical and administrative staff and central, local, and line staff.~~

41 (O) "**Local Supplemental Rules**" means those rules governing the administration of a  
42 ~~the judiciary which have been adopted by the~~ local courts, which are adopted in  
43 accordance with the provisions of this Code.

44 (P) "**Policy**" means the general principles for the government of the Judiciary.

45 (Q) "**Presiding Officer**" means the chief justice of the Supreme Court as the presiding  
46 officer of the Council.

47 (R) "**Quasi-judicial Officer**" means court commissioners and court referees.

48 (S) "**Quorum**" means a majority of the members of the ~~Judicial~~ Council, Board,  
49 committee, or other body.

50 (T) "**Resolution**" means a formal statement of the opinion of the Council.

51 (U) "**Rule**" means a court rule adopted by the Council or Supreme Court standard,  
52 ~~guideline, or directive issued by the council concerning a matter of policy.~~

53 (V) "**Secretariat**" means the clerical and administrative staff to the Council, the Boards  
54 and the Council's executive, ad hoc, and standing committees.

55 (~~WH~~) "**Trial Court Executives**" means the chief administrative officer of the local courts  
56 ~~and the clerks of the appellate courts.~~

57 ~~(2) Unless the context indicates otherwise, singular terms in this Code the singular includes~~  
58 ~~include the plural, and the plural terms include the singular; the masculine includes the~~  
59 ~~feminine, and the feminine the masculine.~~

60 ~~(3) Any rule of the council, insofar as the rule is that is substantively identical to an existing~~  
61 ~~policy of the council, shall will be construed as a continuation of such that policy and not as a~~  
62 ~~new enactment.~~

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