

1 **Article 11. Resolution of Fee Disputes**

2 Rule 14-1101. Definitions.

3 As used in this article:

4 (a). "Bar" means the Utah State Bar;

5 (b) "chair" means the chair of the Utah State Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Committee;

6 (c) "client" means a person or entity who, directly or through an authorized
7 representative, consults, retains or secures legal services or advice from a lawyer in the
8 lawyer's professional capacity;

9 (d) "Committee" means the Utah State Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Committee;

10 (e) "decision" means the determination made by the panel in a fee arbitration
11 proceeding;

12 (f) "executive director" means the executive director of the Bar or his or her designee;

13 (g) "he" and the masculine pronouns includes "she" and feminine pronouns;

14 (h) "lawyer" or "attorney" means a person admitted to the practice of law in Utah, which
15 may include a lawyer's assignee; "Lawyer" includes a lawyer and a Licensed Paralegal
16 Practitioner unless the Rule specifically refers to one type of licensee or does not apply
17 because of the limited scope of the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner's practice as defined
18 in Supreme Court Rule of Professional Practice 14-802.

19 (j) "licensed paralegal practitioner" denotes a person authorized by the Utah Supreme
20 Court to provide legal representation as authorized in Utah Special Practice Rule 14-
21 802.

22 (i) "panel" means the arbitrator(s) assigned to hear a fee dispute and to issue a decision;

23 (k) "petition" means a written request for fee arbitration in a form approved by the
24 Committee;

25 (~~k~~) "petitioner" means the party requesting fee arbitration and can be either a client or
26 an attorney; and

27 (~~l~~m) "respondent" means the party with whom the petitioner has a fee dispute and can
28 be either ~~an attorney~~ a lawyer or a client.

29 *Effective May 1, 2021.*