

# UTAH STATE COURTS



## Board of Justice Court Judges

Update to the Judicial Council  
April 25, 2022

# Agenda

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- Overview of the Justice Courts
- Review Goals for the Current Year
- “Issues Among Us”
- Questions



# Overview of the Justice Courts

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- 110 Justice Courts
- 76 judges
  - Two vacancies now, four more coming up:
    - Judge Ridge from Utah County
    - Judge Baxter from Salt Lake City
    - Judge Stream from Emery County
    - Judge Bown from Riverton
  - 61 male, 15 female
  - 54 lawyers, 22 non-lawyers



# Goals for the Current 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



# Issues Among Us

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- Justice Court Reform
- Restructuring District Leadership
- JCTST Account
- Clerks
  - Conference last month
  - Clerk Certification
  - Remote Clerking
  - Clerical Salary Increase



# Clerks' Conference

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- Legislative Update (Mike Drechsel)
- Legislative Audit Update and Implementation (Wayne Kidd)
- Small Claims Hearing and Trial Minutes (Jody Thenot)
- Protective Orders (Amy Hernandez)
- eFiling (Julie Poulsen)
- Jury Management and Virtual Jury Selection (Meredith Mannebach, Kristene Laterza)
- Clerk Certification
- Outward Mindset (John Bowers)
- IT Update (Brody Arishita, Kristene Laterza)
- The First Two Women Supreme Court Justices (Lauren Andersen)
- Social Media Misinformation and Protection (Chris Palmer)

# Clerk Certification

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- Number of clerks enrolled to date – 309
- Courses completed to date:
  - Computing Time - 227
  - CORIS Release - 239
  - Job Shadow - 9
  - Anatomy of a Criminal/Traffic Case - 281
  - Uniform Fine Schedule - 248
  - Offense Tracking Number - 214
  - Open Sesame - 126
  - Workspace - 222

# Remote Clerking

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- Morgan County (from Clearfield)
- East Carbon (from Price)
- Enterprise (from St. George)
- Daggett County (from Beaver)





# Increase for State Clerks

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Two potential impacts on the justice courts:

- Cities and counties follow suit, or
- Justice courts are about to lose clerks to the district courts wherever there are vacancies



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