

UTAH APPELLATE ROSTER APPLICATION

Check the Appellate Roster(s) for which you wish to be considered.

- Criminal Appeals**
- Juvenile Delinquency Appeals**
- Appeals from Child Welfare Proceedings**
- Appeals from Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings**

1. Contact Information

Name:

Firm Name:

Office Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Best Way to Contact You:

2. Are you an active member in good standing with the Utah State Bar?

- Yes No

3. Bar Admissions (list all bar admissions and date admitted).

4. Do you have an established law practice in the State of Utah?

- Yes No

Please describe the nature and location of your practice (*e.g.*, “My practice largely consists of state trial work (85%) with some appellate work in Utah County”).

5. Disciplinary History

- a. Have you ever been disciplined, or are you the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding in the bar of any court (state or federal)?
Yes No

- b. In the past three years, have you been the subject of an order issued by any appellate court imposing sanctions, discharging you, or taking other equivalent action against you because of your substandard performance before an appellate court?
Yes No

If you answered “yes” to either question, please explain: N/A

6. Education & Degrees (undergraduate, graduate and law school)

7. Practice & Experience

- a. Do you have a working knowledge of appellate procedure and are you competent to accept membership on the Utah Appellate Roster?
Yes No

- b. Have you personally prepared the briefing on the merits in at least three appeals within the past three years or in 12 appeals total?
Yes No

- c. Have you been substantially responsible for briefing the merits in at least three appeals within the past three years or in 12 appeals total?
Yes No

- d. If you are applying to be on the roster for appeals from child welfare proceedings, have you prepared or been substantially responsible for preparing an Appellate Rule 55 Petition?
Yes No

- e. Have you completed the equivalent of 12 months of full time employment, either as an attorney or as a law student or in an appellate practice setting, which may include but is not limited to appellate judicial clerkships, appellate clerkships with the Utah Attorney General’s Office, or appellate clerkships with a legal services agency that represents indigent parties on appeal?
Yes No

If you answered yes, during that employment, did you have significant personal involvement in researching legal issues and preparing appellate briefs or appellate opinions, and did you gain experience with the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

- f. Provide a general description of your practice and include an approximate caseload with a percentage of your practice that is devoted to appeals.

- g. State the approximate number of appellate cases in which you were substantially responsible for preparing the briefs within the last five years. Include the name of the case, the citation for the case, and whether you presented oral arguments in the case.

- h. Please list and explain any cases where you were counsel of record that required ten or more extensions.

8. CLE Courses

List any Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses you have taken in the last five years that may be relevant to appellate advocacy and appellate skills.

9. Indigent Representation

Do you currently represent or have you previously represented indigent individuals in the trial court or appellate courts? If yes, please describe.

10. Public Sector Employment

Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, law clerk, judge, or justice?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe the position, the name of your employer and the approximate dates of service.

11. Special Qualifications

- a. Do you have a particular area of legal expertise such as immigration law, non-capital habeas corpus, white collar fraud, Indian law, etc.?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe.

- b. Are you fluent in another language?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe.

- c. Please describe any special qualifications, experience, or any other considerations relevant to the particular roster for which you are applying:

Criminal Appeals:

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Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings:

12. Availability

- a. Are there any counties or district courts from which you *will not* accept an appointment to represent an indigent party on appeal? (e.g., too far away, conflict with attorneys, etc.).

Yes No

If yes, please list the counties or district courts from which *you will not* accept an appointment:

- b. Do you have sufficient time and support to accept an appointment to the Utah Appellate Roster?

Yes No

13. Mentoring

I am willing to be a mentor.

14. References

Please list two legal references who can assess your skills relevant to this Utah Appellate Roster application and provide their addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers.

- 15. For Reapplication to the Appellate Roster:** Pursuant to CJA 11-401, did you receive at least 12 hours of continuing legal education on topics directly relevant to your Appellate Roster work during your previous term? Please provide documentation of the CLE you received.

16. Certifications, Signature and Date

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct, and that I was substantially responsible for drafting the two briefs I now submit to the Committee as part of my application for membership on the Utah Appellate Roster.

Signature _____

Date _____