

Law Student and Law Graduate Assistance

Under Rule 14-807 of the Rules Governing the Utah State Bar, law students and law graduates may be eligible to participate in certain administrative, civil and criminal proceedings. Those interested in participating should read Rule 14-807 carefully.

If a current law student wishes to practice under the rule, he or she does not need to contact or file any documentation with the Bar in order to participate. The law school and the supervising attorney will be responsible for ensuring the eligibility of the student to practice.

If a law school graduate wishes to practice under the rule, he or she must file a Law Graduate Assistance Form (see below) with the Admissions Office of the Bar. Once this is done, the graduate may begin practice.

Summary of required qualifications:

For a law student to be eligible, he or she must:

- Be a student in good standing at an ABA-approved law school
- Have completed at least the first year of legal studies (at least 2 semesters or their equivalent)
- Be enrolled in a law school clinic or externship OR be a volunteer or employee at a tax-exempt or governmental agency or at a for-profit entity
- Be supervised by an attorney authorized to practice law in Utah
- Have passed a course in evidence (if the student intends to appear on behalf of a client at a deposition or evidentiary hearing)
- Have passed a course in criminal procedure (if the student intends to appear at a criminal evidentiary hearing)

A law student must immediately cease practice if there is a change in circumstance so that he or she no longer meets one or more of the above qualifications.

For a law graduate to be eligible, he or she must:

- Have graduated from an ABA-approved law school
- Be taking a regularly-scheduled Bar examination with one year after graduating
- Be working under the supervision of an attorney authorized to practice law in Utah
- Have passed a course in evidence (if the graduate intends to appear on behalf of a client at a deposition in the presence of the supervising attorney)

A law graduate must immediately cease practice if there is a change in circumstance so that he or she no longer meets one or more of the above qualifications or if any of the following occurs: he or she fails to submit an application to the Bar within a year of graduation; the Character and Fitness Committee or Admissions Office denies the graduate permission to take a bar examination; the graduate fails to pass the bar examination; or the graduate fails to be fully admitted within 6 months of passing the bar examination.

Law Graduate Assistance Form

Page one is to be completed by the law graduate. Page two is to be completed by the supervising attorney.

Please email both pages of the completed form to admissions@utahbar.org.

Name of Law School Graduate: _____

Name of Law School: _____

Month and Year of Graduation: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Supervising Attorney: _____

I intend to submit an application or I have already submitted an application to the Utah State Bar to:

- Sit for the first February Utah Bar Examination after my graduation
- Sit for the first July Utah Bar Examination after my graduation
- Transfer a passing UBE score within one year after my graduation

Affirmation of Eligibility, Agreement to Terms and Conditions and Authorization for Release of Information to the Supervising Attorney

I, _____, affirm that I am eligible to participate under Rule 14-807: I am a law school graduate from an ABA approved law school who has submitted/will submit an application for admission to the Utah State Bar within a year after graduation. I have read and understand Rule 14-807 and agree to comply with its terms and conditions. I also agree to notify my supervising attorney when my eligibility to participate under Rule 14-807 terminates.

Furthermore, I hereby authorize the Utah State Bar Admissions staff to release to my supervising attorney any information related to the status of my Bar application as it relates to my eligibility to participate under Rule 14-807.

Signature of Law School Graduate

Date

This page is to be completed by the supervising attorney.

Name of Law School Graduate: _____

Name of Supervising Attorney: _____

Utah State Bar Number: _____

Employment Address: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Affirmation of Eligibility and Agreement to Terms and Conditions

I, _____, agree to act as the supervising attorney for
_____, a law school graduate who is eligible to participate
under Rule 14-807. Furthermore, I have read and understand Rule 14-807 and I agree to
comply with its terms and conditions.

Signature of Supervising Attorney

Date

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