

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 **(3) 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 **(4) 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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