



Agenda

Utah Board of Appellate Court Judges' Standing Committee on Appellate Representation

Judge John Nielsen, Chair

Location:	Webex https://utcourts.webex.com/utcourts/j.php?MTID=ma990b36a771a44204ccbf8da3dafcfa
Date:	September 3, 2025
Time:	10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Action: Welcome and approval of January 3, 2025 Minutes	Tab 1	Judge Nielsen, Chair
Executive Session: Discussion of Applications	Tab 2	All
Return to Public Session:		All
Action: Voting on Recommendations		All
Discussion: Committee Terms	Tab 3	All

Committee Webpage: <https://legacy.utcourts.gov/utc/appellate-representation/>

Applications to be Considered:

Ben Miller – Reapplication

Sheleigh Harding - Reapplication

TAB 1



BOARD OF APPELLATE COURT JUDGES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPELLATE REPRESENTATION

JUDGE JOHN NIELSEN

CHAIR

Draft Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2025

Meeting held through Webex and in person

Matheson Courthouse

Judicial Council Room

450 S. State St.

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Judge John Nielsen, presiding

<u>Attendees:</u>	<u>Staff:</u>
Judge Nielsen, Chair	Nick Stiles
Lori Seppi	Amber Griffith
Ben Miller	
Ann Marie Taliaferro	<u>Excused:</u>
Will Hains	Judge Fred Voros (ret.)
Sarah Jenkins-Dewey	Monica Maio
Margaret Lindsay	

1. Welcome and Approval of August 21, 2024 Minutes: (Judge Nielsen)

Judge Nielsen welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves as the Committee welcomed three new members. Following those introductions Judge Nielsen asked for approval of the minutes.

Judge Nielsen moved to approve the minutes, Ann Marie Taliaferro seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

2. Final Approval – Rule Change: (Nick Stiles)

Nick Stiles reported that the amendments to Rule 11-401 has returned from public comment and no comments were received.

Will Hains moved to approve the rule be sent to the Supreme Court for final approval. Judge Nielsen seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved.

3. Executive Session – Discussion of Applications: (All)

The Committee moved to executive session to discuss applications to the appellate roster.

4. Return to Public Session and Vote on Recommendations: (All)

The Committee returned to public session to vote on the applications.

The Committee unanimously approved David Ferguson to the Appellate Roster for Criminal Appeals.

The Committee unanimously approved Mikayla Irvin to the Appellate Roster for Criminal Appeals. Ms. Irvin also applied for the Child Welfare Roster and Termination of Parental Rights Roster, but a Rule 55 petition was not included in the application. Mr. Stiles will contact Ms. Irvin for the petition and Margaret Lindsay volunteered to review the petition. Once reviewed the Committee will vote via email on whether to approve Ms. Irvin for the two additional rosters.

The meeting was adjourned.

TAB 3

Last Name	First Name	Original Appointment	Current Appointment	Term End
Hains	William	10/9/2024	10/9/2024	6/30/2028
Jenkins Dewey	Sarah	10/9/2024	10/9/2024	6/30/2028
Lindsay	Margaret	6/1/2018	7/1/2022	6/30/2026
Maio	Monica	6/1/2018	7/1/2022	6/30/2026
Miller	Ben	11/4/2021	11/4/2021	11/4/2025
Nielsen	John	3/21/2018	11/4/2021	12/31/2025
Seppi	Lori	10/25/2024	10/25/2024	6/30/2028
Taliaferro	Ann Marie	6/1/2018	11/4/2021	12/31/2025
Voros	Fred	3/21/2018	11/4/2021	12/31/2025