

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

December 1, 2021

Meeting held through Webex

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant, Presiding

1. 12:00 p.m. Welcome Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
2. 12:05 p.m. Fourth District Court Commissioner Request..... Judge Jennifer Brown
(Tab 1 - Action) Mark Urry
3. 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Tab 1



Fourth District Court

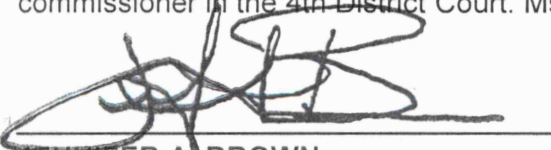
DATE: November 24, 2021
TO: Utah Judicial Council
FROM: Jennifer A. Brown, Presiding Judge
RE: Approval of Fourth Judicial District Domestic Commissioner Appointment
Marla R. Snow

The Fourth District Court bench hereby requests that the Judicial Council approve the appointment of Marla R. Snow as Domestic Commissioner to fill the vacancy of former Commissioner Sean M. Petersen.

BACKGROUND: Commissioner Sean M. Petersen was nominated to fill a judicial vacancy on the Fourth District Court Bench on July 8, 2021; confirmed by the State Senate on August 18, 2021; and was sworn-in as a district court judge on August 26, 2021. The commissioner position has been vacant since this time. The Judicial Council approved the request to fill the vacant commissioner position on August 20, 2021. The commissioner job announcement was posted on August 24, 2021. A total of thirty (30) candidates applied for the commissioner position. The 4th District Commissioner Nominating Commission reviewed all candidates and selected eight (8) semi-finalists to be interviewed on November 8, 2021. The Nominating Commission chose three (3) finalists, including Ms. Snow. After a public comment period, the Nominating Commission reviewed the comments and confirmed the three candidates to be recommended to the 4th District bench for consideration. The judges of the Fourth Judicial District interviewed all three finalists on November 23, 2021, and Ms. Snow was the unanimous selection by the bench.

MARLA R. SNOW: Marla R. Snow graduated from the Chapman University School of Law in 2003. She has 18 years' experience in family law, including the last 10 years as Senior Partner in MacArthur, Heder, Metler, PLLC. In addition to her experience as a family law attorney, Ms. Snow has served as a Special Master in high conflict domestic cases and a private Guardian Ad Litem. Her extensive family law experience will be a perfect fit on the bench and we are confident that she will serve the attorneys and public throughout the 4th Judicial District in a fair, compassionate, and professional manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to approve Marla R. Snow as the new domestic commissioner in the 4th District Court. Ms. Snow's resume is included for your review.



JENNIFER A. BROWN
Presiding Judge

The mission of the Utah judiciary is to provide the people an open, fair, efficient, and independent system for the advancement of justice under the law.

Agenda

MARLA R. SNOW

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

As a practicing attorney for 18 years, I have extensive courtroom experience in Juab, Millard, Utah, Wasatch, and Salt Lake counties. I am proficient in the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, Utah Statutes, and applicable case law. I strive to maintain a professional and productive working relationship with opposing counsel and support clients while cultivating civil and respectful negotiations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MacArthur, Heder & Metler, PLLC**2011 - Current**

Senior Partner

Provo, UT

In my practice of family law, I handle cases primarily in custody, divorce, adoptions, and guardianships. I perform research, draft pleadings, participate in mediation and attend hearings. The way I practice allows parties to heal and let go of past relationships with civility, dignity, and respect. I also assist parents in developing the skills necessary to co-parent with the well-being of the child(ren) as the imperative priority.

I have extensive experience in litigation and mediation. I also provide services as a Special Master in high conflict cases and as a private Guardian Ad Litem.

Snow & Associates, LLC**2003 – 2011**

Owner and Managing Attorney

Spanish Fork, UT

Prior to joining MHM, I was the sole owner and managing attorney of Snow and Associates, LLC. I opened the firm in 2003 and later expanded to include another law office in 2007 in Sanpete County. The law firm provided a broad range of legal services including family law, contract law, estate planning, personal injury, and real property.

EDUCATION

Chapman University School of Law**2003**

Juris Doctorate

Orange County, CA

I attended Chapman School of Law with an emphasis on alternative dispute resolution (ADR). I participated on both the Appellate Moot Court and ADR Boards for the law school. As part of the negotiations team for Chapman, our team won first place at the 2002 State of California Law School Negotiation Competition.

University of Phoenix**2000**

BS Business Management

Lethbridge Community College**1985**

Registered Nurse

Alberta, Canada

I have significant training in ICU nursing. I have also worked for large companies throughout the United States as a nurse consultant.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Ziglar Legacy Certification (Ziglar certified speaker and trainer)	2021
Advanced Collaborative Law Training (Presented by Forrest "Woody" Mosten)	2020
Utah Court Roster Mediation Training	2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)	2020 – Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utah Chapter 	
Utah State Bar (#09954)	2003 – Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Law Section Central Utah Bar Association 	
American Quarter Horse Association	2000 – Current

PUBLICATIONS

Adapting Zig Ziglar's book: *Courtship After Marriage* into workshops and Publication's emphasis focusing on "How to Reverse Engineer Your Pending Divorce to Save Your Marriage" (Publication pending)

Contributing author for "Wake Up: A Woman's Guide to Transformation, Prosperity, and Health!"
1 Amazon new release in 2018

PERSONAL

I love being an entrepreneur and have owned several businesses. Currently I am raising performance horses and implementing regenerative farming on our farm located in Goshen Valley. I love to educate and help people from a place of compassion to help them move forward in a positive way so they can be their best selves.

REFERENCES

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