

# UTAH STATE COURTS



## Board of Justice Court Judges

Update to the Judicial Council  
October 25, 2021

# Agenda

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- Overview of the Justice Courts
- Review Last Year's Goals
- Present Goals for the Coming Year
- Questions



# Overview of the Justice Courts

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- 110 Justice Courts
  - Down from 111 following the Council's approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Carbon County and Wellington
- 75 judges
  - Down from 77 due to the departure of
    - Judge Terry Moore, who resigned in May from Wellsville
    - Judge Patrick Lambert, who retired in July from Farr West, North Ogden, Pleasant View, Uintah, and Washington Terrace
  - Upcoming Retirements
    - Judge Poulson from Duchesne County
    - Judge Hartmann from Daggett County
    - Judge Baxter from Salt Lake City
  - 60 male, 15 female
  - 50 lawyers, 25 non-lawyers



# Last Year's Goals

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- Explore Options for Improving Wellness among Judges and Clerks
- Continue to Strengthen the Board's Relationship with the AOC
- Propose Revised Standards for Court Certification to the Judicial Council
- Launch Clerk Certification



# Goals for the Coming Year

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- Continue to Provide Subject-Matter Expertise for Justice Court Reform
- Recommend Improvements to the Judicial Selection Process for Justice Courts
- Study Payment Options for Justice Court Patrons and Make Recommendations for Improvement
- Develop a Workload Study for Justice Court Clerks



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Questions?