

Utah State Bar Request for 2009-10 Committee Assignment

The Utah Bar Commission is soliciting new volunteers to commit time and talent to one or more of 18 different committees which participate in regulating admissions and discipline and in fostering competency, public service and high standards of professional conduct. Please consider sharing your time in the service of your profession and the public through meaningful involvement in any area of interest.

Name _____ Bar No. _____

Office Address _____ Telephone _____

Email Address _____ Fax No. _____

Committee Request:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Please list current or prior service on Utah State Bar committees, boards or panels or other organizations:

Please list any Utah State Bar sections of which you are a member:

Please list *pro bono* activities, including organizations and approximate *pro bono* hours:

Please list the fields in which you practice law:

Please include a brief statement indicating why you wish to serve on this Utah State Bar committee and what you can contribute. You may also attach a resume or biography.

Instructions to Applicants: Service on Bar committees includes the expectation that members will regularly attend scheduled meetings. Meeting frequency varies by committee, but generally may average one meeting per month. Meeting times also vary, but are usually scheduled at noon or at the end of the workday.

Date _____ Signature _____



Committees

1. **Admissions.** Recommends standards and procedures for admission to the Bar and the administration of the Bar Examination.
2. **Annual Convention.** Selects and coordinates CLE topics, panelists and speakers, and organizes appropriate social and sporting events.
3. **Bar Examiner.** Drafts, reviews and grades questions and model answers for the Bar Examination.
4. **Bar Exam Administration.** Assists in the administration of the Bar Examination. Duties include overseeing computerized exam-taking security issues, and the subcommittee that handles requests from applicants seeking special accommodations on the Bar Examination.
5. **Bar Journal.** Annually publishes editions of the *Utah Bar Journal* to provide comprehensive coverage of the profession, the Bar, articles of legal importance and announcements of general interest.
6. **Character & Fitness.** Reviews applicants for the Bar Exam and makes recommendations on their character and fitness for admission.
7. **Courts and Judges.** Coordinates the formal relationship between the judiciary and the Bar including review of the organization of the court system and recent court reorganization developments.
8. **Fee Arbitration.** Holds arbitration hearings to resolve voluntary disputes between members of the Bar and clients regarding fees.
9. **Fund for Client Protection.** Considers claims made against the Client Security Fund and recommends payouts by the Bar Commission.
10. **Ethics Advisory Opinion.** Prepares formal written opinions concerning the ethical issues that face Utah lawyers.
11. **Governmental Relations.** Monitors proposed legislation which falls within the Bar's legislative policy and makes recommendations to Bar Commission for appropriate action
12. **Law Related Education and Law Day.** Organizes and promotes events for the annual Law Day Celebration
13. **Law & Technology.** Creates a network for the exchange of information and acts as a resource for new and emerging technologies and the implementation of these technologies.
14. **Lawyer Benefits.** Reviews requests for sponsorship and involvement in various group benefit programs, including health, malpractice, insurance and other group activities.
15. **Spring Convention.** Selects and coordinates CLE topics, panelists and speakers, and organizes appropriate social and sporting events.
16. **Law and Aging.** Assists in formulating positions on issues involving the elderly and recommending appropriate legislative action.
17. **New Lawyers CLE.** Reviews the educational programs provided by the Bar for new lawyers to assure variety, quality and conformance with mandatory New Lawyer CLE requirements.
18. **Unauthorized Practice of Law.** Reviews and investigates complaints made regarding unauthorized practice of law and recommends appropriate action, including civil proceedings.

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