

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Large Conference Room A

Matheson Courthouse

Salt Lake City, Utah

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant, Presiding

1. 2:00 p.m. Welcome & Approval of Minutes Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
(Tab 1 - Action)
2. 2:05 p.m. Chair's Report. Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
3. 2:15 p.m. Recognition of Outgoing Member. . . . Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
4. 2:20 p.m. Reports: Management Committee. . . . Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
Liaison Committee. Justice Jill Parrish
Policy and Planning Judge Greg Orme
Bar Commission. Lori Nelson, esq.
(Tab 2 - Information)
5. 2:35 p.m. Justice Court Mergers: Mendon/Nibley Rick Schwermer
(Action)
6. 2:45 p.m. Executive Session.
7. 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

Consent Calendar

The consent items in this section are approved without discussion if no objection has been raised with the Admin. Office (578-3806) or with a Council member by the scheduled Council meeting or with the Chair of the Council during the scheduled Council meeting.

1. Committee Appointment Rick Smith
(Tab 3)

TAB 1

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes
Monday, July 16, 2012
Council Room
Matheson Courthouse
Salt Lake City, UT

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant, Presiding

ATTENDEES:

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
Hon. Kimberly K. Hornak, vice chair
Justice Jill Parrish
Hon. Judith Atherton
Hon. George Harmond
Hon. Paul Maughan
Hon. Brendan McCullagh
Hon. David Mortensen
Hon. Gregory Orme
Hon. John Sandberg
Hon. Larry Steele
Hon. Keith Stoney
Hon. Thomas Willmore
Lori Nelson, esq.

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel J. Becker (by phone)
Ray Wahl
Diane Abegglen
Jody Gonzales
Debra Moore
Rick Schwermer
Ron Bowmaster
Tom Langhorne
Alyn Lunceford
Nancy Volmer
Nancy Nelson
Kris Prince
Shirley Trujillo
Katie Gregory
Derek Byrne
Carol Price

EXCUSED:

GUESTS:

Aaron Falk, SL Tribune
Tessa Lopez, Intern
Joanne Slotnik, JPEC
Judge David Roth, JPEC
Mary Lucero, GAL
Judge L.A. Dever
Judge Carolyn McHugh
Judge Elizabeth Lindsley
Judge Kate Toomey
Lisa Romney, Fruit Heights

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion: Judge Maughan moved to approve the minutes. Judge Steele seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT: (Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant)

Chief Justice Durrant reported on the following:

He mentioned that he would be attending the Utah State Bar's Annual Meeting this week and address members of the Bar.

He and Mr. Becker will be attending the Annual CCJ/COSCA meeting next week in St. Louis.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (Ray Wahl)

He reported on the following items:

The Second Annual Intermountain Mental Health Court Conference will be held on July 18-19 in Logan.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Management Committee Report:

Chief Justice Durrant reported that the Management Committee meeting minutes accurately reflect the issues discussed. The items needing to be addressed by the Council have been placed on today's agenda.

Liaison Committee Report:

No meeting was held in July.

Policy and Planning Meeting:

No meeting was held in July.

Bar Commission Report:

Ms. Nelson reported on the following:

The Bar Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 18 at noon.

5. JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMISSION (JPEC) UPDATE: (Joanne Slotnik)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Ms Slotnik to the meeting. Ms. Slotnik introduced Judge David Roth, a Commission member.

Background was provided regarding the Council's JPEC Workgroup and their meeting with the Commission in April. Chief Justice Durrant and Mr. Becker had a follow-up meeting with Mr. Tony Schofield, Commission chair, in May. The following concerns were addressed with the Commission: 1) inclusion of juror surveys in the evaluation process, and 2) the use of narratives prepared from comments received by the Commission. Chief Justice Durrant provided comments, on behalf of the Council, to Ms. Slotnik and the Commission on their most recent communication relative to meetings between the Commission and the judiciary.

Judge Roth and Ms. Slotnik highlighted the following in their update: 1) rotating members of the Commission will attend future updates with Ms. Slotnik, 2) addressed the matter of future communication between the Council and the Commission, 3) the Commission's proposal on how to count juror surveys, 4) the status of the Appellate opinion evaluation project, and 5) the status of the part-time justice court judge project.

Judge David Roth provided his background as a member of the Commission. Judge Roth reviewed the Commission's position relative to future communication with the judiciary as drafted by the Commission. The Commission requested that the Council communicate with them as a group at their monthly meetings.

Ms. Slotnik provided information on how JPEC proposes to count juror surveys highlighting the following assumptions: 1) juror scores reflect part of the district court judge's work and so should be a component of a comprehensive evaluation program, and 2) a "halo effect" should not be a driver in calculating the minimum performance standard, which includes other respondent groups not subject to the distortion introduced by a halo effect. The Commission would like to count and present juror scores separately. She provided an explanation as to why this would be beneficial. Discussion took place.

Chief Justice Durrant stated that he, as Chief Justice, represents the judiciary; and he clarified the Council's role as the representative body of the judiciary, and the JPEC Workgroup's role speaking on behalf of the Council and the judiciary as the Council's representatives.

Chief Justice Durrant requested that the JPEC Workgroup be included on the agenda for the JPEC's August meeting. Ms. Slotnik requested that the Commission be contacted prior to the meeting with their proposed agenda content.

Ms. Slotnik noted that Appellate opinion evaluation project has moved through the first round of opinions and will be reviewed by the subcommittee on July 17.

The part-time justice court judge project funded with a State Justice Institute grant is progressing. The scope was reworked and clarification was given on what information the National Center for State Courts could provide.

Ms. Slotnik and Judge Roth were thanked for their update.

6. EDUCATION ADVOCACY PROGRAM UPDATE: (Mary Lucero)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Ms. Lucero to the meeting.

Ms. Lucero provided an update to the Council on the CASA Education Advocacy Program.

Information was distributed to include: 1) a list of primary responsibilities of a CASA volunteer, and 2) CASA education questionnaire.

7. BUDGET PLAN REVISION: (Ray Wahl)

Mr. Wahl reported that additional carry forward funding in the amount of \$234,900 is available.

A request for additional funding in the amount of \$160,000 for contract programmer assistance relative to the electronic record project has been received, with the remainder to be placed in reserve.

Motion: Judge Steele moved to approve the request for additional funding in the amount of \$160,000 for contract programmer assistance relative to the electronic record project. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

An update on what is taking place relative to the move to mandatory e-filing in 2013 was provided. It was noted that court staff will be attending the Bar's Annual meeting to provide

information to members of the Bar on e-filing. The court executives are preparing information to discuss with local members of the Bar.

8. COURT FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: (Judge L. A. Dever and Alyn Lunceford)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Judge Dever and Mr. Lunceford to the meeting.

An update of the Court Facilities Planning Standing Committee was provided to the Council.

The following items were highlighted in their report: 1) court facilities building list review, 2) report of the subcommittee on security and emergency preparedness, 3) review of the Committee's responsibilities, 4) a review of the prioritization of building projects relative to the 10-year plan, 5) updated design and space guidelines, and 6) other projects relative to county court locations.

Mr. Lunceford noted that the Ogden Juvenile Court Facility continues to be the court's number one priority, which received \$1.6 million in funding during the 2012 Legislative Session for design purposes.

Judge Dever provided background information on the Provo District expansion as it relates to the 10-year building plan.

Juab County is expected to sign an agreement, this week, with DFCM to construct their new court facility.

Judge Dever and Mr. Lunceford were thanked for their update.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: (Judge Carolyn McHugh and Ron Bowmaster)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Judge McHugh and Mr. Bowmaster to the meeting.

Judge McHugh thanked the Council for reauthorization of the Committee for an additional six years.

She provided an update to the Council on the Standing Committee on Technology's activities. She highlighted the following in her update: 1) Google Apps Conversion: 2) implemented a change to CORIS and the document management system to comply with the Council's recommendation to restrict access to private documents on the Xchange System, 3) implemented a change to CORIS to comply with the civil discovery rule change, 4) approved recommendations to remove any barriers to electronic filing adopting "auto-approval" where all filings were received and docketed when filed, 5) addressing issues to support the move to a completely electronic records system, 6) creation of a new Guardian ad Litem case management system that integrated records from both the juvenile and the district courts, 7) expansion of the e-warrant system to include juvenile pick up orders, 8) the implementation of a new protective order system that integrated CARE and CORIS orders under a single system, and 9) the implementation of the criminal e-filing pilot project in Weber County.

Questions were asked relative to the use of electronic record. Clarification was provided.

Judge McHugh commended Mr. Bowmaster for the efforts and continued service provided by the court's IT department.

Chief Justice Durrant thanked Judge McHugh and Mr. Bowmaster for their update.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held at this time.

11. JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE: (Judge Elizabeth Lindsley and Mr. Tom Langhorne)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Judge Lindsley and Mr. Langhorne to the meeting.

Judge Lindsley provided an update to the Council on the Judicial Branch Education Committee's activities over the past year.

She highlighted several of the accomplishments in her update to include: 1) redesigned the new judges orientation structure, content and delivery; 2) redesigned the new law clerk orientation; 3) instituted improved classroom outcome evaluation methods; 4) reconstituted the discontinued court clerks' education committee; and 5) collaborated with national and state judicial education and distance learning experts to begin developing a distance learning strategy and delivery capacity.

Judge Lindsley reviewed the Committee's strategic planning priorities for 2012-2013.

Mr. Langhorne introduced the current staff members of the Education Department.

Chief Justice Durrant thanked Judge Lindsley and Mr. Langhorne for their update.

12. JUSTICE COURT DISSOLUTION - SPRINGDALE: (Rick Schwermer)

The towns of Springdale, Rockville, and Virgin have given notice of intent to terminate their inter-local agreement with Hurricane City effective August 5, 2012. Based on the size of their court, they are required to give a one-year notice to dissolve their court. Additional information pertaining to their request for dissolution was distributed.

Mr. Schwermer has discussed the matter with the city manager of Springdale and with Hurricane City. Hurricane City is opposed to the waiver. Discussion took place.

Motion: Judge McCullagh moved to deny the request to waive the one-year waiting period required for dissolution. Judge Stoney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Judge Hornak moved to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Judge McCullagh seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

13. JUSTICE COURT DISSOLUTION – CLARKSTON TOWN: (Rick Schwermer)

Clarkston Town has given notice of intent to dissolve their justice court effective June 30, 2013. Mr. Schwermer provided background information on their justice court. They are a small town located in Cache County. Based on the size of their court, they are required to give a one-year notice to dissolve their court. It was noted that the judge will be paid through his term of office.

The dissolution of the Clarkston Town Justice Court would require legislation as the cases would be managed in the First District Court. No Council action is required.

14. JUSTICE COURT DISSOLUTION – SALT LAKE COUNTY: (Rick Schwermer)

Salt Lake County has given notice of intent to dissolve their justice court either by entering into inter-local agreements with municipalities in Salt Lake County or by seeking legislative approval to transfer their caseload to the Third District Court effective July 1, 2015.

Further discussion with the Salt Lake County mayor will take place regarding their intent to dissolve their justice court.

15. JUSTICE COURT DISSOLUTION – DAVIS COUNTY: (Rick Schwermer)

Davis County has given notice of intent to dissolve their justice court effective July 1, 2013. They are requesting a waiver of one year of the required two-year waiting period.

Mr. Schwermer provided information relative to their request for dissolution. The dissolution would impact the following municipalities who have an inter-local agreement with Davis County: 1) Fruit Heights, 2) West Bountiful, and 3) Farmington. Ms. Lisa Romney, Fruit Heights representative, spoke in opposition to the expedited request for dissolution of the Davis County Justice Court. Discussion took place.

Motion: A motion was made to deny Davis County's request to waive one year of the required two-year waiting period to dissolve their justice court. Judge Atherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

TAB 2

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 7th, 2012
Matheson Courthouse
450 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant, Chair
Hon. Larry Steele for Hon. Kimberly Hornak
Hon. Judith Atherton
Hon. George Harmond
Hon. John Sandberg

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel J. Becker
Diane Abegglen
Lisa-Michele Church
Jody Gonzales
Debra Moore
Rick Schwermer
Tim Shea
Rick Smith
Ron Bowmaster
Mark Bedel

EXCUSED:

GUESTS:

Mark Nash

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed everyone to the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, the following motion was made:

Motion: Judge Harmond moved to approve the minutes. Judge Atherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (Daniel J. Becker)

Mr. Becker reported on the following items:

The JPEC Workgroup is scheduled to meet at the conclusion of the Management Committee meeting. The meeting with the members of JPEC is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14 as a follow-up to the JPEC update provided at the July Council meeting.

The Elected Officials and Judicial Compensation Commission will meet on August 21. Chief Justice Durrant and Dan will attend.

Springdale has requested a reconsideration of the Council's denial of their waiver at the August 16 Council meeting.

Judge Rand Beecham has given notice of his upcoming retirement effective December 16, 2012.

Mr. John Lund will replace Ms. Lori Nelson as the Bar's representative on the Council effective September 2012. He plans to attend the August Budget and Planning Session.

Mr. Becker mentioned the passing of Judge Stanton Taylor.

3. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (Rick Smith)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Mr. Smith to the meeting.

On behalf of the Guardian ad Litem Oversight Committee, Mr. Smith reported that a vacancy exists on the Committee. The names of Ms. Louise Knauer and Ms. Amy Livingston were recommended to fill the vacancy.

Ms. Knauer has been recommended as the preferred choice by the Guardian ad Litem Oversight Committee.

Mr. Becker reminded the Management Committee that Mr. Merrill Nelson is currently the acting chair of the Guardian ad Litem Oversight Committee. Mr. Nelson is the Republican candidate for an open seat in the House. It is suggested that if Mr. Nelson is successful in his election bid, he remain as a member on the Committee, but the duties of the Committee chair be undertaken by someone else. The item will be reviewed further in November once the election is finalized.

Motion: Judge Atherton moved to approve the recommendation of Ms. Louise Knauer to fill the vacancy on the Guardian ad Litem Oversight Committee and place it on the August Judicial Council consent calendar. Judge Sandberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. JUSTICE COURT MERGERS: MENDON/NIBLEY AND IVINS/SANTA CLARA: (Rick Schwermer)

Mr. Schwermer provided background on the new process being undertaken by courts in entering into inter-local agreements.

Ivins is in the process of entering into an inter-local agreement with Santa Clara, but the details have not been finalized. No action will be taken at this time.

Mendon is in the process of entering into an inter-local agreement with Nibley. Currently, they have an inter-local agreement with Wellsville. Discussion has taken place with both Wellsville and Nibley. This item will be discussed further at the August 16 Council meeting.

5. BUDGET SESSION REVIEW: (Daniel J. Becker)

Mr. Becker reviewed the proposed agenda for the Council Budget and Planning Session to be held on August 16. There will be no need for a two-day session. The Budget and Planning Session will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the agenda will be similar to what has been followed in past years. He highlighted the proposed agenda for the Budget and Planning Session to include: 1) overview of the planning session, 2) presentation from Mr. Ron Bigelow of the Governor's Office of Planning and budget, 3) requests from the boards and standing committees, and 4) discussion, recommendations and voting.

The afternoon will consist of the following: 1) review of projected legislation, 2) a Judicial Council meeting, and 3) a brief Management Committee meeting to set the agenda for the September Judicial Council meeting.

Mr. Becker reported that the Board of District Court Judges and the Board of Juvenile Court Judges are both advancing a request for a judgeship in the Eighth District. He has sent a request to Judge Ed Peterson, presiding judge in Eighth District, and Judge Larry Steele, presiding judge in Eighth Juvenile, to be available to answer questions regarding court coverage in the Eighth District. Mr. Becker highlighted possible options relative to the judgeship requests

to include: 1) do not advance the requests, 2) advance the requests for both the district and juvenile judgeships in the Eighth District, and 3) advance the request for one judgeship with plans in place on how a judgeship could benefit both courts.

Another item being requested is a request from the Child Divorce Education Subcommittee. Currently, the child divorce education program is being funded in the First and Third Districts as a voluntary program. The request would advance a mandatory participation pilot program over a two-year period.

Mr. Becker offered alternatives to expansion of the program with possible funding from the Children's Legal Defense Fund which currently funds the Adult Divorce Education Program.

6. REPORT REQUIRED BY SECTION 75-1-110: (Tim Shea)

Mr. Shea provided background information on the reporting requirement by Section 75-1-110 relative to Probate and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Legislation passed in 2010 as required by statute in Section 75-1-110 requires that "before February 1 of each....year, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall publish a cumulative list, beginning with the dollar amounts* effective for the estate of a decedent who died in 2011, of each dollar amount* as increased or decreased under this section."

The concern is with applying a multiplier to an undetermined amount and whether a footnote needed to be added to the table.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Judge Harmond moved to publish the tables without a footnote. Judge Sandberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. CRIMINAL E-FILE: (Mark Nash and Debra Moore)

Chief Justice Durrant welcomed Mr. Nash to the meeting.

Mr. Nash provided background information relative to the case management system used by prosecutors in the past and what is currently being used. Currently, the Prosecutors Information Management System (PIMS) is being used. This system was specifically developed for use in Utah with eventual interface with the CORIS system used by the courts and interface with local law enforcement agencies to receive police reports electronically.

The following was highlighted in his update: 1) interface with CORIS completed; 2) development of e-filing software; 3) pilot testing of e-filing software in Weber County in March 2012; 4) criminal e-filing in Weber County since May 2012; 5) pilot testing delays in Davis County explained; 6) second try of pilot testing in Davis County tentatively scheduled for the end of August; 7) installation of the version of PIMS that accommodates e-filing efforts has been installed in approximately half of the prosecutor's offices; 8) mentioned that Carbon County, Daggett County, Juab County, and Washington County currently do not use PIMS and provided an update on what is being done to support the e-filing efforts; and 9) noted other areas to be addressed relative to criminal e-filing.

Mr. Nash was asked for a tentative date for statewide roll out of criminal e-filing. He noted a tentative date for the end of June 2013, but this timeframe was not guaranteed.

Questions were asked relative to use in juvenile court. Mr. Nash noted that a juvenile component has not been developed, and he provided an explanation.

Discussion took place.

Ms. Moore reported that Weber County is e-filing criminal information relative to the defense side of criminal filing.

Mr. Nash was thanked for his update.

He expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of several court staff to include: 1) Mr. Rob Dobbins, 2) Mr. Paul Barron, 3) Mr. Ron Bowmaster, and 4) Ms. Debra Moore.

8. APPROVAL OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL AGENDA: (Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant)

Chief Justice Durrant reviewed the proposed Council agenda for the August 16 Council meeting.

Motion: Judge Harmond moved to approve the July Council agenda amended. Judge Atherton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

9. ANNUAL AWARDS: (Daniel J. Becker)
Discussion took place in an executive session.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION
An executive session was held at this time.

11. ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned.

TAB 3

Office of Guardian ad Litem

GUARDIAN AD LITEM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

August 2, 2012

To: The Utah Judicial Council

There is currently a vacancy on the Guardian ad Litem Oversight Committee. For the Council's consideration to fill that vacancy, the Committee submits the names of Louise Knauer and Amy Livingston. Biographical information for both candidates is submitted herewith.

While both candidates are well qualified, and either would be a fine addition to the GAL Oversight Committee, the Committee's preferred choice is Louise Knauer, based upon her very unique set of credentials. Ms. Knauer is an attorney, and has worked as a Private and Conflict Guardian ad Litem attorney for many years and understands the child welfare arena.

Thank you for your consideration of these two candidates.

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Education

Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts
B.A. History, 1964
Dean's List

Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts
M.A. History, 1967
Phi Alpha Theta Honorary Society

College of Law
University of Utah
J.D. 1983
Leary Scholar, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83
Order of Coif

Basic Mediation Training
Divorce/Custody Mediation Training
University of Utah, 1994

Voluntary Guardian Ad Litem Training
State Office of Guardian Ad Litem, 1997
Additional Annual Training

Collaborative Family Law Training
2000 and 2001

Law-Related Work Experience

Utah Legal Services
Clerk, 1981

Berman & Anderson
Clerk 1982

Watkiss & Campbell
Associate, 1983-87
General Litigation

Attorney in Solo Practice
1987-Present
Family Law
Divorce Mediation and Collaboration
Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem
Conflicts Guardian Ad Litem for Juvenile Court

Education-Related Work Experience

Boston University
Teaching Fellow, 1966-70
American History

Northeastern University
Boston, Massachusetts
Instructor, 1968-72
American History, Black History, Urban History

Suffolk University
Boston Massachusetts
Instructor, 1972-75
American History

University of Utah
Instructor, History Department 1976-83
Women's History, American History, Women in the American West, Problems in Human Values (Liberal Ed.)

Director of Women's Studies (First), 1977-1980

Division of Continuing Education/Women's Studies
Instructor, Women in Law, 1981-84

College of Law
Instructor in Legal Writing, 1982-83

Community Activities

American Civil Liberties Union
Utah Affiliate, Board of Directors 1977-83
National Board Member, 1978-83

Utah State Bar
Needs of Women and Minorities Committee, 1983-86
Budget and Finance Committee, 1998-2011
Family Law Section, Executive Committee, 2001-present
Chair 2004 - 2005

Easter Seals of Utah
Board of Directors 2003- 2005

Pro Bono Family Law Clinic
Instructor for Law Students 2004 - 2007
Co-Organizer and Volunteer Attorney

Honors

Christine M. Durham Woman Lawyer of the Year - 2003

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating

Outstanding Family Law Lawyer of the Year 2010-2011

Law-Related Presentations

Presentation on Employment Law in Utah
Seminar, Salt Lake City, Utah 1989

Presentation on Comparison of Calculation of Joint Custody Child Support, Family Law
Seminar, Salt Lake City, Utah 1998

Presentation on the Hawaii Gay Marriage Litigation
University of Utah Law School, 1998

Presentations at various Family Law Seminars

AMY LIVINGSTON

WORK EXPERIENCE

2011-current Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office Salt Lake City, UT

Deputy District Attorney, Justice Division

- Prosecute criminal cases, primarily in Juvenile Court
- Screen cases and police reports to determine proper legal action; file either a Petition or Information as the case warrants; prepare search warrants; research various legal issues; prepare and submit various motions and memoranda
- Prepare witnesses for trial
- Maintain a caseload of approximately 200 cases

2007-2011 Utah Attorney General's Office Salt Lake City, UT

Assistant Attorney General, Child and Family Support Division

- Represented Office of Recovery Services, in complex litigation involving the recovery of Medicaid funds in probate matters, setting and enforcing child support for cases involving children placed in state custody, and setting and enforcing child support in divorce and paternity actions
- Maintained a caseload of approximately 200 cases
- Advised Office of Recovery Services agents on legal matters as well as compliance with state and federal law
- Appeared in various District and Juvenile courts
- Researched various different legal issues pertaining to caseload

2006-2007 Smith & Glauser

Salt Lake City, UT

Legal Researcher/Law Clerk

- Performed legal research
- Wrote office memoranda

2003-2006 Salt Lake County District Attorney

Salt Lake City, UT

Law Clerk

- Wrote and filed motions with the court
- Performed legal research
- Wrote office memoranda

2004 U.S. Attorney Office, District of Nevada Las Vegas, NV

Law Clerk Externship

- Wrote and filed motions and appeals with the court
- Made court appearances with US Attorneys
- Performed legal research.
- Wrote office memoranda

EDUCATION

1999 University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT
Bachelor of Arts; English
▪ Honor Graduate; Dean's List

2005 University of Nevada, Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nevada
Juris Doctrate

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2002 Team 2002 Salt Lake City, UT
▪ Volunteer for the Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games assisting the Italian National Olympic Committee.

1996-1998
▪ Full-time Mission for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Italy Padova.

Fluent in Italian