

**Utah Supreme Court's
Standing Committee on Appellate Representation**

Draft Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020
Via Webex

Honorable Linda Jones, Presiding

Attendees:

Judge Linda Jones, Chair
Lisa Collins
Joanna Landau
Margaret Lindsay
Monica Maio
Alan Mouritsen
Debra Nelson
John Nielsen
Ann Marie Taliaferro
Fred Voros

Staff:

Nancy Sylvester, Associate General Counsel

1. Welcome and approval of August 25, 2020 minutes: (Judge Linda Jones)

Judge Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Sylvester noted that the August minutes were not yet ready and would be circulated later for an email vote.

2. Rule 11-401 (All)

The committee discussed amendments to Rule 11-401 in light of recent legislation. The committee also added new language requiring continuing legal education on topics relevant to roster membership. Based on a question about exemptions, the committee also discussed and voted, with reservations, to sunset the rule's exemption provision as of December 31, 2021.

The committee will place information about the CLE requirement in the roster application and FAQ's. The committee will also encourage roster attorneys to join the appellate section of the Bar, which provides CLE hours.

3. Discussion – Review applicant recommendations: (All)

The committee reviewed, discussed, and voted on four applications for the Utah Appellate Roster. The committee's recommendations will go on to the Board for its decisions.

4. Exemptions/Lokken letter (All)

The committee discussed a letter from Lokken & Associates requesting that the firm be added to the list of exempt providers under the rule. The committee determined that a past decision to add contracted providers to the roster created confusion and that the committee's only role is to assist in creating the roster of attorneys, not to house exemptions. The committee discussed that the IDC could keep an exemptions list.

Ms. Collins noted that the districts are only deciding indigency now and the appellate courts are actually making the appointments.

5. Rolling admissions assignments (Judge Linda Jones)

The committee received more applications after the September admissions period that it will vet and review at its November 30, 2020 meeting. Judge Jones assigned the applicants to committee members.

6. Adjournment and next meeting:

The committee adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held November 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. via Webex.