

1 **Rule 6-304. Grand jury panel.**

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3 **Intent:**

4 To establish a procedure for appointing district court judges to the statutory panel authorized to
5 convene a grand jury.

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7 To establish the responsibility of the court administrator to provide staff support to the panel.

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9 To establish a procedure for providing public notice of panel hearings.

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11 **Applicability:**

12 This rule shall apply to the Council, the Administrative Office, the Board of District Court Judges
13 and the statutory panel.

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15 **Statement of the Rule:**

16 (1) **Appointment.** The presiding officer of the Council shall appoint a panel of five district court
17 judges in accordance with Utah Code Ann. Section 77-10a-2 to hear information which may
18 justify the calling of a grand jury. The presiding officer shall designate one member of the panel
19 to serve as the supervising judge.

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21 **(2) Members.** The panel shall consist of:

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23 (2)(A) one member from the first or second district;

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25 (2)(B) two members from the third district;

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27 (2)(C) one member from the fourth district; and

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29 (2)(D) one member from the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth district.

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31 ~~**(32) Terms.** Panel members will be appointed to serve five-year terms. No member may serve~~
32 ~~more than two consecutive terms. Panel judges who retire during their term may continue to~~
33 ~~serve the remainder of that term as an active senior judge but may not serve a second term.~~
34 ~~One judge shall be appointed from the first or second district for a five year term, one judge~~
35 ~~shall be appointed from the third district for a four year term, one judge shall be appointed from~~
36 ~~the fourth district for a three year term, one judge shall be appointed from the fifth, sixth,~~
37 ~~seventh or eighth district for a two year term, and one judge shall be appointed from the third~~
38 ~~district for a one year term. Following the first term all terms on the panel are for five years.~~

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40 **(43) Vacancies.** As vacancies occur or terms expire on the panel, the Board shall recommend
41 to the presiding officer of the Council a judge to fill the unexpired portion of the term or to serve
42 a new term.

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44 (54) **Secretariat.** The Court Administrator shall designate a staff member to serve as secretariat
45 to the panel and to coordinate scheduling, budget and other administrative activities.

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47 (65) **Schedule.** The Administrative Office, at the direction of the panel, shall annually publish a
48 schedule which provides for a panel hearing in each judicial district every three years.

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50 (76) **Public notice.** Thirty days prior to the hearing, the panel shall give public notice of the
51 hearing.

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53 (87) **Procedures.** The panel shall develop necessary procedures for its operation ~~and shall~~
54 ~~publish such procedures as an appendix to this~~ in accordance with Utah Code.

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