

Utah State Bar®

2017-2018



Summary of Operations

Vision of the Utah State Bar

A just legal system that is understood, valued, and accessible to all.

Utah State Bar Statement on Diversity and Inclusion

The Bar values engaging all persons fully, including persons of different ages, disabilities, economic status, ethnicities, genders, geographic regions, national origins, sexual orientations, practice settings and areas, races and religions. Inclusion is critical to the success of the Bar, the legal profession and the judicial system.

The Bar shall strive to:

- Increase members' awareness of implicit and explicit biases and their impact on people, the workplace, and the profession;*
- Make Bar services and activities open, available, and accessible to all members;*
- Support the efforts of all members in reaching their highest professional potential;*
- Reach out to all members to welcome them to Bar activities, committees, and sections; and*
- Promote a culture that values all members of the legal profession and the judicial system.*

Mission of the Utah State Bar

Lawyers serving the public and legal profession with excellence, civility, and integrity.

Introduction and Grants of Authority

The Utah State Bar operates under authority granted by the Utah Supreme Court through orders which restate the Court's inherent authority under the Utah Constitution to regulate the practice of law. Those orders confirm the specific purposes, duties and responsibilities of the Utah State Bar as:

- ◆ Advancing the administration of justice according to law;
- ◆ Aiding the courts in carrying on the administration of justice;
- ◆ Regulating the admission of persons seeking to practice law;
- ◆ Regulating and disciplining persons practicing law;
- ◆ Fostering and maintaining integrity, competence and public service among those practicing law;
- ◆ Representing the Bar before legislative, administrative and judicial bodies;
- ◆ Preventing the unauthorized practice of law;
- ◆ Promoting professionalism, competence and excellence in those practicing law through continuing legal education and by other means;
- ◆ Providing service to the public, to the judicial system and to members of the Bar;
- ◆ Educating the public about the rule of law and their responsibilities under the law; and
- ◆ Assisting members of the Bar in improving the quality and efficiency of their practice.

The Board of Bar Commissioners has been granted all powers necessary and proper to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Bar and the purposes of the Rules and has all authority not specifically reserved to the Court.

The Bar's internal operations are governed by By-laws and through the establishment of a variety of administrative policies and procedures. Other rules necessary to regulate and manage the practice of law have been promulgated by the Bar and approved by the Court and have been amended from time to time as needs have changed and demands have increased. These other rules include the Rules Governing Admission, Rules of Lawyer Discipline and Disability, Rules of Professional Conduct, Rules for Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, the Law Student Assistance Rule and the Rules of the Utah State Bar Dispute Resolution Committee. The Court has also established rules governing mandatory continuing legal education. These rules may be found at www.utahbar.org.

Bar Leadership

The Bar is a 501(c)(6) non-profit Utah corporation governed by a fifteen-member Board of Bar Commissioners, which includes two court-appointed public members, twelve elected lawyers representing the judicial districts, and two elected officers. (Note: the President-elect may also serve as a Commissioner during his/her President-elect year.) The Commission also includes twelve non-voting *ex officio* members. The Commission hires an Executive Director to carry out the operations of the Bar and the policies of the Commission. The Executive Director employs and supervises the activities of operations staff, which numbers thirty-four full-time and five part-time employees.

During the 2017–2018 year, the Bar Commission included the following:

ELECTED OFFICERS

John R. Lund, President

Parsons Behle & Latimer – Salt Lake City

H. Dickson Burton, President-elect, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
TraskBritt – Salt Lake City

ELECTED LAWYERS AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Herm Olsen, 1st Division

Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties
Hillyard Anderson & Olsen – Logan

Michelle Quist, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
Attorney at Law – Salt Lake City

John W. Bradley, 2nd Division

Weber, Morgan, and Davis Counties
Attorney General's Office – Ogden

Cara Tangaro, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
Tangaro Law Firm – Salt Lake City

S. Grace Acosta, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
Lewis Hansen Law Firm – Salt Lake City

Heather L. Thuet, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
Christensen & Jensen – Salt Lake City

Kate A. Conyers, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
Salt Lake Legal Defenders Assoc. – Salt Lake City

Liisa Hancock, 4th Division

Millard, Juab, Utah, and Wasatch Counties
Jeffs & Jeffs, PC – Provo

Heather Farnsworth, 3rd Division

Tooele, Salt Lake, and Summit Counties
Match & Farnsworth – Salt Lake City

Kristin "Katie" Woods, 5th Division

Washington, Iron, Beaver, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute,
Wayne, Garfield, and Kane Counties
Attorney at Law – St. George

PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT

Steven R. Burt, AIA, Public Member

Entelen Design-Build – Salt Lake City

Mary Kay Griffin, CPA, Public Member

Mayer Hoffman McCann - Salt Lake City

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Robert O. Rice, Immediate Past President

Ray Quinney & Nebeker – Salt Lake City

Robert Adler, Dean

S. J. Quinney College of Law – Salt Lake City

Nathan D. Alder,

Utah State Bar Delegate to the ABA

Christensen & Jensen, PC – Salt Lake City

Erik A. Christiansen,

Utah State Bar Delegate to the ABA

Parsons Behle & Latimer – Salt Lake City

Dani N. Cepernich,

Young Lawyers Division Representative

Snow Christensen & Martineau – Salt Lake City

Julie Emery, Paralegal Division Representative

Parsons Behle & Latimer – Salt Lake City

Amy Fowler,

LGBT & Allied Lawyers of Utah Representative

Salt Lake Legal Defenders Assoc. – Salt Lake City

Hon. Diana Hagen,

Women Lawyers of Utah Representative

Utah Court of Appeals – Salt Lake City

Margaret D. Plane, Utah ABA Members' Delegate

Salt Lake City Attorney – Salt Lake City

D. Gordon Smith, Dean

J. Reuben Clark School of Law – Provo

James A. Sorenson,

Minority Bar Association Representative

Ray Quinney & Nebeker – Salt Lake City

Bebe D. Vanek, Young Lawyers Delegate to the ABA

University of Utah – Salt Lake City



2017–2018 Commission Priorities

Completion of a “Practice Portal,” which is a one-stop online dashboard to simplify access by lawyers to the tools they need to practice law and keep informed about their Bar calendars, memberships, accounts, continuing legal education calendars and license status.



Practice Management

Cloud Services

Utah Court e-Filing

CLE & Events

Legal Research

Compliance Tracking

Performed a quantitative analysis of the legal market in Utah through Lighthouse Research, which conducted telephone surveys and focus groups of individuals and small businesses about why they do or do not use lawyers; the obstacles or barriers which prevent them from using lawyers; the value they place on legal services; and fee arrangements they consider more or less appealing. The results of the research are being used to help lawyers understand how they may improve their understanding of client expectations and delivery of needed legal services. The research may be found through the Practice Portal.

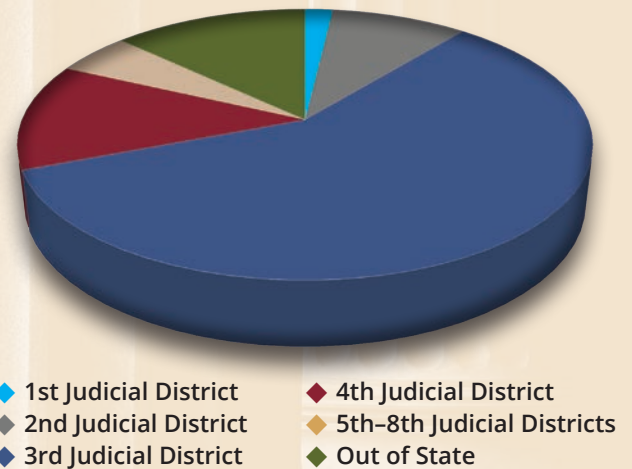
Emphasized the availability of creative new technologies through the creation of the Innovation in Practice Committee, which has been studying and educating lawyers about how they may understand and incorporate time-saving means of more efficient research, communications and client services.

Encouraged a collaborative approach to addressing the legal needs of Utah's low income and moderate means residents through the development of the Access to Justice Coordinating Committee and increased understanding of the needs in the state and how the many providers of services may better understand the needs, their roles, and how they can work together to get help more efficiently.

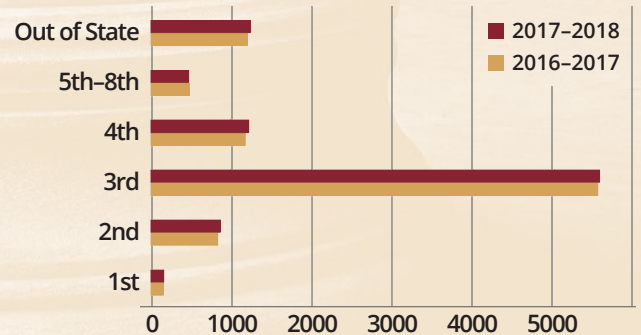
Licensing Statistics

	2016-17	2017-18	Change
ACTIVE STATUS	9,427	9,572	145
Active Lawyers	8,135	8,351	216
Active, Under 3 Years	1,054	962	(92)
Active, Emeritus	167	180	13
House Counsel	71	79	8
ACTIVE STATUS BY LOCATION			
1st Judicial District	168	177	9
2nd Judicial District	843	873	30
3rd Judicial District	5,541	5,567	26
4th Judicial District	1,179	1,225	46
5th-8th Judicial Districts	490	482	(8)
Out of State	1,206	1,248	42
	9,427	9,572	145
INACTIVE LAWYERS	2,928	2,986	58
Inactive, Full Service	776	785	9
Inactive, No Service	1,853	1,911	58
Inactive, Emeritus	299	290	(9)
TOTAL INACTIVE & ACTIVE	12,355	12,558	203

Active Attorneys by Location 2017-2018



Growth by Judicial District



Bar Programs and Services

REGULATORY SERVICES

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

Special admissions include reviewing and processing Military Lawyers, House Counsel, Admission on Motion and *Pro Hac Vice* applications. During the Fiscal 2017-2018 year, we had the following special admissions applications:

	Applications	Admitted	Pending	Denied	Withdrawn
Military	0				
House Counsel	21	19	13	0	0
Motion	60	63	27	0	0
Uniform Bar Transfers	52	41	33	1	0
<i>Pro Hac Vice</i>	263				

ADMISSIONS

Admissions includes the application process, character and fitness file reviews and hearings, Bar exam question drafting and selection, preparation and administration, grading essay exams, and all reciprocal admissions. Committees include the **Admissions Committee** (**Steven T. Waterman** and **Daniel A. Jensen**, Co-chairs), **Character and Fitness Committee** (**Amy J. Oliver** and **Andrew M. Morse**, Co-chairs), **Bar Examiner Committee** (**Tanya N. Lewis** and **Mark Astling**, Co-chairs), and the **Test Accommodation Committee** (**Joan M. Andrews**, Chair).

JULY 2017 BAR EXAMINATION STATISTICS

272 took the July Bar Exam | 226 Passed | Pass Rate: 83%

Essay Scores
50 Points Possible
Average Score: 28.7

Multistate Scores
200 Points Possible
Utah Average: 146.1
National Average: 141.7
(46,626 tested)

Combined Scores
Utah Mean Score: 292
Passing Score: 270

FEBRUARY 2018 BAR EXAMINATION STATISTICS

102 took the February Bar Exam | 59 Passed | Pass Rate: 58%

Essay Scores
50 Points Possible
Average Score: 31.1

Multistate Scores
200 Points Possible
Utah Average: 139.5
National Average: 132.8
(21,111 tested)

Combined Scores
Utah Mean Score: 279.1
Passing Score: 270

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Professional Conduct investigates complaints of unethical conduct; provides ethics education seminars; provides informal ethics guidance by telephone; and either resolves or prosecutes cases before hearing panels, the district courts and the Utah Supreme Court. Committees that the Office of Professional Conduct interacts with include the **Ethics and Discipline Committee of the Utah Supreme Court** (**Christine Greenwood**, Chair); the Utah Bar's **Ethics Advisory Opinion Committee** (**John A. Snow**, Chair); the **Supreme Court Rules of Professional Conduct Committee** (**Stephen G. Johnson**, Chair); and the **Supreme Court Diversion Committee** (**Derek J. Williams**, Chair). The office has prepared a separate report on its operations, which is available at www.utahbar.org/opc/.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Over the past year, the CLE Department coordinated and presented 210 events (including 114 luncheons and 83 seminars) in more than 40 subject matter areas of practice. Thirteen of these events were web offerings. Attorneys can participate via teleconference in any CLE seminar held at the Law & Justice Center. A total of 1,070 hours of video replays were completed online also. The CLE department collaborates with the **CLE Advisory Board** (**Jonathan O. Hafen**, Chair).



GENERAL BAR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

General Bar management includes annual licensing, maintenance of databases, personnel, financial controls, inventory, equipment, governance organization and support, long range and planning. Bar staff manages policy implementation and operations through various voluntary leadership committees, including: **Bar Commission**, **Bar Commission Executive Committee**, and the **Bar Commission Budget & Finance Committee** (**Christine Arthur**, CPA, Chair). A copy of the 2017–2018 audit by Tanner, LLC is available at www.utahbar.org/bar-operations/.

"Group" Services

FALL FORUM, SUMMER & SPRING CONVENTIONS

Conventions provide important educational and networking opportunities for our members and the judiciary to interact in congenial and informal settings. Friendships and long-term relationships are renewed, learning about new manners of conducting legal business and improving the administration of justice are shared, and valuable new technologies and presentation styles are explored. Professionalism and civility are enhanced between Bar members when a premium is placed on respect and creative ways of gathering to discuss issues facing the Bar, the profession and the judiciary. Meaningful interactions with judges and unique topics and faculty are considered hallmarks of these events, which are budgeted to allow attendance by all parts of our Bar and to break even.

Events were coordinated by the **Fall Forum Committee** (Honorable James Blanch and Juli Blanch, Co-chairs), the **Summer Convention Committee** (Honorable Robert J. Shelby and Amy F. Sorenson, Co-chairs), the **Spring Convention Committee** (Kristin Woods and James B. Hanks, Co-chairs).

2017 Summer Convention Sun Valley, Idaho



481 judges, lawyers and
paralegals attended.
16 hours of CLE available



2017 Fall Forum Salt Lake City

358 judges, lawyers and
paralegals attended.
9 hours of CLE available



2018 Spring Convention St. George, Utah

377 judges, lawyers and
paralegals attended.
10 hours of CLE available

MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAMS

BENEPLACE

The Utah State Bar has contracted with benefits administrator Beneplace to radically expand offerings and services to Bar members at no cost to Bar members. Beneplace, in partnership with the Bar, researches and recruits benefits providers and places them in the Utah State Bar benefits catalog <http://www.beneplace.com/utahbar>. Programs range from office supplies, to discounted membership programs, to vacation planning, to legal specific vendors, to ticket offers for sports and recreational opportunities. New vendors and discounts arrive each month with a summary of recent additions being provided online at <http://www.utahbar.org/member-services/>.



Utah Lawyers Helping Lawyers renders confidential assistance to any Bar member whose professional performance is or may be impaired because of mental illness, emotional distress, substance abuse or any other disabling condition or circumstance. **Blomquist Hale** provides trained counselors for face-to-face help with family problems, stress, depression, anxiety, personal cash management difficulties, elder care challenges, assessment of drug/alcohol dependence, and any other issues impairing work or personal lives. Information about Utah Lawyers Helping Lawyers and Blomquist Hale may be found at: <http://www.utahbar.org/member-services/>. Utah State Bar member benefits are overseen by the **Member Resource Committee** which is chaired by former Bar President, **Robert L. Jeffs**.


BLOMQUIST HALE
LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP)

COMMITTEE SUPPORT - Unrelated to Other Programs

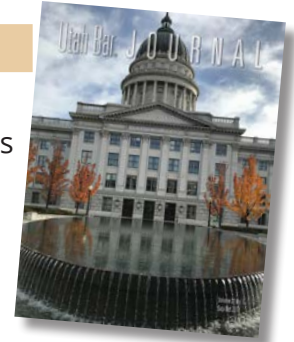
Stand-alone committees have been charged to provide professional leadership and study of designated issues. A current listing of all Bar committees can be found at www.utahbar.org/bar-operations/.

SECTION & DIVISION SUPPORT

Staff provides support services to 35 Sections and 2 Divisions which are independent and financially self-sustaining. Activities include section meetings and elections, CLE luncheons and annual seminars, social events and charitable endeavors, dues collection, general administrative and financial services, email and newsletter communications, and the maintenance of websites and blogs. A listing of all Bar sections and divisions can be found at <http://www.utahbar.org/about/meet-section-division-chairs/>.

BAR JOURNAL

The *Utah Bar Journal* provides information on professional issues, law office management, legal education and law related opportunities. The *Utah Bar Journal*, was published six times this past year by the **Bar Journal Committee** (William D. Holyoak, Chair) and provided to members and subscribers. The *Utah Bar Journal* is also available online in an interactive pdf format. Access to past issues of the *Utah Bar Journal* can be found at www.utahbar.org.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Bar Commission approved additional marketing expenditures for the Licensed Lawyer website designed to connect clients with attorneys. The advertising increased searches by more than 60 percent, including a record 15,000 in March. Referrals increased by 44 percent over the three month period, to 2,683. More than 1,000 lawyers have signed up to participate in the Licensed Lawyer referral program.



The Bar hired Lighthouse, a local research company, to conduct a survey to determine why people are reluctant to hire attorneys. The survey discovered the traditional open-ended nature of the cost of an attorney, the fact that individuals didn't know what an attorney could do to help and the attitude that individuals can take care of most problems themselves were the largest barriers to hiring attorneys. The Bar developed marketing plans to address those issues.

As always, the Bar was an active force in continuing education in the community, with the sponsorship of Law Day and the Separation of Powers theme, Constitution Day and the Mock Trial program.

NEW LAWYER TRAINING PROGRAM

Utah's New Lawyer Training Program ("NLTP") is the Bar's award-winning mentoring program (Lesley Manley, Chair) required for all newly admitted attorneys who have less than two years of practice experience. During the 12-month mentoring term, new lawyers meet with their mentors for at least two hours a month to discuss the new lawyer's legal work, professional development, and adjustment to the practice of law. The mentoring plan also requires that mentors and new lawyers examine the Rules of Professional Conduct as a means of more effectively teaching and fostering professionalism, ethics, and civility. In 2019, the NLTP Committee hopes to enact changes to the program that will require new lawyers to incorporate more practical experience into their mentoring plans, which will add even more value to the program.

Currently, there are nearly 1,000 attorneys who have been approved to serve as mentors in the NLTP and more than 2,000 new attorneys have successfully completed the program, including 216 who finished between July 2017 and July 2018.




Public Services

ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMS

In Fiscal Year 2017–2018 the Bar sustained existing programs and established new programs to provide greater access to justice for Utahans. The Bar's Pro Bono Commission, (**Judge Michelle M. Christiansen-Forster** and **Judge Royal I. Hansen**, Co-chairs), continues to have success in the management of existing programs by engaging each of the eight Judicial District Pro Bono Committees. These district specific committees provide assistance through an on-the-ground, localized approach. The Third District's Family Law Pro Se Calendar is an example of this localized effort. The Calendar was created by the Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake in the Third District and has since expanded into multiple other districts through the assistance of each district's pro bono committee. Currently, the 5th District Pro Bono Committee chaired by **Judge Jeffrey C. Wilcox** is working with the Legal Aid to expand this pro bono project into Southern Utah.




In FY 2017–2018 over one hundred pro bono cases were placed for full representation. While traditional pro bono work accounts for a portion of attorney's volunteerism, many attorneys participate in legal clinics and in-court opportunities. These limited service commitments allow attorneys to serve the community without the commitment of a full pro bono case. The Access to Justice Department of the Utah State Bar in coordination with the Young Lawyer's Division oversee the Tuesday Night Bar, The Debt Collection Calendar, and the Matheson Landlord Tenant Pro Se Clinic. In FY 2017–2018 the Tuesday Night Bar was held 42 times, assisting over 600 Utahans. Recently, the Tuesday Night Bar has gone on the road, holding clinics at the Kearns Library in addition to the downtown location. The Debt Collection and Landlord Tenant Pro Se Calendars are held weekly at the Matheson Courthouse assisting anywhere from five to twenty individuals at their hearings.



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**TUESDAY
Night Bar**
at the Utah State Bar

The Utah State Bar's Modest Means Lawyer Referral Program under the direction of **Judge Su Chon** and **David J. Williams** has also continued to have success. In FY 2017–2018 the program placed 439 cases with modest means attorneys. The Modest Means Committee also conducted a survey of nearly 200 former clients spanning 2012–2018. Survey results indicated that 61% of applicants were able to get some form of reduced rate legal assistance, with only 6% indicating they couldn't get assistance because of a fee issue. Family law continues to be the most prominent area of law, accounting for 67% of all modest means cases.

Of all Modest Means
applicants from
2012–2018

61%

obtained reduced rate
legal assistance.

New to the Bar in FY 2017–2018 is the **Access to Justice Coordinating Committee** championed by former Bar President **John Lund** and co-chaired by **Justice Christine M. Durham** (Ret.) and **Amy F. Sorenson**. This Committee is tasked with ensuring greater communication and collaboration among the various legal and community stakeholders. Among other projects, the Committee will host the annual Utah Access to Justice Summit, bringing stakeholders from many non-profit, private, and government organizations together to increase collaboration and facilitate better communication. The first annual Access to Justice Summit will include attorneys and community members from Holy Cross Ministries, Utah Dispute Resolution, Timpanogos Legal Center, Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake, And Justice for All, Utah Bar Foundation, Utah

State Law Library, Homeless Youth Legal Clinic, DNA People's Legal Services, Utah Legal Services, Catholic Community Services, Disability Law Center, Utah Attorney General's Office, Nonprofit Legal Services, The University of Utah, International Rescue Committee, Utah State Courts, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah, Kresge Foundation, Boeing Foundation, and various private law firms from across Utah.

In addition to the above programs, the Access to Justice Department at the Utah State Bar continues to be a resource to the general public and attorneys throughout the state whether an individual is looking for legal help or wanting to give back through one of the many pro bono opportunities.

FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

The Fund for Client Protection Committee (Hon. David R. Hamilton, Chair) has 12 attorney members. There were 15 claims made to the Utah State Bar Fund for Client Protection against 7 attorneys during the 2017–2018 fiscal year totaling \$91,320. Of these claims, 11 were approved for awards totaling \$43,315.

Total Claims made
to the Fund
2017–2018

\$91,320

Total awards from
the Fund
2017–2018

\$43,315

UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW COMMITTEE

During the 2017–2018 fiscal year, the **Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee** (Alex Leeman and Maribeth LeHoux, co-chairs) and staff received 26 new complaints. Four complaints were against attorneys licensed in Utah or other jurisdictions and were transferred to the Office of Professional Conduct. The Committee is actively investigating 23 matters.

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

The Young Lawyers produce video mentoring on their web site, promote Law Day activities, and provide numerous service projects, including Wills for Heroes. Their web site is <http://younglawyers.utahbar.org/>.



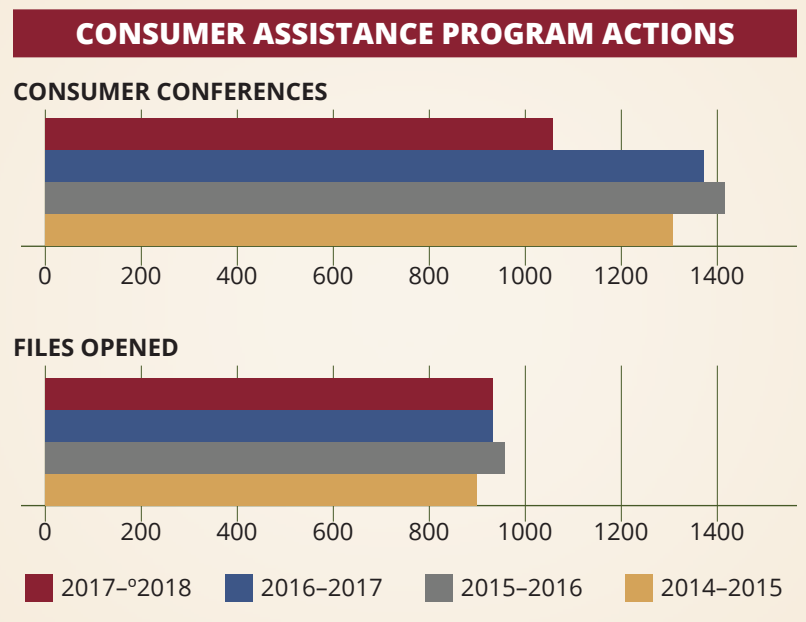
Joint “Group” & Public Services

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Through the informal process of the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP), the Utah State Bar offers support to both consumers and attorneys who request assistance in their communication with each other. The CAP attorney addresses consumers’ questions regarding the management of their legal matters and concerns about their lawyers and then strives to facilitate communication between consumers and their lawyers so that minor issues can be resolved. The CAP attorney also offers guidance to consumers to help them understand what they may reasonably expect from their counsel and the legal process. Occasionally attorneys contact the CAP attorney to explain issues regarding consumers who might reach out to CAP.

CAP eases the load for the Office of Professional Conduct (OPC) by dealing with minor complaints submitted by consumers whose concerns usually include wanting timely return calls from their attorneys, routine updates about their cases, regular billing statements, and copies of their client files. Complaints which rise to the level of ethical concerns are handled exclusively by OPC.

During the 2017–2018 fiscal year, the CAP attorney opened 960 files and handled 1,172 consumer conferences, which included telephone and in-person contact.



DISCIPLINARY PROCESS INFORMATION OFFICE

The Disciplinary Process Information Office (DPIO) is designed to assist those attorneys who find themselves the subject of Bar complaints. The DPIO attorney explains and answers questions about the complaint process, and she refers attorneys to the appropriate procedural rules at various stages of the process.

Interest in the DPIO continues to grow. During the 2017–2018 fiscal year, the DPIO attorney opened 95 files compared with 65 files opened during the 2016–2017 fiscal year.



**DPIO
Files opened
2017-2018**

95

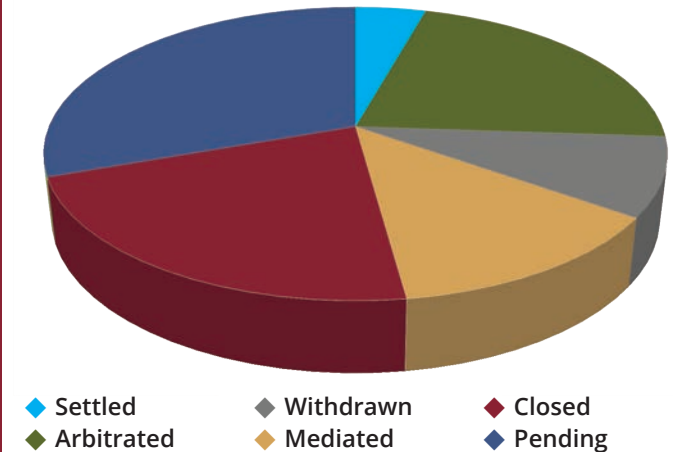
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**DPIO
Files opened
2016-2017**

FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

In the last fiscal year, the **Fee Dispute Resolution Committee** (William M. Jeffs, Chair) and staff prepared and conducted hearings with a volunteer lawyer or panels of volunteer lawyers, judges and lay people to resolve disputes about legal fees in a process through which parties voluntarily agree to be bound. Last year, the committee opened 23 cases, settled one, and arbitrated five. Two cases were withdrawn by the claimants, and three cases were mediated. Five cases were closed because the respondents were not willing to participate. A link to more information may be found at <http://www.utahbar.org/public-services/fee-dispute-resolution-program/>.

FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CASES 2017-2018



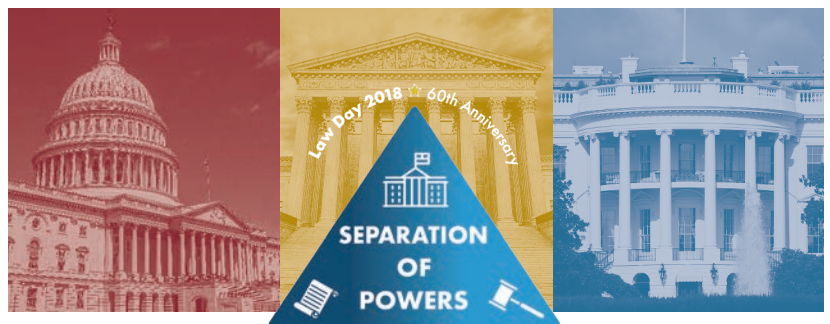
LAW & JUSTICE CENTER OPERATIONS



The Utah State Bar owns and operates the 33,000 square foot building known as the Utah State Bar Law & Justice Center. The Center provides low cost meeting room space and, in pro bono cases, no cost meeting room space. Services by the Center staff include organization of events, audio-visual rental, catering, low cost leases, tenant support, interior and exterior grounds maintenance and security. During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the building rented space for over 590 meetings. Groups using the meeting space included Bar Committees, Bar Section Continuing Legal Education luncheons and seminars, mediations, arbitrations, charitable and non-profit entities, educational organizations, public interest groups, and association trainings.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, SERVICES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Bar Commission regularly provides public education projects including participation with the American Bar Association, makes appointments to Utah State Boards and Committees, helps to fund the Law Related Education Project, and sponsors the Law Day Celebration with the **Law Day Committee** (Young Lawyers Division), among other things.



Framework for Freedom

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Bar hires a legislative representative and supports the activities of the **Governmental Relations Committee** (Jaqualin Friend Peterson, Chair) which makes recommendations for action on bills and provides assistance to legislators with specific questions on legislation.

2017–2018 Section Leadership

Jeremy Stewart, Chair
Antitrust & Unfair Competition
Section

Jeffrey Adams, Chair
Cyber Law Section

Kyle Petersen, Chair
International Law Section

Sarah Spencer, Chair
Appellate Practice Section

Russ Gray, Chair
Dispute Resolution Section

Monica Diaz Greene, Chair
Juvenile Law Section

David Becksiek, Chair
Banking & Finance Section

Jeffrey Christensen, Chair
Education Law Section

Alissa Mellem, Chair
Labor & Employment Law Section

Laurie Cayton, Chair
Bankruptcy Section

Allison Barger, Chair
Elder Law Section

Virginia Sudbury, Chair
Limited Scope Law Section

Emily Sharp Rains, Chair
Business Law Section

Michael Walch, Chair
Environmental Law Section

Michael Stahler, Chair
Litigation Section

Sean Morrissey, Chair
Collection Law Section

Geoff Germane, Chair
Estate Planning Law Section

Darrin Johns, Chair
Military Law Section

Sharon M. Bertelsen, Chair
Communications Law Section

McKette Allred, Chair
Family Law Section

Blake Voorhees, Chair
Non-Profit Law Section

Peter Harrison, Chair
Community Association Law Section

Brennan Moss, Chair
Franchise Law Section

Craig Jensen, Chair
Real Property Law Section

John Mejia, Chair
Constitutional Law Section

Dianne Orcutt, Chair
Government & Administrative Section

Daniel Hill, Chair
Securities Law Section

Jeffrey Handy, Chair
Construction Law Section

Jess Griffiths, Chair
Health Law Section

Brent Burningham, Chair
Solo, Small Firm & Rural Law
Practice Section

Elizabeth Thompson, Chair
Corporate Counsel Section

Michael Walch, Chair
Indian Law Section

Nathan Runyan, Chair
Tax Law Section

Adrianna Davis, Chair
Criminal Law Section

Andrew Hufford, Chair
Intellectual Property Section

2017–2018 Division Leadership

Dani Cepernich, Chair
Young Lawyers Division

Lorraine Wardle, Chair
Paralegal Division

2017–2018 Awards

Judge of the Year



Hon. Stephen L. Roth

and



Hon. J. Frederic Voros, Jr.

Lawyer of the Year



Paul M. Simmons

Community Member



Marianna Di Paolo

Professionalism Award



Patrick L. Anderson

Committee of the Year Governmental Relations Committee

Section of the Year Limited Scope Section

Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year



Robert O. Rice

and



Rodney G. Snow

Dorothy Merrill Brothers Award for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession



Ellen M. Maycock

Outstanding Mentor Award



Julie D. Kyte

and



Leonor E. Perretta

Raymond S. Uno Award for the Advancement of Minorities in the Legal Profession



Hon. Augustus G. Chin