

1 **Rule 14-102. Regulation of the practice of law.**

2 (a) Vesting of authority.

3 (a)(1) Under the power vested to it by the Constitution of Utah, the Supreme Court
4 hereby authorizes and designates the Bar to administer rules and regulations which
5 govern the practice of law in Utah, including legal representation by Licensed Paralegal
6 Practitioners. All persons authorized to practice law in Utah shall be licensed by the
7 Bar in accordance with this chapter and Chapter 15 of the Supreme Court Rules of
8 Professional Practice.

9 (a)(2) The Supreme Court recognizes a compelling state interest in its use of the Bar to
10 assist the Court in governing admission to the practice of law, the conduct and discipline
11 of persons admitted to practice law, and to improve the quality of legal services in the
12 state. The Court also finds that the requirements imposed, the delegations made and
13 the authority granted to the Bar provide the best ways to promote these compelling
14 state interests and that there are no less restrictive alternatives available to achieve
15 those results.

16 (b) Responsibilities of the Bar. Purposes, duties and responsibilities of the Bar include,
17 but are not limited to, the following:

18 (b)(1) to advance the administration of justice according to law;

19 (b)(2) to aid the courts in carrying on the administration of justice;

20 (b)(3) to regulate the admission of persons seeking to practice law;

21 (b)(4) to regulate the licensing of Licensed Paralegal Practitioners;

22 (b)(4~~5~~) to provide for the regulation and discipline of persons practicing law;

23 (b)(~~5~~6) to foster and to maintain integrity, learning competence, public service and high
24 standards of conduct among those practicing law;

25 (b)(~~6~~7) to represent the Bar before legislative, administrative and judicial bodies;

26 (b)(~~7~~8) to prevent the unauthorized practice of law;

27 (b)(89) to promote professionalism, competence and excellence in those practicing law
28 through continuing legal education and by other means;

29 (b)(910) to provide service to the public, to the judicial system and to members of the
30 Bar;

31 (b)(4011) to educate the public about the rule of law and their responsibilities under the
32 law; and

33 (b)(4412) to assist members of the Bar in improving the quality and efficiency of their
34 practice.

35 (c) Qualifications. The qualifications of lawyers and foreign legal consultants for
36 admission to practice law in Utah, the licensing qualifications for Licensed Paralegal
37 Practitioners, the duties, obligations and the grounds for discipline of members and
38 Licensed Paralegal Practitioners, and the method of establishing such grounds, subject
39 to the right of this Supreme Court to discipline a member admitted to the Bar or a
40 Licensed Paralegal Practitioner, shall be as prescribed in this chapter.

41 (d) Licensure required. No person shall practice law in Utah or hold himself or herself
42 out as one who may practice law in Utah unless he or she has been admitted and is an
43 active member of the Bar in good standing or is an inactive member in good standing
44 providing pro bono legal services for or on behalf of a legal services organization
45 approved by the Bar upon meeting certification and performance standards, conditions,
46 and rules established by the Board, or has been licensed by the Bar as a foreign legal
47 consultant. No suspended or disbarred lawyer or foreign legal consultant shall practice
48 law in Utah or hold himself or herself out as one who may practice law in Utah while
49 suspended or disbarred.

50 (e) Licensure Required for Licensed Paralegal Practitioners. No person shall practice as
51 a Licensed Paralegal Practitioner or hold him or herself out as one who is a Licensed
52 Paralegal Practitioner unless he or she has been licensed as a Licensed Paralegal
53 Practitioner and is an active licensee of the Bar and in good standing. No delicensed
54 Licensed Paralegal Practitioner shall practice law in Utah or hold him or herself out as
55 one who may practice law in Utah while suspended or delicensed.