

UTAH'S OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET



GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY - NOV 3, 2026

NOTE:

This electronic version of the voter information pamphlet contains general voting information for all Utah voters. To view voting information that is specific to you, visit [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov), select "Learn about candidates and issues" and enter your address. Then click on "Sample Ballot, Profiles, Issues."

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Office of the Lieutenant Governor



Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

Dear Utah Voter,

My office is excited to present the 2026 Voter Information Pamphlet. Please take the time to read through the material to learn more about the upcoming General Election on November 3, 2026. Inside you will find information about candidates, ballot questions, judges, and how to vote.

This guide is not a substitute for Utah Code, and it is not intended to be a comprehensive or an authoritative statement of law. For further legal information, please consult Utah Code or other appropriate legal resources. If any inconsistency exists between this publication and statute, the statutory language governs. Utah Code can be found at [le.utah.gov](https://leg.utah.gov)

In addition to this pamphlet, you can visit VOTE.UTAH.GOV to find even more information about the election. At VOTE.UTAH.GOV you can view your sample ballot, find your polling location, and view biographies for the candidates in your area.

If you need assistance of any kind, please call us at 1-801-538-1041, email elections@utah.gov, or stop by our office in the State Capitol building. Thank you for doing your part to become an informed and engaged citizen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deidre M. Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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HELPFUL INFO

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This pamphlet contains information for state candidates and measures. For information about local candidates and measures, visit vote.utah.gov or [contact your county clerk's office](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

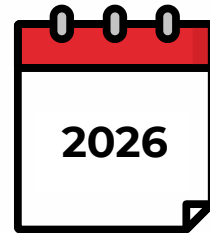
Ballots begin being mailed: October 13

Register by mail, received by: 5:00 p.m. October 23

Register online by: 5:00 p.m. October 23

Register in person by: 8:00 p.m. November 3

Election Day: November 3



VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

You are eligible to vote in Utah if you are:

- at least 18 years old on or before the next General Election;
- a U.S. citizen;
- a Utah resident for at least 30 days immediately before the next election;
- not currently serving a prison or jail sentence for a felony conviction.

REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

Register, check your status, or update your address at vote.utah.gov by **October 23 at 5 PM** to receive a by mail ballot.

Registration and updates may also be made at the polls on Election Day or during early voting.

UTAH POLITICAL PARTIES

Constitution Party - www.constitutionpartyofutah.com

Democratic Party - www.utahdemocrats.org

Forward Party - www.utahforwardparty.org

Green Party of Utah - www.greenpartyofutah.org

Independent American Party - www.iaputah.org

Libertarian Party - www.libertarianutah.org

Peoples' Freedom Party - www.instagram.com/peoplesfreedompartyut

Republican Party - www.utgop.org

CANDIDATES

The following pages list the candidates who are running for federal office. Federal candidates were given the opportunity to submit a statement and a photograph. The Lieutenant Governor's Office has not edited these statements.

All candidates in this pamphlet appear in the order they will appear on your ballot. Candidates appear in a random order as dictated by [Utah Code 20A-6-110](#).

The current random list is:

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Looking for more info on legislative, school board, county, and other local candidates?

VISIT
[VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov)

VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT



READ BIOGRAPHIES FOR CANDIDATES IN YOUR AREA

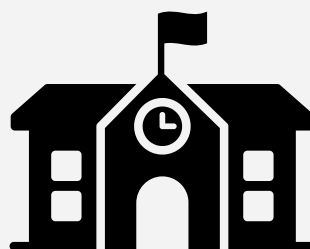
Jane Doe

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Visit vote.utah.gov to read about the candidates on your ballot. All candidates were given the opportunity to submit a personal profile.

FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATION



Congressional District 1

Jesse West

NO PROFILE SUBMITTED

Congressional District 1

Ben McAdams

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 20

AGE 51

OCCUPATION Attorney



Ben McAdams is a former Member of Congress, Salt Lake County Mayor, and Utah State Senator who works across differences — not because it's always easy, but because that's how hard things get done.

Ben's mother taught public school and raised six kids mostly alone. He remembers the power being shut off, their home in foreclosure, and having to choose between medical debt and groceries. That's why Ben believes that hard work should pay off, and no family should be one illness or missed paycheck away from losing everything.

As Mayor, Ben expanded early childhood education and Medicaid for Utah families, and killed a proposed data center that would have cost taxpayers \$200 million. In Congress, he fought to save the Great Salt Lake, defended Utah's public lands from being sold off, protected healthcare access, and passed consumer protection laws that took on corruption and self-dealing.

Since leaving Congress, Ben has helped local governments connect vulnerable families to benefits they qualify for, deliver services more efficiently, and make housing more affordable.

Ben has a record of results when results are hard to come by. He's running for Congress to bring that approach to Washington because Utah families can't afford more excuses.

Congressional District 1

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 4

AGE 27

OCCUPATION



As a fellow SLC resident, I know the gravity of the hardships we face; housing cost, healthcare, rights and security, and much more. Partisan politics has torn America, and it has torn your paycheck, your quality of life, and threatens your safety with a false promise of security. Electing a Democrat over a Republican (or vice versa) will not change that. My promise is to prioritize Utahns, and call out the partisan malice. We need change. Here it is.

Congressional District 1

Riley Owen

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

AGE 28

OCCUPATION Co-founder, Navy Reservist



Riley Owen will bring a new generation of leadership to Washington as one of the first conservative Gen Z congressional nominees in the country. Riley served in the White House during the Covid-19 pandemic and mobilized American industry to save lives while advancing trade and manufacturing policy to strengthen American workers and markets.

Riley continued to bolster America's industrial base working in the shipbuilding and drone industries where he helped build companies and create jobs. He co-founded and manages Sentala, a wildlife conservation foundation using cutting-edge technology to protect our planet. He currently serves our country as an intelligence officer in the Navy Reserve with firsthand experience in national security and foreign policy. Riley studied international relations at Princeton, where he led the men's rugby program, and earned a Master of Public Policy from Oxford as an Eisenhower Scholar.

Riley is running for Congress to deliver results, not rhetoric. He will fight for affordable housing, congressional term limits and stock trading bans, expanded business tax credits for paid maternity leave, support for the Great Salt Lake, and social media age verification to protect our kids.

He is not a career politician and does not accept corporate PAC money.

Congressional District 1

Babak “Bobby” Darvish

NO PROFILE SUBMITTED

Congressional District 2

Peter Crosby

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Providence

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 14

AGE 41

OCCUPATION Director and Project Manager



My name is Peter Crosby, and I am focused on practical solutions for the biggest challenges facing Northern Utah: an affordability crisis that touches every part of our lives, protecting the Great Salt Lake and our public lands, and directly tackling corruption in our highest institutions. I do not accept corporate PAC donations or funding from PACs aligned with foreign interests, and want to get dark money out of our political system. I believe citizens of Northern Utah deserve a representative that lives in the district, listens to their concerns, and puts the people of Utah ahead of party or the pursuit of personal power.

I am a husband, father of 3 daughters, a working professional with over 20 years of experience, and an educator rooted here in Northern Utah. I have two degrees in political science, both from Utah State University, where I am also an adjunct faculty member. I am deeply invested in ensuring the best interests of the community where I live, work, and pay taxes. I walk our communities and hold monthly in-person town halls so I can understand what you need me to help with.

I hope I can earn your trust and your vote.

Congressional District 2

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Congressional District 2

Robert Moesinger



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CITY OF RESIDENCE Ogden

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 20

AGE 34

OCCUPATION Automation Engineer

I'm not a politician--I'm an automation engineer. My job is to study manufacturing systems and interview production personnel, analyze data, and correct flaws in the system so we can achieve better results. It is vital to understand that improving outcomes depends on improving the system, both in manufacturing and politics. If a manufacturing process or electoral system rewards bad choices, lecturing people to behave differently won't make improvements stick.

I'm a normal (nerdy) Utah dad: I adore playing board games with my family, playing Ultimate Frisbee on Saturdays, and reading Brandon Sanderson with my kids. My family inspires solemn responsibility to leave a better world for the next generation. For too long, we have procrastinated addressing important problems facing our country, and I am terrified that if nothing changes, they'll inherit a country in crisis due to our poor choices.

My faith is the foundation of my moral framework. Organized worship is critical for me, because it develops the fabric of community, creates opportunities to volunteer and serve others, and teaches me the empathy to esteem my neighbor as myself. The gospel encourages us to look outwards to help one another, and to look inwards for ways to constantly improve.

Congressional District 2

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It has been the honor of my life to represent Northern Utah in Congress. Over the last three terms, I've worked to deliver real results while standing up for the values that make our state and country strong.

That means fighting Washington's reckless spending and pushing for greater fiscal discipline. It means strengthening Hill Air Force Base, supporting our servicemen and women, and making sure Utah continues to play a vital role in our national defense. It means standing up to China, bringing critical industries and supply chains back to America, and protecting our economic and national security.

I've also worked to help Utah families and small businesses keep more of what they earn. We've delivered meaningful tax relief, expanded the adoption tax credit, restored the charitable deduction, and advanced policies that help businesses invest, hire, and grow.

As Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference and a member of the Ways and Means and Budget Committees, I'm proud to give Utah a strong voice in Washington.

There is still important work ahead. I'm running for another term to keep fighting for Northern Utah, advancing conservative solutions, and building a stronger future for the next generation.

Congressional District 2

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CITY OF RESIDENCE American Fork

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 17

AGE 57

OCCUPATION Program Manager



I oppose the Box Elder data center because of the dishonesty surrounding its MIDA approval, its size, which is bigger than the city of Boston, the lack of transparency on how much water it will use (power generation alone for 9GW will take billions of gallons, which they don't tell you), and because I think the data center will be used to erode our liberty. I'm also opposed to increasing our national debt. I am for a strong national defense to protect our country. We aren't the world's policeman and we should avoid unnecessary foreign wars and entanglements. We need to recognize that we have corruption in Utah. Some MIDA board members, according to the Utah Auditor's office, are personally receiving \$25,000 or more a month from contracts they approved with their own business interests. And the corruption goes all the way to the top. Cox appointed MIDA and brought the Box Elder data center to them for approval. Remember the data center is still approved at its original 40,000 acre size. Let's change that by undoing the approval. I am committed to doing that. Send someone they don't own, and let's clean up Utah!

Congressional District 3

Kent S. Udell

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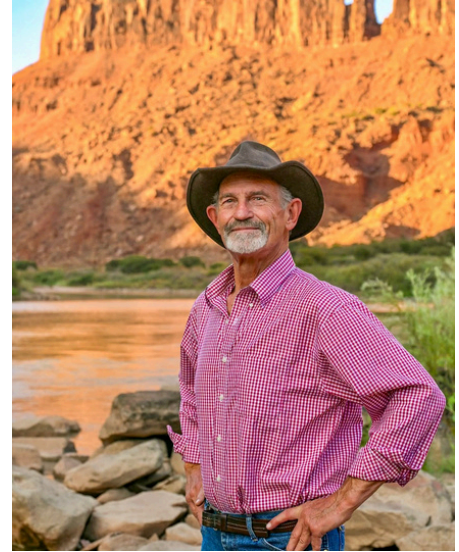
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CITY OF RESIDENCE Castle Valley

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 10

AGE 74

OCCUPATION Mechanical Engineer



Kent Stewart Udell is an engineer, outdoorsman and educator who feels called to serve America at this critical moment.

Kent's Utah roots run deep, being born, raised and educated in Utah. A descendant of Jacob Hamblin and Levi Stewart, and cousin of Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, he grew up with the values of hard work, stewardship and service. He hauled hay, drove a 10-wheeler and worked in mining before earning his PhD in Mechanical Engineering. His career took him from pioneering groundwater clean-up technology to sustainable energy to teaching ethics.

Kent was enjoying retirement in Castle Valley – where he has been river-rafting, hiking, biking, and fishing – when he decided he could no longer sit on the sidelines.

His priorities are safeguarding Utah's precious lands and water, defending the Constitution, protecting Social Security and addressing our healthcare/affordability crisis. He is calling for a moratorium on new data centers.

Dr. Udell accepts ZERO donations from corporate PACs. He believes representatives should answer to the people they serve and not the biggest donors.

Kent isn't seeking a political career. He has taken a term-limit pledge. He's answering a call to serve with a practical, principled vision that prioritizes everyday Utahns.

Congressional District 3

Cassie Easley

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Congressional District 3

Celeste Maloy

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Cedar City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 5

AGE 45

OCCUPATION Congresswoman



Congresswoman Celeste Maloy fights tirelessly for Utah in Congress, working to help families keep more of their hard-earned money, protect our water resources, defend Utah values, and hold Washington accountable.

Congresswoman Maloy was raised in a working-class family, where she learned the importance of hard work, personal responsibility, faith, and service. Those values have guided her throughout her life and continue to shape the way she serves.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Southern Utah University and her law degree from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School. Before serving in Congress, Celeste built a career solving real problems for Utahns. She worked as a deputy county attorney, a public lands attorney, a water district attorney, and Chief Legal Counsel to Congressman Chris Stewart.

Her background gives her a deep understanding of the issues that matter most to Utah: land, water, energy, agriculture, public safety, and limited government.

Congresswoman Celeste Maloy is focused on delivering results for Utah families, defending our way of life, and ensuring Utah has a trusted voice in Washington.

Congressional District 3

Ayden Scott

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YEARS OF RESIDENCE 24

AGE 26

OCCUPATION Fire Fighter Paramedic



I'm Ayden Scott, and I'm running to represent Utah's 3rd Congressional District at 26 years old working as a firefighter and paramedic, I've built my life around serving others and being there when people need help most.

I believe our communities are strongest when we listen to one another, and work together to solve the problems in front of us. Washington has too often become focused on political division and winning arguments instead of finding solutions. I believe we can do better.

My goal is to bring the same approach to Congress that I bring to my work... listen first, understand the situation, and work toward practical solutions. I want to hear directly from the people of Utah's 3rd District about their concerns, their priorities, and their hopes for the future. Whether we agree or disagree, I believe everyone deserves to be heard and represented. I'm running because public service should be about serving the people. I believe in the conservative values that built this great nation, we can and we will conserve the beauty and opportunity that has been sought for throughout the world.

Congressional District 3

Michael R. Stoddard

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Orem

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 30+ years

OCCUPATION Certified Public Accountant and Certified
Financial Planner



An Affordability Crisis is raging, the US Dollar has lost in excess of 95% of its value. The finances of the United States of America are in grave disrepair, underreported and even misreported. Federal Bond debt is more than \$40 trillion and growing beyond control. There exists greater than \$100 trillion in unreported and unfunded US debt. I will submit the following legislation: 1. The US Federal Government must submit to outside 3rd party independent audit every year. 2. US debt must be restructured (drastically reduced). 3. The US must return to sound money.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution is almost universally misunderstood by conservatives and liberals alike. The first thirteen words are integral to a complete understanding of the Founding Father's intent and its original and historical function. US Citizens have been stripped of both their Second Amendment rights and responsibilities. Under current Utah State Code most citizens are members of the State "Unorganized" militia. This is a bastardization of the first thirteen words. It requires corrective legislation at both the State and Federal levels.

We need to raise the Standard of Liberty now or our great grandchildren will lose their heritage forever.

Congressional District 3

Adonis Hooslyn

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Ogden

YEARS OF RESIDENCE Born and raised in Ogden

AGE 28

OCCUPATION Office Manager



I will fight to build a Utah and a United States where families don't just survive paycheck to paycheck, but thrive. I am determined to deliver a Utah you can afford by lowering the costs of housing and monthly bills, ensuring healthcare as a right through a Medicare for All system, and securing the future of work in the Age of AI. By rooting out corruption and demanding a government that values human life over corporate interests and foreign wars, I aim to restore power to the people, the working class with "The Golden Hands of Labor," and ensure true prosperity for every neighbor in Utah's 3rd Congressional District and every citizen of our beautiful country.

1. Affordability: Lower the costs of housing, groceries, utilities, gas, and provide a robust safety net for the people of Utah's 3rd District and the United States of America.
2. Healthcare: Transition to a Medicare 4 All System.
3. Jobs & AI: Protect & Create jobs while regulating the development of AI.
4. Corruption: Demand justice for the victims of Epstein, seek a transparent investigation, & oppose the use of taxpayer funds for foreign wars & human atrocities.

Congressional District 4

Taylor Wright

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CITY OF RESIDENCE West Jordan

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 1

AGE 39

OCCUPATION Physical Education Teacher & Direct Care
Provider



Taylor Wright is a defender of freedom and individual liberty. He believes America is strongest when people are free to live their lives, build businesses, raise families, and pursue their dreams without unnecessary government interference.

Running as a Libertarian, Taylor stands for free markets, free trade, personal responsibility, and peace. He believes government should protect individual rights—not continually expand its reach into the lives of the people it serves.

Taylor is a public school teacher and has spent the past seven years working with adults with special needs outside of teaching. His career has been dedicated to serving others, building stronger communities, and helping people reach their potential.

Taylor is also passionate about personal growth and self-development. Through his Saving Humanity Podcast, he brings people together around ideas that inspire individuals to become healthier, stronger, and more fulfilled.

Taylor will stand against government overreach, unnecessary wars, unconstitutional tariffs, and the concentration of power in Washington, while working to restore power to states, communities, and individuals.

Taylor Wright is running to bring a message of freedom, opportunity, and prosperity to Utah.

Congressional District 4

Jonny Larsen

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 41 years

AGE 44

OCCUPATION IT professional



Jonny Larsen served in the United States Marine Corps from 2000-2004. He witnessed the attack on the Pentagon and later stood honor guard at Ground Zero in NYC. He deployed twice to Iraq, first to Baghdad where his battalion tore down Saddam's statue, returning again to fight in the battle of Husaybah.

The Democratic Party needs leadership with a spine. Jonny is a Blue Dog Democrat and believes in fiscal responsibility and national security. He will focus on the 90% we all agree on instead of fighting over the 10% we don't.

Jonny will vote to ban Congress and other federal officials from stock trading and to overturn Citizens United. He'll fight to take care of our service members, liveable wages for families, union protections, affordable childcare and healthcare, fair markets and the right to repair for farmers and ranchers, protect veterans' earned benefits and social security, and make sure public lands stay in public hands.

Utah deserves someone who has truly lived these struggles. The military teaches that no matter where we're from or what we believe, we will always have each other's six and never leave anyone behind. Jonny will bring that mindset to Congress for all Utahns.

Congressional District 4

Steven Burt

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CITY OF RESIDENCE South Jordan

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 37

AGE 46

OCCUPATION Attorney



I was born and raised in District 4 (South Jordan), where I live with my family today. I am the only candidate who lives in District 4. I am an attorney with nearly 20 years of experience and a practice that includes significant pro bono service and ten years working on clean energy policy.

I am running unaffiliated because too many Utahns feel poorly represented by a political system that puts party interests ahead of solving problems. I believe our representative should answer to the people of Utah's 4th Congressional District, not a political party.

My priorities include making life more affordable by prioritizing tax relief for ordinary Americans and restoring Congress's constitutional role as the People's voice; pursuing practical immigration reform that secures the border, focuses enforcement on dangerous criminals, and respects human dignity; advancing common-sense energy policies that support economic growth; and rooting out corruption in the federal government.

Government works best when it respects constitutional principles including individual liberty, federalism, separation of powers, limited government, and the rule of law.

Congressional District 4

Mike Kennedy

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Congressman Mike Kennedy is serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Before Congress, he spent ten years in Utah's State Legislature, representing communities across Utah County and earning a reputation as a principled conservative willing to tackle tough issues, have thoughtful conversations, and stand up for Utah families.

Dr. Kennedy practiced family medicine in Utah County for more than two decades. Early in his medical career, after seeing firsthand how complicated laws and regulations affected patients and doctors, he attended law school part-time and earned his law degree while continuing to practice medicine full-time. Mike also spent years volunteering his time to provide free medical care to uninsured families.

In Utah's Legislature, Kennedy built a record protecting life, defending constitutional freedoms, delivering tax relief, reducing unnecessary regulations, and expanding opportunities for families and small businesses.

In Congress, Kennedy is focused on lowering costs, restoring fiscal discipline, keeping America safe, strengthening American energy production to lower costs, and defending the freedoms that make Utah strong and America great.

Mike and his wife, Katrina, have been married for more than 30 years. They live in Utah County and are the proud parents of eight children and twelve grandchildren.

Utah Senate

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	Doug Fiefia	Republican	Dougfiefia.com • Vote@dougfiefia.com
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	Richard S Robillard	Democratic	

Utah House

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STATEWIDE BALLOT QUESTIONS

What exactly are ballot questions?

Utah law allows for people to vote on issues, including constitutional amendments and initiatives. Initiatives that qualify for the ballot become numbered propositions.

Constitutional amendments propose changes to the Utah Constitution. Any change to the constitution requires approval by voters of Utah.

How do questions end up on the ballot?

Constitutional amendments begin as bills in the Utah State Legislature. If two-thirds of all members elected to both the House and Senate vote in favor of the bill, it is placed on the ballot for Utah voters to decide. If more than half of Utah voters vote in favor of an amendment, the Utah Constitution is amended.

Who wrote the information about the questions?

The Office of Legislative Research and General Council drafts the titles of constitutional amendments that appear on the ballot.

The presiding officers of the Legislature prepare a fiscal impact estimate prior to signature gathering. The presiding officers write an analysis of each measure.

What's on my ballot?

Constitutional Amendment A

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to change how proposed constitutional amendments are published, requiring publication for 60 days immediately before the general election in a manner established by state law instead of in newspapers?

If voters approve Constitutional Amendment A, state statute would change to require the Lieutenant Governor to publish the full text of all proposed constitutional amendments and other ballot questions from the Legislature, on the Utah Public Notice Website and on the Lieutenant Governor's website for 60 days immediately before the general election.

Constitutional Amendment B

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to require that citizen-proposed laws that increase taxes compared to existing law be approved by at least 60% of voters, instead of a simple majority?

Constitutional Amendment A

Ballot Title

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to change how proposed constitutional amendments are published, requiring publication for 60 days immediately before the general election in a manner established by state law instead of in newspapers?

If voters approve Constitutional Amendment A, state statute would change to require the Lieutenant Governor to publish the full text of all proposed constitutional amendments and other ballot questions from the Legislature, on the Utah Public Notice Website and on the Lieutenant Governor's website for 60 days immediately before the general election.

Legislative Votes

Utah Senate:

29 Yes 0 No 0 Not Present

Utah House:

70 Yes 0 No 5 Not Present

Bill Title & Session

2025 Legislative General Session

House Joint Resolution ([H.J.R.](#)) [10](#)

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Publication Amendments

Impartial Analysis

Current Provisions of the Utah Constitution

Under the Utah Constitution, the Legislature may propose a constitutional amendment with a two-thirds vote in each house. The proposed amendment is then submitted to voters at a general election for approval or rejection.

Before the election, the Constitution requires the Legislature to publish the proposed amendment in a newspaper in each county for two months.

Effect of Constitutional Amendment A

Constitutional Amendment A would require publication of a proposed constitutional amendment for 60 calendar days immediately before the general election in a manner set by state law rather than requiring publication in newspapers for two months immediately before the general election.

Constitutional Amendment A would not change how constitutional amendments are proposed or approved by voters.

Implementing Legislation

If voters approve Constitutional Amendment A, H.B. 481, Ballot Proposition Requirements, enacted during the 2025 General Session, will take effect. H.B. 481 requires the Lieutenant Governor to publish the full text of all proposed constitutional amendments and other ballot questions from the Legislature, on the Utah Public Notice Website and on the Lieutenant Governor's website for 60 calendar days immediately before the general election.

Fiscal Effects

If approved, Constitutional Amendment A, together with H.B. 481, could reduce state costs by up to \$1.4 million every two years, based on recent estimates. The savings from changing the publication requirement for proposed constitutional amendments from newspapers to publicly operated websites would vary depending on the length of each proposed constitutional amendment and newspaper publication rates.

Argument in Favor

The Utah Constitution currently requires public notices about constitutional amendments and statewide initiatives to be published in print newspapers in all 29 counties. While that made sense when newspapers were the primary source of information, most Utahns now rely on digital sources, mobile devices, and online platforms to stay informed.

Amendment A updates Utah's public notice requirements to reflect how people access information today while preserving transparency and public awareness. Utah taxpayers currently spend approximately \$800,000 to publish these notices in newspapers statewide. Despite that expense, print notices are increasingly unlikely to reach the broad audience they once did. Amendment A allows Utah to use modern publication methods that can better connect voters with important election information while reducing unnecessary costs.

What Amendment A Does:

- Modernizes Utah's public notices to utilize the most up-to-date and effective communication methods.
- Maintains the Constitution's 60-day public notice period before general elections.
- Improves accessibility for voters throughout Utah.
- Allows publication methods to adapt as technology evolves.
- Saves taxpayers approximately \$800,000 in publication costs.
- Keeps voters informed while maintaining transparency.

Public notice is only effective if people can easily find and review it. Amendment A ensures information about proposed constitutional amendments remains widely available while allowing state law to use communication methods that reflect how Utahns receive information today. Amendment A does not eliminate public notice. It updates how public notice is delivered. By modernizing an outdated constitutional requirement, Utah can maintain transparency, improve accessibility and save taxpayer dollars.

A FOR vote on Amendment A supports a public notice process designed for today's Utah voters while preserving the Constitution's requirement that voters receive notice before a general election.

Join us in voting **FOR** Amendment A.

Rep. Anthony Loubet
Sen. Daniel McCay

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

Because Amendment A was adopted unanimously by the Legislature, no rebuttal to the argument in favor of Amendment A was submitted.

Argument Against

Because Amendment A was adopted unanimously by the Legislature, no argument against Amendment A was submitted.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment A

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Publication Amendments

2025 General Session

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE XXIII, SECTION 1

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article XXIII, Section 1 to read

Article XXIII, Section 1. [Amendments: proposal, election.]

Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either house of the Legislature, and if two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses, shall vote in favor thereof, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their respective journals with the yeas and nays taken thereon; and the Legislature shall cause the same to be published ~~in at least one newspaper in every county of the state, where a newspaper is published, for two months, in a manner provided by statute, for 60 calendar days~~ immediately preceding the next general election, at which time the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the electors of the state for their approval or rejection, and if a majority of the electors voting thereon shall approve the same, such amendment or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

The revision or amendment of an entire article or the addition of a new article to this Constitution may be proposed as a single amendment and may be submitted to the electors as a single question or proposition. Such amendment may relate to one subject, or any number of subjects, and may modify, or repeal provisions contained in other articles of the Constitution, if such provisions are germane to the subject matter of the article being revised, amended or being proposed as a new article.

Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

Constitutional Amendment B

Ballot Title

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to require that citizen-proposed laws that increase taxes compared to existing law be approved by at least 60% of voters, instead of a simple majority?

Legislative Votes

Utah Senate:

21 Yes 8 No 0 Not Present

Utah House:

55 Yes 17 No 3 Not Present

Bill Title & Session

2025 Legislative General Session

Senate Joint Resolution ([S.J.R.](#)) [2](#)

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Statewide Initiatives

Impartial Analysis

Current Constitutional Provision

The Utah Constitution allows voters to propose and pass a state law through a statewide initiative. Statewide initiatives are voted on by the people, and most are approved if a majority (more than half) of voters approve the measure; however, statewide initiatives related to the taking of wildlife require approval by two-thirds of voters.

Effect of Constitutional Amendment B

Constitutional Amendment B would increase the voter approval required for statewide initiatives that increase taxes compared to existing law.

Statewide initiatives voted on after November 1, 2026, would require approval by at least 60% of voters if the statewide initiative:

- Creates a new tax;
- Expands an existing tax to cover additional items or transactions;
- Increases an existing tax rate; or
- Changes a property tax rate in a way that results in a smaller decrease in the property tax rate than would occur under existing law.

Constitutional Amendment B would not change the vote required to approve any other type of statewide initiative.

Fiscal Effects

Enactment of Constitutional Amendment B likely would not materially impact current state revenues or expenditures.

Argument in Favor

Amendment B asks: How easy should it be for your neighbor to raise your taxes?

Amendment B would require only statewide ballot initiatives that create new taxes, increase existing taxes or expand existing taxes to receive at least 60% voter approval before becoming law.

Why Amendment B Matters

- Taxes affect every Utahn, shaping family budgets, retirement income, businesses, housing costs, the cost of living, and the state's economy.
- Because tax increases affect all Utahns, they should be adopted only if there is substantial support from the voters who ultimately pay them.
- Amendment B requires stronger voter agreement before new taxes are approved.

What Amendment B Does

- Requires statewide tax-increasing ballot initiatives to receive at least 60% voter approval before becoming law.
- Preserves Utah's citizen initiative process and voters' ability to propose measures on the ballot.
- Keeps the decision in the hands of Utah voters.

Accountability and Tax Policy

The Utah Constitution will still protect the right to propose initiatives, place measures on the ballot and vote directly on public policy questions. Initiatives that increase taxes, however, deserve extra consideration because they directly affect every Utah taxpayer. Amendment B would ensure broad community support for potential tax increases.

If elected officials vote to raise taxes, voters know and can hold them accountable at the ballot box.

Taxes imposed by elected bodies can be reversed by new legislators at any time, but statewide initiatives operate differently. They are drafted only by proponents of the increase, there is no public input in the details, and cannot be revised or adjusted once passed, other than by another costly initiative. Tax increases have long-term consequences for family budgets and the economy, and should require broader public support before becoming law.

A Higher Bar for Higher Taxes

The higher approval threshold is a meaningful and achievable standard. Utah voters have supported funding measures when they believed the benefits justified the costs, and many have received well over 60% of the vote.

Amendment B does not prevent initiatives with new taxes or tax increases from succeeding. It simply requires proponents to persuade a broader share of voters that a proposed tax increase is necessary and beneficial before asking taxpayers to pay more from their family budgets.

Protecting Utah's Decision-Making

Amendment B ensures major tax changes demonstrate broad support among Utah voters. Requiring a 60% vote encourages proponents to build support across communities, regions and political viewpoints before a tax increase becomes law.

The Choice Belongs to Utah Voters

Any proposal that will take more money from Utah families, workers and businesses should have widespread agreement from the people who will pay for it.

Amendment B provides that safeguard by requiring statewide tax-related ballot initiatives earn 60% voter approval before becoming law. The amendment does not prevent voters from approving tax hikes they support. It simply ensures proposals affecting taxpayers statewide have broad backing before they take effect.

A vote **FOR** on Amendment B means higher standards for higher taxes.

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Rep. Jason Kyle

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

Amendment B (SJR 2) asks: Should elected officials have more power than you?

The argument for Amendment B (SJR 2) is built on the lie that Utah voters cannot be trusted to make decisions about taxes unless politicians raise the bar.

Utahns already weigh the costs and benefits of ballot initiatives before voting. Requiring 60% approval for tax-related initiatives does not create accountability. It creates an unequal system where voters face stricter rules than the Legislature itself. Lawmakers can raise taxes with a simple majority. **The people should have that same power.**

Supporters of Amendment B (SJR 2) claim initiatives lack public input, but citizen-led initiatives are among the most public forms of lawmaking. They require collecting thousands of signatures, organizing across the state, and persuading a majority of voters. That is direct democracy in action.

Amendment B (SJR 2) also creates a dangerous precedent. It carves out one category of policy and subjects it to a higher standard, opening the door for future lawmakers to chip away at the initiative process issue by issue. Today it is taxes. Tomorrow it could be redistricting, healthcare, education, or public safety.

This amendment is not about protecting taxpayers. It is about protecting legislative power. Utah's Constitution gives citizens the right to act when their government will not. Amendment B (SJR 2) weakens that right.

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT B (SJR 2).

Senator Luz Escamilla & Representative Angela Romero

Argument Against

Vote NO on SJR 2.

SJR 2 is an attack on ballot initiatives and our constitutional ability to govern ourselves.

Utahns deserve the same rules that apply to their elected officials. The Utah Constitution protects the people's power to reform their government and make laws directly through the initiative process. SJR 2 would make that process harder by requiring 60% voter approval for certain citizen initiatives, setting a precedent that could eventually change the entire initiative process. The Legislature can often pass similar measures with a simple majority; voters should be held to the same standard. Utah's initiative process exists so that citizens can act when they believe the government has failed to do so. We should not make that constitutional right harder to use. **Do not be fooled, this is a power grab.**

Vote NO on SJR 2.

Senator Luz Escamilla & Representative Angela Romero

Rebuttal to Argument Against

Amendment B is straightforward: before outside interests can raise your taxes through a ballot initiative, they should have to convince a broad majority of Utahns — not just 50% plus one.

The opposition calls this a “power grab” But the only power Amendment B limits is the ability of well-funded campaigns — often backed by out-of-state interests — to increase taxes on every Utah family with a razor-thin majority. That's not a power grab. That's protection.

Amendment B does not eliminate the initiative process or restrict anyone's right to vote. It simply requires that measures raising taxes earn 60% support before they take effect. Other states have learned this lesson the hard way: bare-majority tax initiatives have passed with narrow support, locked in lasting tax increases that proved nearly impossible to reverse, and left families and businesses paying the price for years. Utah can choose a better standard.

Yes, Amendment B sets a higher bar for ballot initiatives than for the legislature — and that's exactly the point. Legislators who raise your taxes face voters at the next election. They can be replaced. A tax increase passed by initiative faces no such accountability: it is drafted solely by its proponents, bypasses the normal legislative process, and once passed, can only be undone by another costly campaign. A less accountable process deserves a higher threshold. That's not unfair; that's common sense.

Amendment B protects your voice, your vote and your wallet.

Vote FOR on Amendment B.

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore

Rep. Jason Kyle

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment B

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Statewide Initiatives

2025 General Session

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1

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Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 1 to read

Article VI, Section 1 Effective 11/23/26. [Power vested in Senate, House, and People.]

(1) The Legislative power of the State shall be vested in:

(a) a Senate and House of Representatives which shall be designated the Legislature of the State of Utah; and

(b) the people of the State of Utah as provided in Subsection (2).

(2)(a)(i) The legal voters of the State of Utah, in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute, may:

(A) initiate any desired legislation and cause it to be submitted to the people for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute; or

(B) require any law passed by the Legislature, except those laws passed by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, to be submitted to the voters of the State, as provided by statute, before the law may take effect.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), legislation initiated to allow, limit, or prohibit the taking of wildlife or the season for or method of taking wildlife shall be adopted upon approval of two-thirds of those voting.

(iii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), initiated legislation that is subject to a vote that occurs after November 1, 2026, shall be adopted upon approval of at least 60% of those voting on the legislation if the initiated legislation includes:

(A) the imposition of a new tax;

(B) an expansion of an existing tax to include additional items or transactions subject to the tax;

(C) an increase in an existing tax rate; or

(D) for a property tax, a change to the tax rate that causes the tax rate to decrease less than it would under current law.

(b) The legal voters of any county, city, or town, in the numbers, under the conditions, in the manner, and within the time provided by statute, may:

(i) initiate any desired legislation and cause it to be submitted to the people of the county, city, or town for adoption upon a majority vote of those voting on the legislation, as provided by statute; or

(ii) require any law or ordinance passed by the law making body of the county, city, or town to be submitted to the voters thereof, as provided by statute, before the law or ordinance may take effect.

Section 2. **Submittal to voters.**

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. **Contingent effective date.**

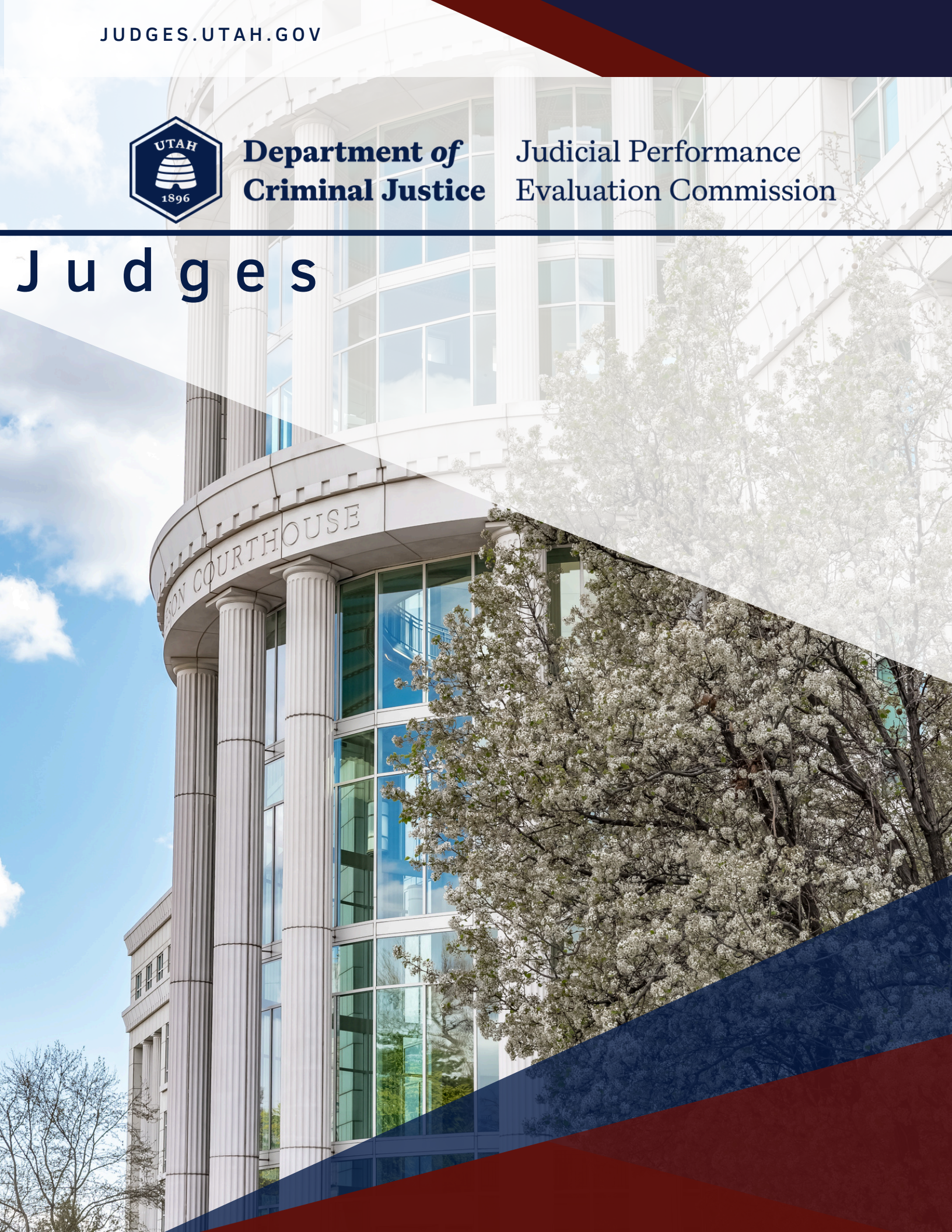
If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on November 23, 2026.



**Department of
Criminal Justice**

**Judicial Performance
Evaluation Commission**

J u d g e s





HOW DOES UTAH CHOOSE JUDGES?

The Utah Constitution states: "Selection of judges shall be based solely upon consideration of fitness for office without regard to any partisan political consideration." To fulfill this mandate, Utah selects its state court judges through a process called Merit Selection.

Merit Selection involves four steps: 1) nomination, 2) appointment, 3) confirmation, and 4) retention election. A committee of lawyers and non-lawyers selected by the Governor reviews judicial applications, conducts interviews, and then nominates the five best-qualified applicants for each trial court judgeship and the seven best-qualified applicants for each appellate court judgeship. The Governor then interviews all nominees and appoints one, who must then be confirmed by a majority of the Utah State Senate.

After confirmation and the first three years of service, the new judge's name appears on the ballot for a "yes" or "no" retention vote by the public to determine whether the judge may serve another term of office. Supreme Court justices serve 10-year terms; all other judges serve six-year terms.

Why does Utah use Merit Selection? This method of selecting judges is widely considered the best way to balance the need for judges to be accountable to the public with the equally important need for the judiciary to function independently. Judges serve the public and should answer to the public. That's why Utah has retention elections – to give every citizen the right to weigh in on judges. Of equal importance, though, every judge must resolve disputes impartially and make decisions based only on the facts and the law. To do so, judges must be insulated from public pressure and politics. That's why all judicial candidates are non-partisan and why Utah does not have contested elections for judgeships.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS?

- If a judge seeks an additional term of office, the Utah Constitution requires that the judge run in a retention election. In that election, a simple majority of "yes" votes earns the judge another term in office.
- The retention election helps keep judges independent by insulating them from partisan politics. At the same time, by allowing every voter to weigh in, the election process ensures that judges remain accountable to the public. To cast an informed vote, the public can first read about the judges either in the Voter Information Pamphlet or online at judges.utah.gov or vote.utah.gov.

HOW DOES UTAH EVALUATE ITS JUDGES?

- The Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission is an independent, 13-member group of lawyers and non-lawyers. Each of the three branches of government appoints an equal number of its members.
- The Commission must by law evaluate all judges twice during their terms of office. The first evaluation gives the judges the opportunity for self-improvement. The second evaluation gives the public information to use in casting their votes. As part of the second evaluation, the Commission votes on whether or not to recommend the judge for another term in office. Sometimes, the votes will not total 13. This happens when a commissioner does not vote because of personal or professional relationships with a judge that could affect an unbiased evaluation or when a commissioner is absent from the meeting at which the vote is taken...



- The evaluation includes several elements. Online surveys are sent to attorneys, court staff, and jurors. In addition, trained courtroom observers spend a minimum of two hours in each judge's courtroom and submit written reports of their observations on each judge. Each judge must also meet ethical standards as well as court standards for judicial education, timeliness, and fitness to serve. Finally, the Commission considers comments submitted to judges.utah.gov from members of the public who have first-hand experience with a judge. The Commission considers all this information, and then each commissioner casts a vote either for or against recommending the judge for another term of office.
- By law, judges have the right to see the results of their evaluation before making the decision to run for another term of office in a judicial retention election. If the judge chooses to run for retention election, the report on the judge is made available to the public in the Voter Information Pamphlet and online at judges.utah.gov. If the judge chooses not to run for retention election, the evaluation is, by law, a protected record.

WHAT CRITERIA MUST A JUDGE MEET TO "MEET OR EXCEED MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS?"

If a judge meets the eight performance standards in the table below, it is presumed that the Commission will recommend that the voters retain the judge for another term of office. If the judge fails to meet the standards, it is presumed that the Commission will not recommend retention. If the Commission does not go along with a presumption or chooses to make no retention recommendation at all, it must explain in detail the reasons for its action.

WHAT ABOUT JUSTICE COURT JUDGES?

Justice court judges are selected through a merit selection process roughly similar to state court judges, except that the appointing authority is the municipality or county rather than the governor. Justice court judges serve six-year terms of office and stand for retention elections like state court judges. Justice courts vary widely in terms of case loads and the numbers of attorneys appearing in the court. Based on this variation, there are three levels of evaluations to which a justice court judge may be subject.

- Full evaluation: These justice court judges preside over the courts with the highest caseloads and are thus subject to the same standards and evaluation measures as state court judges (#1-8 below).
- Mid-level evaluation: These justice court judges preside over medium-sized courts where fewer attorneys appear regularly. The mid-level evaluation includes interviews with court users, including litigants and those who accompany them to court, attorneys, court staff, interpreters, bailiffs and others. These judges must also meet judicial discipline standard (#5 below) and performance standards established by the Judicial Council (#6- 8 below).
- Basic evaluation: These justice court judges preside over the smallest courts in Utah. They must meet judicial discipline standard (#5 below) and performance standards established by the Judicial Council (#6-8 below). Seven justice court judges on the ballot received a basic evaluation in 2022. Some justice court judges have multiple courts and retention election years. For these judges, JPEC selects one retention election year as the "controlling cycle" and conducts its evaluations as if all the judge's courts had the same election year. As a consequence, JPEC reuses a judge's prior evaluation for this year's election for a small number of judges.



	Performance Criteria	Performance Standard
1.	Legal Ability: • demonstrates understanding of the substantive law and any relevant rules of procedure and evidence; • attends to factual and legal issues before the court; • adheres to precedent and clearly explains departures from precedent; • grasps the practical impact on the parties of the judge's rulings, including the effect of delay and increased litigation expense; • writes clear judicial opinions; and • explains clearly the legal basis for judicial opinions.	The judge must earn an average score of 3.6 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5.
2.	Judicial Temperament & Integrity: • demonstrates courtesy toward court participants; • maintains decorum in the courtroom; • demonstrates judicial demeanor and personal attributes that promote public trust and confidence in the judicial system; • demonstrates preparedness for oral argument; • avoids impropriety or the appearance of impropriety; • displays fairness and impartiality toward all parties; and • communicates clearly, including the ability to explain the basis for written rulings, court procedures, and decisions.	
3.	Administrative Performance: • manages workload effectively; • shares proportionally the workload within the court or district; and • issues opinions and orders without unnecessary delay.	
4.	Judicial Discipline: whether the judge has been subject to any instances of public discipline by the Utah Supreme Court.	The judge must have no more than one public reprimand issued by the Utah Supreme Court during the judge's current term.



	Performance Criteria	Performance Standard
5.	Procedural Fairness (which focuses on the treatment judges accord people in their courts): • Neutrality: ◦ displays fairness and impartiality to all court participants; ◦ acts as a fair and principled decision maker who applies rules consistently across court participants and cases; ◦ explains how rules are applied and how decisions are reached; ◦ and listens carefully and impartially; • Respect: ◦ treats all people with dignity; ◦ helps interested parties understand decisions and what the parties must do as a result; ◦ demonstrates adequate preparation to hear scheduled cases; ◦ acts in the interest of the parties, not out of demonstrated personal prejudices; ◦ demonstrates awareness of the effect of delay on court participants; ◦ demonstrates interest in the needs, problems, and concerns of court participants; • Voice: ◦ gives parties the opportunity, where appropriate, to give voice to their perspectives or situations and demonstrates that they have been heard; ◦ behaves in a manner that demonstrates full consideration of the case as presented through witnesses, arguments, pleadings, and other documents; ◦ and attends, where appropriate, to the participants' comprehension of the proceedings.	The JPEC commissioner must decide if the evidence demonstrates, by the totality of the circumstances, that the judge's conduct in court promotes procedural fairness at a level commensurate with the standard set forth for the scored minimum performance standards on the survey – a 3.6 on a scale of 1 to 5;
6.	Judicial Education: whether the judge has met continuing education requirements.	The Judicial Council must certify the judge has met this standard.
7.	Timeliness: whether the judge has met time requirements for ruling on cases taken under advisement.	
8.	Physical and mental competence: whether the judge is fit for office.	



Honorable Jeri Allphin

Locations Served: Daggett County Justice Court - Manila

Counties Served: Daggett

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Performance Standards

Justice court judges who receive a basic evaluation are required to meet four minimum performance standards. The Utah Judicial Council has certified to the Commission that Judge Jeri Allphin met the following standards:

1. The judge participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of her current term;
2. The judge met the time standards established for all cases held under advisement; and
3. The judge was determined to be physically and mentally competent for office.

In addition, Judge Allphin has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during their term of office, thus meeting the performance standard established by the Utah Legislature. Based solely on compliance with these standards, the Commission recommends retention for Judge Allphin.

Biography

Judge Jeri L. Allphin was appointed to the Daggett County Justice Court in January 2022. Judge Allphin earned her Juris Doctor from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1998. Following graduation, she served as a law clerk in the Fourth District Court from 1998 to 1999. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Utah Valley University in 1995, graduating summa cum laude as the valedictorian of the University's first bachelor's degree class. After law school, Judge Allphin practiced with the Esplin & Weight Law Firm, where she focused on family law, criminal defense, business law, and bankruptcy matters. In 2003, she joined Utah Valley University as their Alumni Director and later advanced to serve as Senior Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, a position she held until 2016. During this time, she also maintained a private law practice. Judge Allphin and her husband, Don Allphin of Orem, Utah, have four children and 12 grandchildren. They moved to Manila, Daggett County, to retire and enjoy the area's beautiful scenery and outdoor activities. In her free time, Judge Allphin enjoys knitting, quilting, cooking, and traveling.



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Honorable Matthew Bates

Court: Salt Lake City District Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

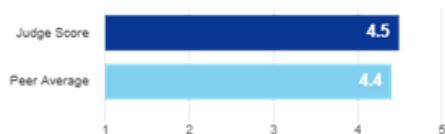
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 91% of survey respondents recommend Judge Bates for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers find Judge Bates to be informative and willing to provide information and ensure understanding of those in court.
 - Both groups value his respectful approach on the bench, describing him as friendly and approachable.
 - Observers appreciate the judge's consideration of defendants' situations and circumstances.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Bates' court.

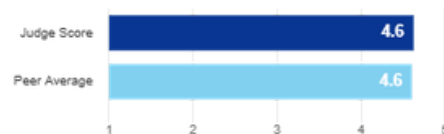
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

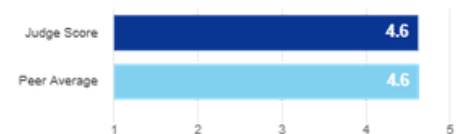
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Matthew Bates was appointed to the Utah Third District Court by Governor Gary R. Herbert in July 2016. He serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Prior to his appointment, Judge Bates served as the Chief Prosecutor in the Summit County Attorney's Office. He previously worked for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office and in the Litigation and Criminal Appeals Divisions of the Utah Attorney General's Office. Judge Bates graduated cum laude with a juris doctorate from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2003.



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Honorable Steven K. Beck

Court: Salt Lake County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

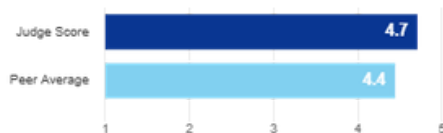
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 100% of survey respondents recommend Judge Beck for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents find Judge Beck to be a particularly capable judge and applaud his dedication to, and knowledge of, the law.
 - One respondent said that he "seems to do everything exceedingly well."
 - Respondents say the judge is prepared and efficient as well as attentive and thorough before making decisions. They, along with courtroom observers, appreciate his neutrality, steady temperament, and compassion for those in court.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Beck's court.

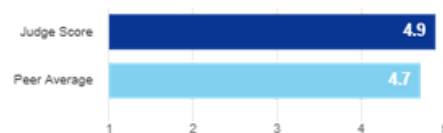
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

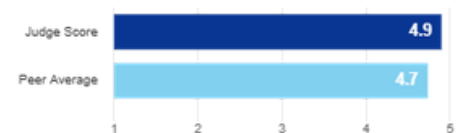
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Steven K. Beck was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in July 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Beck earned a B.S. degree in Political Science and degrees of Master of Public Administration and Juris Doctor from the University of Utah where he received the S. J. Quinney College of Law Outstanding Achievement Award in Juvenile Justice. From 2005 until 2015, he prosecuted delinquency cases in juvenile court for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office and from 2015 until his appointment to the bench, Judge Beck defended youth as a member of Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys. Judge Beck is a former chair of the Utah Board of Juvenile Court Judges and is vice chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.



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Honorable Matthew Bell

Court: Cedar City District Court

Counties Served: Beaver, Iron, Washington

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

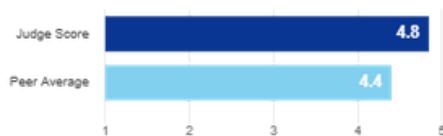
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 100% of survey respondents recommend Judge Bell for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Well Above Peers: Administrative Skills
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, and Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents describe Judge Bell as a fair-minded but firm judge, and they appreciate how he balances showing compassion for people's needs with holding them accountable to the law. They further value his preparedness, calendar management, and understanding of the law.
 - One said that the judge "really is the gold standard that I believe District Court Judges should follow."
 - Courtroom observers find the judge to be respectful of court participants and they, along with survey respondents, admire his neutrality and clear communication.
 - Four of the five observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Bell's court, but the fifth expressed doubts in a trial setting.

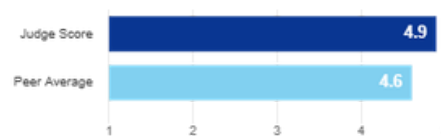
Performance Comparison

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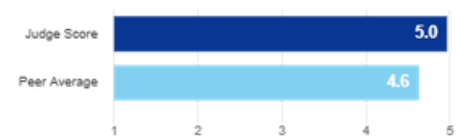
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Matthew L. Bell was appointed to the Fifth District Court in September 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves Beaver, Iron, and Washington Counties. Prior to his appointment, Judge Bell worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Utah and as a Trial Attorney in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He graduated magna cum laude from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2003. Prior to law school, he served as a police officer in St. George, Utah.



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Honorable Chris Bown

Locations Served: Riverton Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

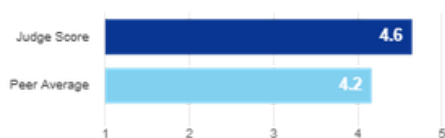
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 95% of survey respondents recommend Judge Bown for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Above peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Procedural Fairness
 - Consistent with peers: Administrative Skills
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents describe the judge as "fair and effective" and as one who promotes public trust and confidence.
 - Respondents and courtroom observers applaud his kind and courteous demeanor.
 - Observers value the judge's sensitivity to the situations and circumstances of court participants.
 - All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Bown's court.

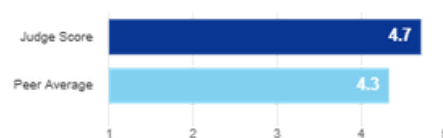
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

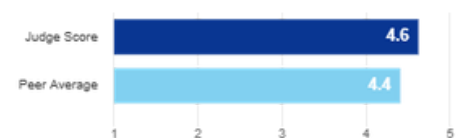
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Christopher G. Bown was appointed to the Taylorsville Justice Court in May 2021, and the Riverton Justice Court in February 2023. Judge Bown received a degree in political science from Brigham Young University in 1996. Before attending law school, he was a court clerk for the Third District Court. He graduated from the University of Utah Law School in 2001. After receiving his Juris Doctor, Judge Bown, upon graduating, was employed as a Deputy District Attorney at the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office until 2013. While there, he handled many types of cases, including a number of high-profile cases, and considered his time as the assigned prosecutor in the Third District Court one of the highlights of his career. In 2013, Judge Bown became a criminal defense attorney and eventually joined the firm of Stowell, Crayk and Bown, PLLC as a partner until his appointment to the bench.



Honorable Brian E. Brower

Locations Served: Morgan County Justice Court, Sunset Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2015, Judge Brower received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. He presented as highly professional, notably in his ability to communicate well with all parties in court and in a courteous demeanor. The judge also demonstrated thoroughness and neutrality and held others accountable. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Brian E. Brower was appointed to the Clearfield City Justice Court in August 2015 and to the Sunset City and Morgan County Justice Courts in December 2016. Judge Brower earned a Bachelor's degree in English Literature with a minor in Criminal Justice from Weber State University. He then graduated from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. Upon graduation and passing the bar, Judge Brower was hired as a Deputy County Attorney for the Weber County Attorney's Office. He later served as both the Murray City Prosecutor as well as the Layton City Prosecutor before being appointed as Clearfield's City Attorney in 2007. He served as City Attorney for eight years prior to appointment as the City's Justice Court Judge.



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Honorable Craig M. Bunnell

Court: Carbon County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

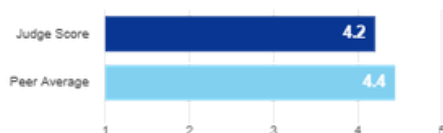
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 92% of survey respondents recommend Judge Bunnell for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers praise Judge Bunnell's patient, caring approach to youth and the genuine value he places upon them.
 - Observers admire the empowering courtroom environment he creates for juveniles.
 - While some respondents specify that the judge is fair, a few say that he should strive for more consistent neutrality.
 - Survey results suggest that he should improve his legal skills.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Bunnell's court.

Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

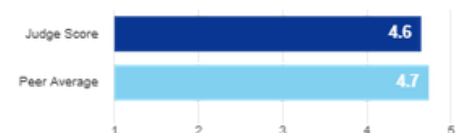
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Craig M. Bunnell was appointed to serve as a Juvenile Court Judge for the Seventh Judicial District in July 2016, and is currently the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge for Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties. Judge Bunnell presides over child-welfare, juvenile-justice, and other juvenile-related cases and proceedings. Since his appointment to the bench, he has served two terms on the Utah Board of Juvenile Court Judges and currently serves on the Child Welfare Court Improvement Training Steering Committee. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Bunnell practiced law in numerous counties and districts throughout the state, focusing on several areas of the law. The majority of his previous work was in the juvenile court arena as an attorney-GAL, GAL/PGAL training- facilitator, and administrator with the Utah Office of Guardian ad Litem. Judge Bunnell received his J.D Degree from the University of Utah ('89), B.S. and M.S. Degrees from Brigham Young University ('84, '86), and A.S. Degree from the College of Eastern Utah ('81).



Honorable Jon R. Carpenter

Locations Served: East Carbon City Municipal Justice Court, Emery County Justice Court

Counties Served: Carbon

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2014, Judge Carpenter received positive reviews from the observer and nearly all respondents. The judge presented a polite, sensitive demeanor and demonstrated respectful treatment of court participants. He also conveyed sound communication skills to ensure those in court received clear information and understood what to do. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Jon Carpenter was appointed to the Carbon County and Wellington City Justice Courts in May 2014 and to the East Carbon Justice Court in January 2017. Judge Carpenter received a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a law degree from Creighton University. After law school, Judge Carpenter served as a law clerk in the Utah Seventh District. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Carpenter practiced at a private law firm providing a wide range of legal services. Judge Carpenter is currently a member of the Board of Justice Court Judges.



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Honorable Augustus G. Chin

Locations Served: Holladay Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 98% of survey respondents recommend Judge Chin for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents praise Judge Chin as particularly skilled, highlighting his legal acumen and diligent, orderly manner. One called him "the epitome of fairness."
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers applaud his respectful, cordial demeanor, finding him to be caring but also firm, and both find that he communicates clearly.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Chin's court.

Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Augustus G. Chin was appointed to the Holladay Justice Court in 2011. The Holladay Justice Court serves the cities of Holladay, Cottonwood Heights, Millcreek, and Brighton Township. Judge Chin received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah College of Law. He also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Spanish from the University of Utah. Judge Chin was a law clerk-bailiff and law clerk for 3rd District Judge Tyrone E. Medley from 1995-1997. He was a prosecutor for the Salt Lake City Prosecutor's Office and the Summit County Attorney's Office from 1998-2008. Prior to taking the bench in 2011, he worked as a criminal defense attorney for Wasatch Advocates and Rasmussen and Miner. Service history: National Judicial College, Part-time (volunteer) Faculty 2017-present, Judicial Council 2017-2023, Board of Justice Court Judges 2016-2023, Utah State Bar President 2006-2007, Utah State Bar Commissioner 1999-2008, Utah Minority Bar Association President 1998-1999, Law-Related Education 1998-2025, Board Member 2009-2025, Chair 2011-2013 & 2023-2024. Utah Bar Foundation 2008-2011, Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Professionalism and Civility 2002-2015.



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Honorable Michele M. Christiansen Forster

Court: Utah Court of Appeals

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

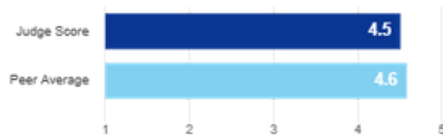
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 94% of survey respondents recommend Judge Christiansen Forster for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents say this judge is well prepared and thoughtful, particularly during oral arguments.
 - They also commend her respectful interactions, describing her as kind and approachable.

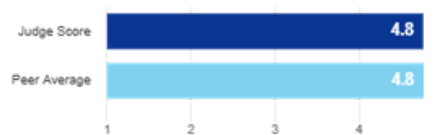
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

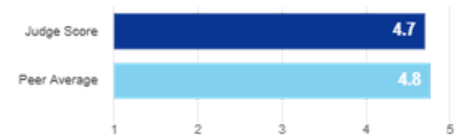
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Michele M. Christiansen Forster was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in June 2010 by Gov. Gary Herbert. Prior to her appointment, Judge Christiansen Forster had been serving as a Third District Court Judge since May 2007. Judge Christiansen Forster received her law degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1995. She then served as a judicial law clerk for one year with the Honorable Tena Campbell, United States District Court Judge for the District of Utah, following which she joined the Salt Lake law firm of Parsons Behle & Latimer. In March 1998, Judge Christiansen Forster joined the United States Attorney's Office, District of Utah, as an Assistant United States Attorney. In January 2005, she was appointed executive director of the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and in July of 2006, Judge Christiansen Forster became general counsel to Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. During her tenure in the Governor's Office, Judge Christiansen Forster co-chaired the Utah Methamphetamine Joint Task Force and chaired the Utah Sexual Violence Council. She served as a member of the Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Panel, the Utah Sentencing Commission Executive Committee, the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council, the Governor's Violence Against Women and Families Cabinet Council, the Initiative on Utah Children in Foster Care, and the Access to Justice Council. Judge Christiansen Forster is an adjunct professor at the University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law, and currently serves as Co-chair of the Utah State Bar's Pro Bono Commission and on the Salt Lake County Bar Association Executive Committee. The judge is the past-president of the David K. Watkiss-Sutherland II Inn of Court, and previously served on the Executive Board of Women Lawyers of Utah, the Judicial Council's Ethics Advisory Opinion Committee, and as the chair of the Judicial Council's Commissioner Conduct Committee.



Honorable Trevor Layne Cook

Locations Served: Rich County Justice Court

Counties Served: Rich

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Performance Standards

Justice court judges who receive a basic evaluation are required to meet four minimum performance standards. The Utah Judicial Council has certified to the Commission that Judge Trevor Layne Cook met the following standards:

1. The judge participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of his current term;
2. The judge met the time standards established for all cases held under advisement; and
3. The judge was determined to be physically and mentally competent for office.

In addition, Judge Cook has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during their term of office, thus meeting the performance standard established by the Utah Legislature. Based solely on compliance with these standards, the Commission recommends retention for Judge Cook.

Biography

Appointed to the justice court bench in 2012, Judge Trevor L. Cook serves in the Nibley City, Mendon City and Rich County justice courts. Judge Cook graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. in management and human resources, and earned a law degree from Texas Southern University. He is also employed as in-house counsel.



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Honorable Susan H. Eisenman

Court: Salt Lake County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

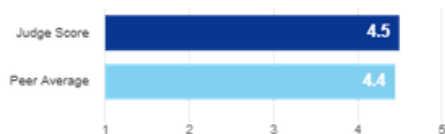
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 100% of survey respondents recommend Judge Eisenman for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents appreciate the judge's judicial excellence, citing her legal expertise, dedication, and thoroughness.
 - Both respondents and observers admire her procedural fairness, particularly her sensitive, caring interactions with youth and willingness to hear participants out.
 - Some respondents say the judge can be impatient.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Eisenman's court.

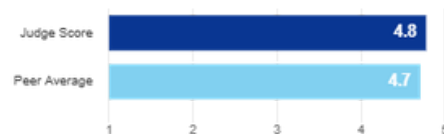
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

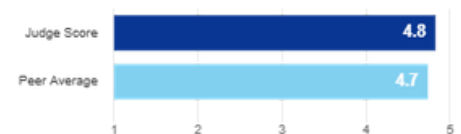
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Presiding Judge Susan H. Eisenman was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in July 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties. Judge Eisenman graduated from the University of California-Berkeley with a B.A. in English in 1990, and received a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1994. She worked as a parental defender, guardian ad litem, and as an assistant attorney general for the child protection division of the Utah Attorney General's office. In 2013, she was promoted to Division Director of the State Agency Counsel Division. Judge Eisenman has served as Presiding Judge since 2023, and as a member of the Judicial Council since 2024.



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Honorable Jared W. Eldridge

Court: Spanish Fork District Court

Counties Served: Juab, Millard, Utah, Wasatch

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**

- 92% of survey respondents recommend Judge Eldridge for retention

- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.

- Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness

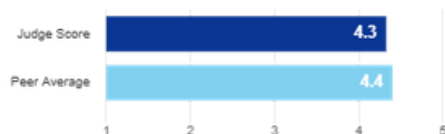
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**

- Respondents say that Judge Eldridge knows the law and applies it fairly.
- Both respondents and courtroom observers applaud his kind, patient demeanor and the respectful professionalism he shows participants.
- Both groups describe him as careful and methodical.
- Both, particularly the observers, value the clear manner that the judge communicates with defendants.
- All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Eldridge's court.

Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Jared W. Eldridge was appointed to the 4th District Court in May 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves Juab, Millard, Utah and Wasatch Counties. Judge Eldridge received his law degree from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon in 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University Marriott School of Management in 1994. Following law school he began his legal career as a trial attorney for the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association from 1998-2000. He then worked as a trial attorney for the Utah County Public Defender Association from 2000-2002. In November 2002, Judge Eldridge was elected Juab County Attorney where he served for 14 years until being appointed to the bench. During his tenure as county attorney, Judge Eldridge helped establish the Juab County Drug Court in 2003 and a victims' advocacy program in 2004. In 2010 he was recognized for his extensive work with victims' advocacy and was awarded the Outstanding Advocate Recognition Award by the Utah Domestic Violence Council. In 2014 Judge Eldridge was recognized as County Attorney of the Year by his colleagues. In 2017 Judge Eldridge assisted the Juab County Commission and the Indigent Defense Commission with the restructuring of the county public defender system to improve the quality of indigent defense and to ensure Juab County was fulfilling its constitutional responsibility.



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Honorable Paul C. Farr

Locations Served: Alta Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

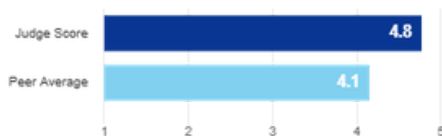
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 97% of survey respondents recommend Judge Farr for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, and Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents commend Judge Farr's respectful demeanor, describing him as kind, patient, and steady, while observers describe him as calm and professional.
 - Both groups say that he is particularly neutral and ensures that participants in court are heard.
 - One respondent said that he was "the perfect definition of how all Judge's should run their court."
 - Observers further appreciate the judge's consideration and understanding of participants' circumstances.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Farr's court.

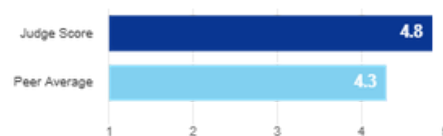
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

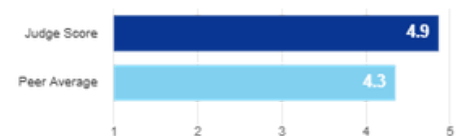
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills

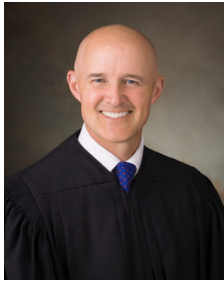


Biography

Judge Paul Farr was first appointed as a judge in 2010. He currently serves in Sandy and Alta. Prior to his appointment Judge Farr was a partner in a Salt Lake City law firm with a civil trial practice. Judge Farr earned a J.D. from Brigham Young University, a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Weber State University and an A.S. in History from Dixie State University. He has been a member of the Utah State Bar since 2000. Judge Farr has served as a member of the Justice Court Board of Judges, the Utah Judicial Council and on many committees with the courts and the Utah Bar.



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Honorable Aaron Flater

Court: Salt Lake County - West Jordan Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

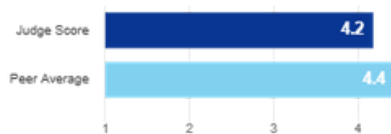
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 95% of survey respondents recommend Judge Flater for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents admire Judge Flater's care for juveniles and their families and commitment to their success.
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers praise the judge's welcoming, patient manner and kind, dignified treatment of court participants.
 - Survey results indicate that he should continue to improve his legal skills and knowledge, and several respondents suggest that the judge should work on being more decisive and efficient in the courtroom.
 - Observers commend his consistent, impartial behavior.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Flater's court.

Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

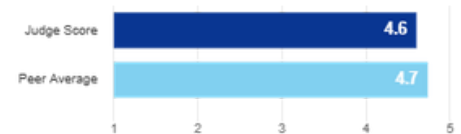
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Aaron W. Flater was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in October 2022 by Governor Spencer Cox. He serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Flater graduated from Ricks College with an A.S. degree in Political Science. He then graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. degree in Sociology and a minor in Criminal Justice. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law where he received an award for Trial Practice. Judge Flater worked as an associate at Henriksen and Henriksen and later transitioned to prosecution. He prosecuted cases at all levels of government including work as a Senior Assistant Salt Lake City Prosecutor, a Deputy Salt Lake County District Attorney, and an Assistant United States Attorney.



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Honorable Lisa Garner

Locations Served: Draper Municipal Justice Court, Herriman City Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

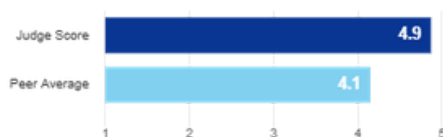
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 100% of survey respondents recommend Judge Garner for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers admire Judge Garner's competencies, including clear communication, her extensive understanding of the law, and her respectful, patient demeanor.
 - Both describe her as attentive, willing to listen, and efficient in operating the calendar.
 - One respondent said that she is "well prepared," with "excellent discernment."
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Garner's court.

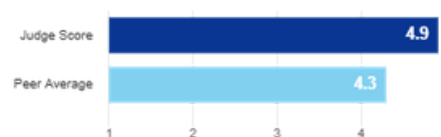
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

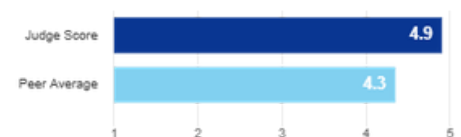
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Lisa A. Garner was appointed to the Draper City and Herriman City Justice Courts in 2023. Judge Garner earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Utah in 1993 and her law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School in 1996. Prior to her appointment, Judge Garner served as the Midvale City Attorney and Midvale City Prosecutor for 7 years. Previously, Judge Garner worked with Salt Lake Legal Defenders and later had a private criminal defense practice. During Judge Garner's criminal defense practice, she worked on felony and misdemeanor cases. In addition, she has worked in the title insurance industry, practicing in the areas of real estate and contract law.



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Honorable Eric Gentry

Court: St. George District Court

Counties Served: Beaver, Iron, Washington

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

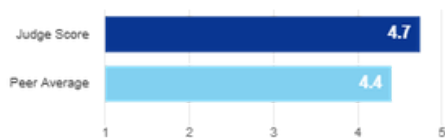
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 96% of survey respondents recommend Judge Gentry for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Above peers: Legal Ability
 - Consistent with peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents admire Judge Gentry's work ethic and dedication to the law.
 - They say that he is well prepared, and courtroom observers find him to be organized.
 - Both groups praise his respectful demeanor, particularly his approachability and patience.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Gentry's court.

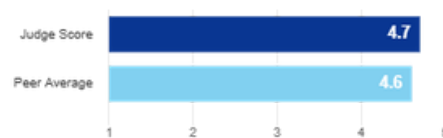
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

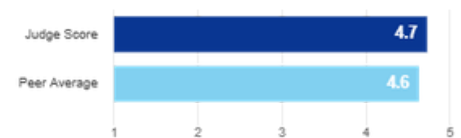
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills

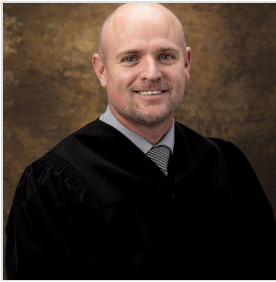


Biography

Judge Eric R. Gentry was appointed to the Fifth District Court in July 2023 by Governor Spencer Cox. He serves Beaver, Iron, and Washington Counties. Prior to his appointment, Judge Gentry worked as a Deputy County Attorney in the Washington County Attorney's Office, as a prosecuting attorney for the cities of St. George, Santa Clara, Ivins, and Enterprise, and as an associate with the law firms of Christopherson, Farris, White, and Utley, and Snow, Jensen, and Reese. Judge Gentry graduated summa cum laude from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2002.



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Honorable Alex Goble

Court: Sevier County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Commission Narrative

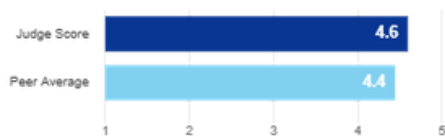
- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 95% of survey respondents recommend Judge Goble for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Above Peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills,
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents and courtroom observers appreciate Judge Goble's compassionate, respectful treatment of those in court, with respondents describing him as caring, approachable, and
 - kind. Both groups speak positively about his willingness to explain information and ensure understanding in court.
 - Respondents further find the judge to be knowledgeable and prepared, while observers note his neutrality, with one saying that he "grounded decisions in the law rather than personal opinion."

All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Goble's court.

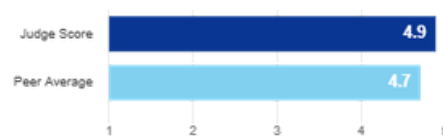
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

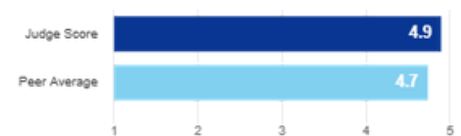
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Alex Goble was appointed to the Sixth District Juvenile Court in August, 2022 by Governor Spencer Cox. He serves Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne, Garfield and Kane counties. Judge Goble received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah, SJ Quinney College of Law. He was a practicing attorney from 2009 until his appointment. Prior to his appointment, Judge Goble served as the Deputy San Juan County Attorney in the Seventh District and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Child Welfare Division for Grand and San Juan Counties. Before practicing in the Seventh District he served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division throughout every District in Utah, and as a prosecutor for Salt Lake City. He has been active with Drug Court programs since 2016 including Family and Adult Drug Court.



Honorable K. Jake Graff

Locations Served: Santa Clara Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Washington

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Performance Standards

Justice court judges who receive a basic evaluation are required to meet four minimum performance standards. The Utah Judicial Council has certified to the Commission that Judge K. Jake Graff met the following standards:

1. The judge participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of his current term;
2. The judge met the time standards established for all cases held under advisement; and
3. The judge was determined to be physically and mentally competent for office.

In addition, Judge Graff has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during their term of office, thus meeting the performance standard established by the Utah Legislature. Based solely on compliance with these standards, the Commission recommends retention for Judge Graff.

Biography

Judge K. Jake Graff was appointed to the Hildale City Justice Court in 2012, and the Santa Clara Justice Court in 2023. He also served as a Judge Pro Tempore at the Washington County Justice Court for five years. Judge Graff graduated with a B.S. from BYU and a J.D. from the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. He clerked for Judge T. Arthur Ritchie, Jr. on the Nevada Eighth Judicial District Court and is a licensed attorney in Nevada and Utah. He currently presides over the Hildale and Santa Clara Justice Courts.



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Honorable Ryan M. Harris

Court: Utah Court of Appeals

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

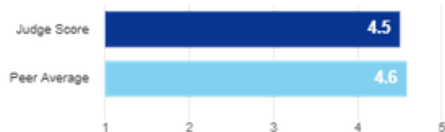
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 91% of survey respondents recommend Judge Harris for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents say that Judge Harris is intelligent, and they value his preparedness and organization, especially his timely opinions.
 - They also appreciate his thoughtful questions during oral arguments.
 - A few say the judge's demeanor reveals irritation, particularly with oral arguments he disagrees with.

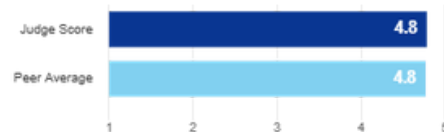
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

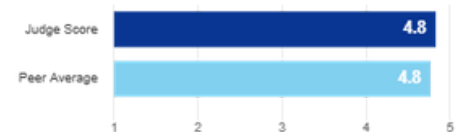
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Ryan M. Harris was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in June 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. Prior to his appointment, Judge Harris served as a trial judge in the Third District Court for nearly six years, where he served as the Associate Presiding Judge. While a trial judge, Judge Harris also served on various committees, including the Advisory Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions and the Small Claims Jury Committee. Judge Harris also twice received the Judicial Excellence Award from the Litigation Section of the Utah State Bar. Judge Harris graduated magna cum laude and with University honors from Brigham Young University in 1995, and graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School in 1998. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Harris served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Stephen H. Anderson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Following his clerkship, Judge Harris practiced law in Salt Lake City at the firm of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook & McDonough, where in addition to maintaining a civil trial practice he also served on the firm's board of directors and executive committee. Judge Harris also worked as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law. Prior to his appointment to the Third District Court, Judge Harris served as a small claims judge for eight years. Judge Harris is a past chairperson of the Litigation Section of the Utah State Bar.



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Honorable Anthony L. Howell

Court: Nephi District Court

Counties Served: Juab, Millard, Utah, Wasatch

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

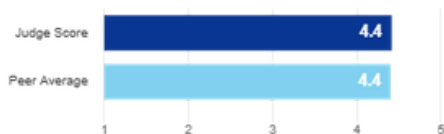
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 88% of survey respondents recommend Judge Howell for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers appreciate the judge's patient, kind, and empathetic behaviors and his respectful treatment of each participant.
 - Both groups say that he is efficient and organized in managing his court calendar.
 - Respondents say that the judge is fair-minded.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Howell's court, though one expressed that they might be more confident after watching the judge handle more cases.

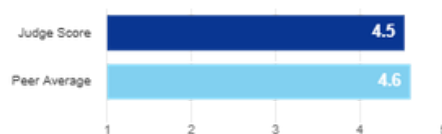
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

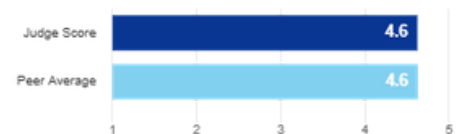
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Anthony L. Howell was appointed to the Fourth District Court in December 2016 by Gov. Gary R. Herbert. He serves Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties. He graduated from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2002. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was Chief Counsel at the Utah County Public Defender Association from 2011 until his appointment to the bench. He was a trial attorney at the Utah County Public Defender Association from 2002 until his appointment to Chief Counsel.



Honorable Eric Jewell

Locations Served: Springville Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2021, Judge Jewell received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as a professional, considerate judge who communicated well with participants. He also operated in a careful, neutral manner. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Eric S. Jewell was appointed to the Payson, Santaquin, Genola, and Goshen Justice Courts in August 2021. Judge Jewell graduated from Brigham Young University in 2006 with a B.S. in Economics. He then attended law school and earned a Juris Doctorate in 2009 from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Following graduation, Judge Jewell was admitted to the Virginia Bar where he worked as a prosecutor in the Gloucester County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. In 2012, he was admitted to the Utah Bar and accepted the position of Assistant City Attorney/Prosecutor in Payson where he served until his appointment to the bench.



Honorable Michael S. Junk

Locations Served: North Ogden Municipal Justice Court, Ogden Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Judge Junk received positive reviews from the observer and nearly all respondents. The judge presented as relatable and conversable with people in court. He heard people out and showed concern for their well-being, but he also held them accountable for their behavior. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Michael S. Junk was appointed to the Ogden City Justice Court in January of 2017. Judge Junk received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Weber State University in 1984 and a Juris Doctor from the University of Utah in 1987. After law school he went on to work as the Ogden City prosecutor for over 27 years prior to being appointed to the Ogden City Justice Court. Judge Junk also teaches at Weber State University as an adjunct professor in the Business Administration department.



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Honorable Mandy Larsen

Court: Sevier County District Court

Counties Served: Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

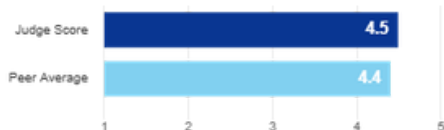
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 94% of survey respondents recommend Judge Larsen for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Above Peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents say that Judge Larsen knows the law and applies it fairly.
 - They, along with courtroom observers, applaud her sincere respect for all participants, her careful attentiveness, and her ability to explain information in a straightforward manner.
 - Observers further appreciate the judge's display of neutrality.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Larsen's court.

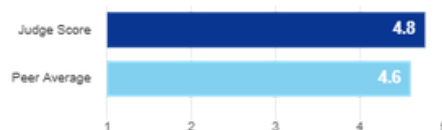
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

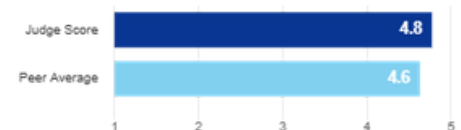
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Mandy Larsen was appointed to the Sixth District Court by Governor Spencer Cox and took the oath of office in April 2022. She serves Sevier, Sanpete, Wayne, Piute, Garfield, and Kane counties. Judge Larsen received a law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2003. She was a member of the Education and Law Journal and a member of the NALSA moot court team. After law school, she was a law clerk / bailiff to Commissioner Patton and Judge Donald Eyre, Jr at the Fourth District Court. Judge Larsen started her own law firm in 2004 with an office sharing arrangement at the law firm Esplin | Weight in Provo, Utah where she practiced primarily in the areas of criminal defense, family law, probate law, and juvenile law. Judge Larsen also handled several criminal defense contracts. In 2008, Judge Larsen relocated her practice to Richfield, Utah where she held a public defense contract with Sevier County. In 2009, Judge Larsen also began working as a certified mediator. In 2014, Judge Larsen began working as a prosecutor for the Sevier County Attorney's Office and Gunnison City.



Honorable Kelly Laws

Locations Served: Blanding Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: San Juan

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Judge Laws received positive reviews from the observer and nearly all respondents. The judge presented as well-mannered and formal but caring. He prioritized informing and educating all litigants and worked carefully to be neutral and safeguard the rights of those in court. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Kelly G. Laws was appointed to the Blanding City Justice Court in April 2023. Judge Laws is a lifetime resident of Blanding. His life has been full of hands-on experience. After attending Utah Technical College at Provo studying Diesel and Heavy Duty Mechanics, He worked for a minerals exploration company and soon became the Drilling superintendent over 6 drilling rigs. Later he operated heavy equipment building roads, dams, and highways. He retired from a Caterpillar dealership after 21 years of being a Field Service Technician troubleshooting and repairing some of the world's largest mining equipment to the smallest construction equipment while serving the residents of southeastern Utah. All while serving 18 years on the Blanding City council, 20 years on the San Juan County Transportation Special Service District. In 1987 Judge Laws purchased his family farm. In 2023 two of his sons joined him, they own and operate Two Cedars Angus LLC raising registered Angus breeding stock. Judge Laws is committed to unbiased justice for his community.



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Honorable Jojo Liu

Locations Served: Salt Lake City Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

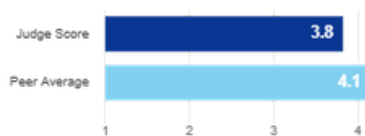
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 83% of survey respondents recommend Judge Liu for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers admire Judge Liu's patient and respectful demeanor, describing her as professional and caring.
 - Both groups underscore her preparedness in court.
 - Both appreciate her willingness to let participants express themselves and be heard.
 - Survey results and some comments indicate that the judge should strengthen her legal skills, particularly in following, or explaining departures from, legal precedent.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Liu's court.

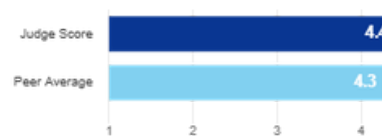
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

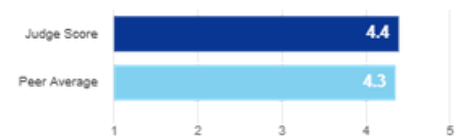
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Jojo Liu was appointed to the Salt Lake City Justice Court by Mayor Erin Mendenhall in 2022. Prior to her appointment, Judge Liu served as Director of Salt Lake County's Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives and Director of the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Advisory Council. Before joining Salt Lake County, she served as the Assistant Director of the Utah Indigent Defense Commission. From 2007 to 2016, Judge Liu was a Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. From 2002 to 2007, she practiced law at Morrison and Foerster, where she maintained a civil litigation practice and later specialized in white-collar defense, with a focus on matters involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Judge Liu began her legal career as a Skadden Fellow at Legal Services for Children in New York City. Judge Liu graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1996 and earned her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 2000, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.



Honorable Matthew Lorz

Locations Served: Wellsville Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Cache

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2019, Judge Matthew Lorz received mostly positive reviews from the observer and the respondents. Judge Lorz presented as a courteous, caring judge, who displayed sensitivity to litigants' various needs. He ensured that he communicated properly and verified their understanding, particularly of their rights. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

*This report was completed in 2022, when COVID-19 limited JPEC's ability to gather data for justice court judges with mid-sized caseloads. JPEC evaluates each judge once every six years, and the same report may be used when a judge serves in multiple courts.

Biography

Judge Matthew David Lorz was appointed to the North Logan and Hyde Park Justice Courts in June 2019. Judge Lorz graduated from Utah State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks and Recreation Management. Following his undergraduate studies, Judge Lorz received a Juris Doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2010. Judge Lorz also attended and completed his last semester of law school at S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah as a visiting student. Following law school, Judge Lorz has been in private practice. He began his career working at a Salt Lake insurance defense firm. Judge Lorz moved back to Cache Valley in 2012 to join the law firm of Peck Hadfield Baxter & Moore, LLC, where he primarily handles personal injury and civil litigation.



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Honorable Thomas L. Low

Court: Provo District Court

Counties Served: Juab, Millard, Utah, Wasatch

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

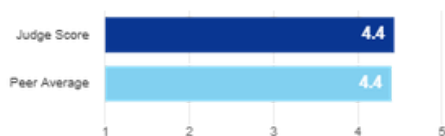
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 88% of survey respondents recommend Judge Low for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents describe Judge Low as one who seeks to be fair.
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers underscore his thoughtful, careful approach to cases and willingness to listen to participants.
 - Both groups praise his judicial temperament and respectful demeanor, describing the judge's interactions with participants as patient, kind, calm, and professional.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Low's court.

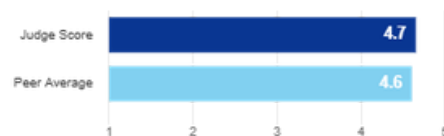
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

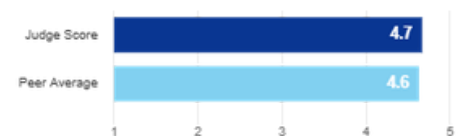
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Thomas Low was appointed to the Fourth District Court in December 2009 by Gov. Gary R. Herbert. He serves Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties. Judge Low received a juris doctorate, with honors, from Brigham Young University, where he was admitted into the Order of the Barristers. He also received a bachelor of arts degree from Brigham Young University. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Low served six years as the Wasatch County Attorney. He was named County Attorney of the Year in November 2008, and was identified as a member of the 2009 Utah Legal Elite by Utah Business magazine. Prior to his service as a county attorney, he served as a deputy Wasatch County attorney, where he prosecuted felony cases, and as an attorney in private practice in Provo. Judge Low is a member of the Utah Sentencing Commission and of the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.



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Honorable John Luthy

Court: Utah Court of Appeals

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

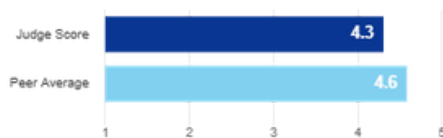
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 89% of survey respondents recommend Judge Luthy for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents value Judge Luthy's respectful judicial demeanor, particularly his kindness and professionalism.
 - They admire the judge's preparedness for oral arguments and inquisitive, thorough manner.

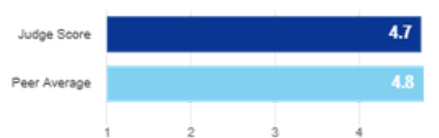
Performance Comparison

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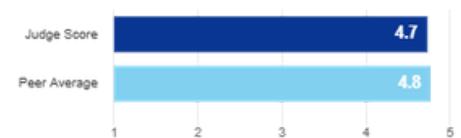
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge John D. Luthy was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in October 2022 by Governor Spencer J. Cox. Prior to his appointment, Judge Luthy served for three years in the Cache County Attorney's Office, first as Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney and then as County Attorney. Judge Luthy graduated magna cum laude from Utah State University in 1996 and cum laude from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2000. Following law school, Judge Luthy served as a law clerk to Judge Gregory K. Orme of the Utah Court of Appeals, Justice Richard C. Howe of the Utah Supreme Court, and Judge Russell W. Bench of the Utah Court of Appeals. He then practiced law for three years at the firm Suitter Axland in Salt Lake City. In 2006, Judge Luthy joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he taught Legal Analysis and Writing and Advanced Legal Writing. In 2014, Judge Luthy returned to Utah to join the firm Peck Hadfield Baxter & Moore (now Peck Baxter Watkins & Bailey) in Logan, where he worked for five years. Judge Luthy previously sat on the executive committee of the Appellate Practice Section of the Utah State Bar and served as president of the Cache County Bar Association. He taught as an adjunct instructor at the U.S. Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, and as an adjunct professor at Utah State University.



Honorable Mark McIlff

Locations Served: Ephraim Municipal Justice Court, Fairview Municipal Justice Court, Fountain Green Municipal Justice Court, Moroni Municipal Justice Court, Sanpete County Justice Court, Spring City Municipal Justice Court, Wayne County Justice Court

Counties Served: Piute, Sevier

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2014, Judge McIlff received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as a methodical, calm judge who made sure that participants understood their rights and responsibilities in court. He allowed them to express themselves and was attentive to their needs. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Mark McIlff was first appointed to the bench in May 2014. He currently serves as Justice Court judge for Sevier County, Piute County, Fairview, Fountain Green, Spring City, Moroni, Ephraim City, Gunnison, Manti, and Mt. Pleasant. He received a bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1995 from Southern Utah University and a Juris Doctorate in 1998 from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge McIlff served as the Piute County Attorney, the Wayne County Attorney, Deputy Sevier County Attorney, Deputy Garfield County Attorney, and Chief Criminal Prosecutor for the Wasatch County Attorney's Office. He also served as the city prosecutor and city attorney for several cities. In addition, Judge McIlff maintained a private law practice in Richfield during most of his career.



Honorable Bryan Jon Memmott

Locations Served: Plain City Municipal Justice Court, Uintah Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Performance Standards

Justice court judges who receive a basic evaluation are required to meet four minimum performance standards. The Utah Judicial Council has certified to the Commission that Judge Bryan Jon Memmott met the following standards:

1. The judge participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of his current term;
2. The judge met the time standards established for all cases held under advisement; and
3. The judge was determined to be physically and mentally competent for office.

In addition, Judge Memmott has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during their term of office, thus meeting the performance standard established by the Utah Legislature. Based solely on compliance with these standards, the Commission recommends retention for Judge Memmott.

Biography

Judge Bryan J. Memmott was first appointed as a judge in 2017. He currently serves as the judge for the cities of Plain City, South Ogden, South Weber and Woods Cross. Judge Memmott obtained a BA from BYU in 1999 and a JD from Arizona State University College of Law in 2002. During his final year of law school, 9-11 occurred. Feeling a deep desire to serve his country, Judge Memmott applied for, and was accepted as an officer and JAG in the Air Force. During this time, he was also selected and appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. He honorably separated after nearly 5 years of distinguished service. Judge Memmott has worked in various areas of the law in a large law firm, his own small law firm and as in-house counsel, providing extensive litigation experience and a broad range of legal experience.



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Honorable Kirk M. Morgan

Court: Box Elder County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Box Elder, Cache, Rich

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

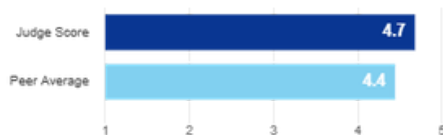
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 98% of survey respondents recommend Judge Morgan for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Above Peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents praise Judge Morgan's strong sense of fairness and describe him as professional, knowledgeable, and open-minded. They further appreciate the judge's willingness to let participants express themselves in court.
 - One respondent said that "he has been the most positively impactful Judge that I've had the opportunity to work with."
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers appreciate the judge's respectful, caring interactions with court participants.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Morgan's court.

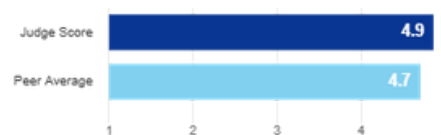
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

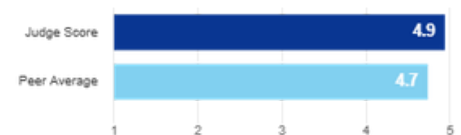
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Kirk M. Morgan was appointed to the First District Juvenile Court in February 2017 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties. Judge Morgan graduated from Utah State University and received his law degree from J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. After graduating from law school, Judge Morgan was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force and served as a judge advocate general. Judge Morgan also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Hawaii. Following his military service, Judge Morgan returned to Brigham City and became a practicing attorney and shareholder at the law firm of Mann, Hadfield & Thorne. In addition to his civil practice, Judge Morgan served as the Brigham City Attorney and as the chief deputy county attorney in the Box Elder County Attorneys Office.



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Honorable David N. Mortensen

Court: Utah Court of Appeals

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

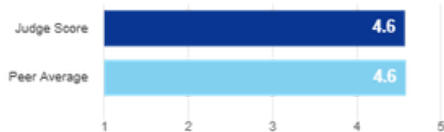
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 98% of survey respondents recommend Judge Mortensen for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents admire Judge Mortensen's preparedness.
 - Some describe him as fair and others compliment his legal skills, particularly his coherent and timely opinions.

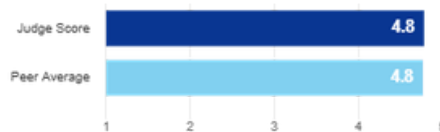
Performance Comparison

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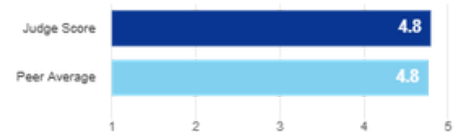
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge David N. Mortensen was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in May 2016 by Gov. Gary R. Herbert. Prior to his appointment, Judge Mortensen served as a trial judge in the Fourth District Court for almost ten years where he served multiple terms as the presiding judge and associate presiding judge. Judge Mortensen graduated from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1993. Judge Mortensen was in private practice as a trial attorney before becoming a judge. He is a member of the A. Sherman Christensen Inn of Court. He has taught as an adjunct professor at The J. Reuben Clark Law School. Judge Mortensen currently is a member of the Utah Judicial Council. Judge Mortensen received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Government and Politics Legal Society of the J. Reuben Clark Law School. Judge Mortensen served two terms on the Judicial Conduct Commission and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



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Honorable Robert G. Neill

Court: Davis County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan, Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

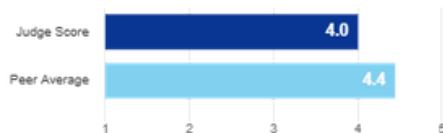
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 88% of survey respondents recommend Judge Neill for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents describe Judge Neill as fair, and they commend his caring for youth and commitment to working in the best interest of youth and their families.
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers admire his kindness, professionalism, and respectful treatment of those in court.
 - Two respondents indicate the judge could benefit from more training on the impacts of domestic violence.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Neill's court.

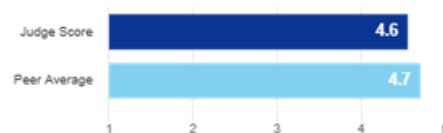
Performance Comparison

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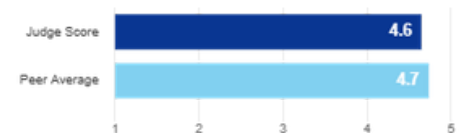
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Robert G. Neill was appointed to the Second District Juvenile Court by Gov. Gary R. Herbert in October 2016. He serves Davis, Morgan, and Weber counties. Judge Neill obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University and received his Juris Doctorate from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Neill worked as a Unit Chief in the Justice Division of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office where he managed a variety of teams including the Screening and Misdemeanor Division, the Non-violent and General Felony Teams, the West Jordan Special Victim and Juvenile Teams, and the West Jordan Division. While at the District Attorney's Office Judge Neill prosecuted numerous cases including crimes perpetrated against children and delinquency cases in the juvenile court.



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Honorable Jason Nelson

Court: Ogden District Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan, Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

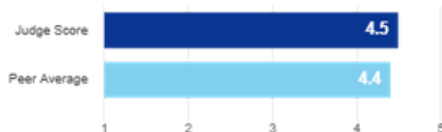
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 97% of survey respondents recommend Judge Nelson for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents say that Judge Nelson is open-minded.
 - They, along with courtroom observers, appreciate his professionalism and respectful temperament, particularly his patience.
 - Both groups describe him as careful and thorough before making decisions, though survey results and a few comments indicate that he could work on ruling in a timelier fashion.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Nelson's court.

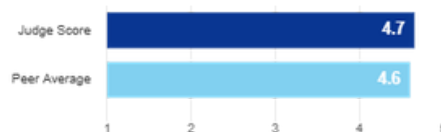
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

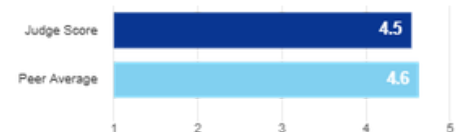
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Jason C. Nelson was appointed to the Second District Court by Governor Spencer Cox in January 2023. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 2002 from Brigham Young University and a Juris Doctor degree in 2007 from the J. Reuben Clark Law School (Brigham Young University). He served as a judicial law clerk in the Second District Court from 2007- 2008 before joining the Davis County attorney's Office. From 2008 to 2023 he worked as a deputy Davis County Attorney, where he prosecuted general felony cases and also had special assignments to prosecute drug distribution cases and domestic violence cases. He was the primary domestic violence prosecutor for the Davis County Attorney's Office from 2009 through 2018. He also served as the General Felonies Division Chief from 2019 to 2023.



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Honorable Trent Nelson

Locations Served: Roy/Weber County Justice Court

Counties Served: Weber

Commission Determination: Does Not Meet Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 0 - 13

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 8

Commission Narrative

Judge Nelson fails to meet the minimum performance standards for legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness.

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 43% of survey respondents recommend Judge Nelson for retention, which is well below his justice court peers.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Well below peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Many respondents express strong concerns about Judge Nelson, but the courtroom observers are positive.
 - Survey results show problems with his temperament, and several survey comments describe him as impatient, demeaning, and harsh in tone. As one respondent puts it, the judge "indulges in extreme rhetoric and lecturing."
 - Several respondents criticize his lack of impartiality and say that he is temperamental.
 - Survey results also point out that respondents have little confidence in his legal skills and his ability to promote trust and confidence.
 - A few respondents describe the judge as fair and passionate, and they, along with observers, say that he holds defendants accountable.
 - Observers appreciate the judge's professionalism and consistency, and all four report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Nelson's court.

Judge Response: I respect the evaluation process and I'm happy to receive feedback. It has helped me grow as a judge and person. Independent Court Observers were universally positive about my courtroom abilities. They unanimously find me to be professional and consistent, and reported with confidence that they would be treated fairly in my courtroom. Judicial philosophy: Once there's a guilty finding, the focus turns to solving problems and addressing patterns of unsafe behavior. I invite you to form your own opinion by observing me in court in person or virtually.

Schedule/Links:

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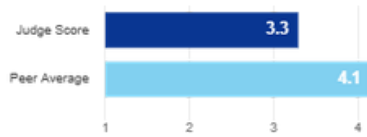
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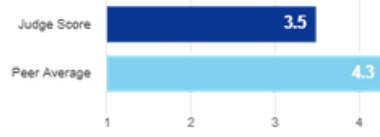
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

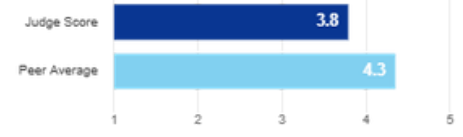
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Trent Nelson was appointed to the Roy/Weber County Justice Court in February 2017, serving the communities of Roy City, unincorporated Weber County, West Haven City, and Hooper City. He and his wife have six children. Judge Nelson is a trained domestic mediator and has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Weber State University, a law degree from Brigham Young University, and an MBA from Utah State University. Prior to the bench, he was the prosecutor for Roy City, and had a private practice focused on juvenile law, family law, and estate planning, frequently serving as a Guardian ad Litem. He has been a member of the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee for Rules of Professional Conduct for over fifteen years. He has also served on Utah's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, the Special Education Panel for the Utah Department of Education, DCFS' Child Welfare Improvement Council, and as a member of Weber County's committees on Disproportionate Minority Contact and Juvenile Substance Abuse Prevention.



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Honorable Douglas Nielsen

Court: American Fork Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Juab, Millard, Utah, Wasatch

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

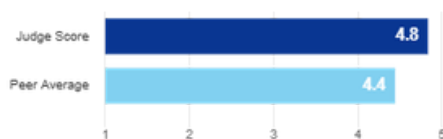
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 100% of survey respondents recommend Judge Nielsen for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, and Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents laud Judge Nielsen as a model judge that shows fairness, integrity, and genuine interactions with those in court.
 - They, along with courtroom observers, praise his caring demeanor and respectful behaviors, his attentiveness and impartiality, and him allowing all participants to be heard.
 - One respondent said that he "sets the bar for judicial performance," while a courtroom observer called him "the most impressive juvenile court judge" they had observed.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Nielsen's court.

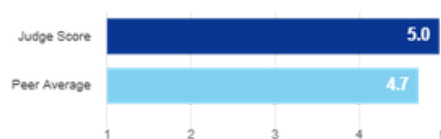
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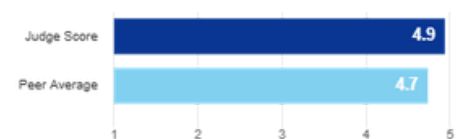
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Douglas Nielsen was appointed to the bench in January 2013, first serving in the Lehi City Justice Court and Alpine/Highland City Justice Court where he served until being appointed by Governor Herbert to the Fourth Judicial District Juvenile Court Bench in September 2016. He earned a bachelor degree from Utah State University in 2004 and graduated from Oklahoma City University Law School in 2007. During law school, Judge Nielsen interned for the Oklahoma County Public Defenders Association and the Utah County Public Defenders Association. In 2007, he became an associate at Young, Kester & Petro and in 2010, formed the law firm of Petro & Nielsen where he served until his appointment to the bench. During his time in the judiciary, Judge Nielsen has served on various boards and committees including the Board of Justice Court Judges, Board of Juvenile Court Judges and chair of the Fourth District Child Welfare Interagency Committee.



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Honorable Jeffrey J. Noland

Court: Weber County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan, Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

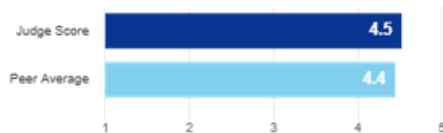
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 96% of survey respondents recommend Judge Noland for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Above peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Procedural Fairness
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Administrative Skills
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents and courtroom observers value Judge Noland's courteous, positive, and patient demeanor, and they appreciate his caring and dignified treatment of youth.
 - Both groups say that he allows court participants to be heard, and both, particularly the observers, value his neutrality.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Noland's court.

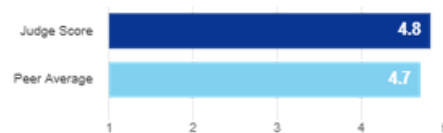
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

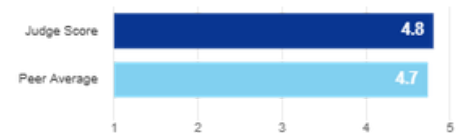
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament

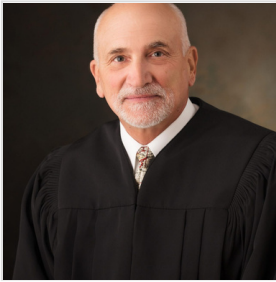


Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Jeffrey J. Noland was appointed to the Second District Juvenile Court by Gov. Gary R. Herbert in July 2010. He serves Davis, Morgan, and Weber counties. Judge Noland has a law degree from the University of Utah College of Law. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Noland served as a managing attorney for the Salt Lake Office of the Guardian ad Litem (GAL). Before joining the GAL in 2006, Judge Noland worked in private practice.



Honorable Paul Olds

Locations Served: Farr West Municipal Justice Court, Pleasant View Municipal Justice Court, Washington Terrace Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2020, Judge Olds received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as a courteous but firm judge who prioritized litigant understanding and considered litigant needs. He modeled consistent and neutral interactions and displayed a thorough manner in dispensing with all matters. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Paul H. Olds was appointed to the Riverdale City Justice Court in October of 2019. He was subsequently appointed in 2021 to serve in the justice courts of Washington Terrace/Marriott Slaterville, Farr West, and Pleasant View. Judge Olds is a graduate of the University of Utah and the University of Nebraska College of Law. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Olds practiced as an attorney in Northern Utah for over 25 years.



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Honorable Amy Jo Oliver

Court: Utah Court of Appeals

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

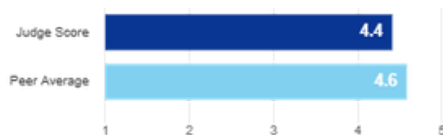
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 88% of survey respondents recommend Judge Oliver for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents commend Judge Oliver's work ethic and preparedness during oral
 - arguments. They value her professionalism, commonsense, and courteous demeanor.

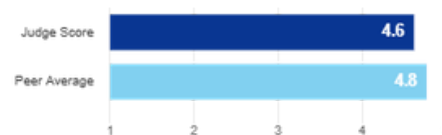
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

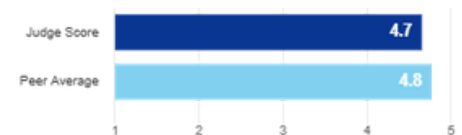
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Amy J. Oliver was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in January 2023 by Governor Spencer J. Cox. At the time of her appointment, she was a district court judge in the Third Judicial District, which serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Oliver received a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Utah in 1995. After graduation, she worked for the Utah Supreme Court Law Library. Judge Oliver graduated cum laude with a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in 2000. She spent the first part of her legal career in private practice with law firms in Washington, D.C. and Phoenix, Arizona. She then entered government service, first with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Utah and then with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where she was the Assistant Director of the Salt Lake Regional Office. Judge Oliver worked as an Adjunct Professor at the George Washington University Law School teaching legal research and writing. She currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct.



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Honorable Gregory K. Orme

Court: Utah Court of Appeals

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

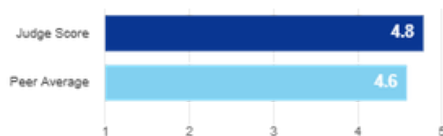
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 97% of survey respondents recommend Judge Orme for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Procedural Fairness
 - Consistent with Peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents commend Judge Orme's institutional knowledge and find him to be "exceptionally capable."
 - They appreciate his equal treatment and judicial demeanor, particularly his respectful and professional conduct.

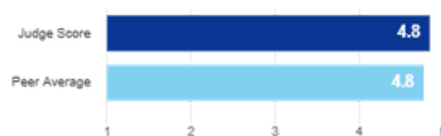
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

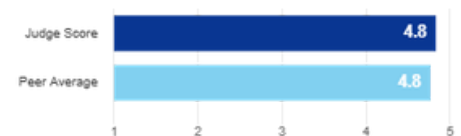
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Gregory K. Orme is the longest tenured member of the Utah Court of Appeals. He graduated from the University of Utah, magna cum laude, in 1975. Three years later he received his law degree, with high honors, from George Washington University, in Washington D.C. Judge Orme served as a law clerk to Judge Monroe G. McKay, United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was a partner in the law firm of VanCott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy at the time of his appointment to the Court of Appeals. Judge Orme has served two prior terms as the court's presiding judge, four terms on the Utah Judicial Council, six years as chair of the Ethics Advisory Committee, ten years on the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee, six years as chair of the Commissioner Conduct Committee, and twelve years on the Utah Sentencing Commission. Judge Orme currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Appellate Procedure, and he is the judicial advisor to the Utah Bar Journal. Judge Orme received the Utah State Bar's annual awards for Young Lawyer of the Year (1986) and Judge of the Year (2007). He is a four-time recipient of the Judicial Excellence Award from the Utah State Bar's Litigation Section. He is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



Honorable Gary D. Owens

Locations Served: Garfield County Justice Court

Counties Served: Garfield

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Performance Standards

Justice court judges who receive a basic evaluation are required to meet four minimum performance standards. The Utah Judicial Council has certified to the Commission that Judge Gary D. Owens met the following standards:

- 1.The judge participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of his current term;
- 2.The judge met the time standards established for all cases held under advisement; and
- 3.The judge was determined to be physically and mentally competent for office.

In addition, Judge Owens has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during their term of office, thus meeting the performance standard established by the Utah Legislature. Based solely on compliance with these standards, the Commission recommends retention for Judge Owens.

Biography

Judge Gary Owens was appointed to the Garfield County Justice Court in May 2016. Judge Owens is a lifelong resident of Garfield County. Judge Owens has loved the opportunity to live, work, and play in rural Utah. Judge Owens is retired from the Utah Department of Transportation and currently works as a real estate agent, a part-time truck driver, and is an owner of Karla's Diner.



Honorable Kelton Shawn Patten

Locations Served: Utah County Justice Court

Counties Served: Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Judge Patten received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as a principled, unflustered judge that modeled courteous behavior. He demonstrated attentiveness in communicating clearly and diligence in ensuring a just process. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge K. Shawn Patten was appointed to the Utah County Justice Court bench in January 2022. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Science in 1986, and a Masters of Business Administration in 1988. He worked many years as a design engineering supervisor in both Utah and Saudi Arabia. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Nevada in 2003. He served several courts in Utah County as a full-time public defender for over seventeen years prior to his appointment.



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Honorable Jill M. Pohlman

Court: Utah Supreme Court

Locations Served: State of Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

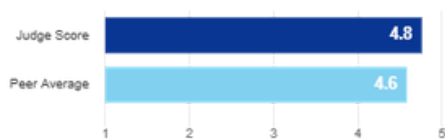
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 96% of survey respondents recommend Justice Pohlman for retention.
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their appellate court peers.
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, and Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent Feedback:**
 - Respondents find Justice Pohlman to be kind, polite, and approachable, and they praise her diligent work habits, attentiveness, and her thoughtful and intellectually curious manner.
 - One respondent said that the judge "thinks about issues deeply and puts 100% into everything."
 - Another added that she "exemplifies the mission of the judiciary."

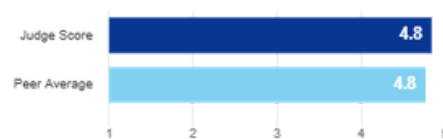
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

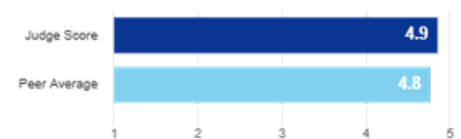
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Associate Chief Justice Jill M. Pohlman was appointed to the Utah Supreme Court in June 2022 by Governor Spencer J.Cox. At the time, she was serving as Associate Presiding Judge on the Utah Court of Appeals. Justice Pohlman graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Utah in 1993 and received her Juris Doctorate from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah in 1996, where she served on the Utah Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif. After law school, she clerked for the Honorable David K. Winder of the United States District Court for the District of Utah. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Justice Pohlman was a partner at the law firm of Stoel Rives LLP in Salt Lake City. She practiced there for 19 years during which she maintained a complex civil litigation practice, including administrative, trial, and appellate work. Justice Pohlman currently chairs the Judicial Council's Office of Fairness and Accountability Committee and has previously served on several committees; including the Judicial Council's Committee on Judicial Outreach, the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Appellate Procedure, and the Utah Supreme Court's Ethics and Discipline Committee.



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Honorable Kraig Powell

Court: Provo District Court

Counties Served: Juab, Millard, Utah, Wasatch

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

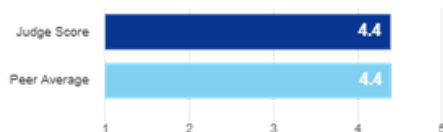
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 91% of survey respondents recommend Judge Powell for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents appreciate Judge Powell's judicial temperament, particularly his kindness, compassion, and integrity, and they, along with courtroom observers, describe him as
 - respectful and professional. Both groups value his thorough, methodical approach to reviewing information and his taking time to make careful decisions.
 - Both further underscore his impartiality, with respondents calling him fair and observers saying he takes participants rights seriously.
 - Survey results indicate that the judge should be more decisive, and comments indicate that he should work on timeliness and avoid calendar delays.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Powell's court.

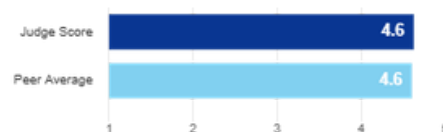
Performance Comparison

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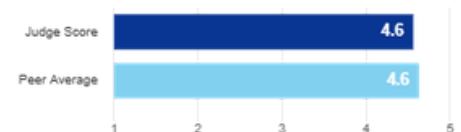
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Appointed in 2016, Judge Kraig Powell holds M.A., J.D., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. He worked as a law clerk at the Texas Court of Appeals and the Illinois Supreme Court and then practiced law in Wasatch and Summit counties, where he was city attorney for Midway and Francis. He served as a legislator in the Utah House of Representatives from 2009 through 2016. He was president of the Heber Valley Rotary Club and chair of the Wasatch Community Foundation. Judge Powell is a statewide Water Law Judge and leads the Utah County Veterans Treatment Court. During 2024 and 2025, he was Presiding Judge of the Fourth District Court.



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Honorable Blaine Rawson

Court: Bountiful District Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan, Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

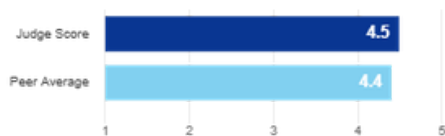
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 93% of survey respondents recommend Judge Rawson for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers value Judge Rawson's professional but personable approach in court, finding him to treat others with kindness and dignity.
 - Both groups admire his preparedness and diligence.
 - Both find that he communicates clearly.
 - Survey results indicate that the judge should work on being more decisive, and a few comments say that he should focus on timely and efficient courtroom management.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Rawson's court.

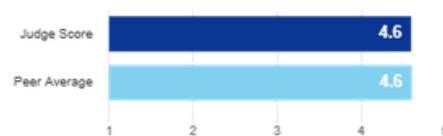
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

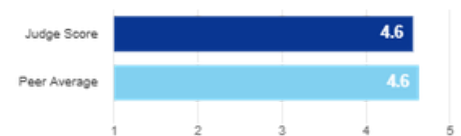
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge E. Blaine Rawson was appointed to Utah's Second District Court by Governor Spencer J. Cox in September 2022. He serves Davis, Morgan and Weber counties. Judge Rawson also currently serves as the Supervising Water Law Judge. Judge Rawson received his Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of Utah, graduating with honors. Judge Rawson spent 28 years in private practice in Utah at three different law firms. His practice involved complex civil litigation with a focused specialty in environmental and natural resources law. Judge Rawson has been active in both the legal and local community.



Honorable Ray R. Richards

Locations Served: Naples Municipal Justice Court, Uintah Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Uintah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Appointed in 2012, Judge Ray R. Richards received mostly positive reviews from the observer and the respondents. He presented as an approachable, friendly judge who demonstrated sensitivity to court participants. The judge ensured the understanding of participants by providing complete explanations, and he gave them ample time to express themselves. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

*This report was completed in 2022, when COVID-19 limited JPEC's ability to gather data for justice court judges with mid-sized caseloads. JPEC evaluates each judge once every six years, and the same report may be used when a judge serves in multiple courts.

Biography

Judge Ray Robert Richards was appointed to the Vernal City Justice Court bench in 2012. Judge Richards is a 1996 social work graduate from Utah State University. Prior to his appointment, Judge Richards worked for 16 years for the Eighth District Juvenile Court; first as a probation officer and later as chief probation officer. He is a certified firefighter with the State of Utah and currently volunteers for both Vernal City and Uintah County.



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Honorable Coral Sanchez

Court: Salt Lake City District Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

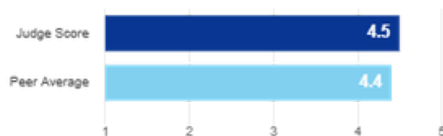
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 91% of survey respondents recommend Judge Sanchez for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers applaud the judge's kind, patient, and respectful demeanor with court participants.
 - Both groups describe her as a clear communicator who explains information and ensures that participants understand.
 - Observers appreciate the judge's unhurried, thorough approach working through cases.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Sanchez's court.

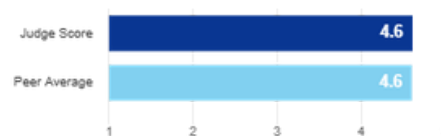
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

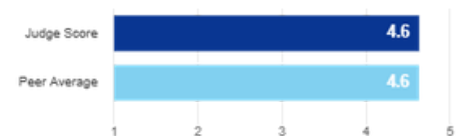
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Coral Sanchez was appointed to the Third District Court in December 2022 by Governor Spencer Cox. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Prior to her appointment, Judge Sanchez served as the Division Chief in the Davis County Attorney's Office, where she oversaw the Special Victims Unit and the Children's Justice Center. She previously worked for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office where she served as the Unit Chief for the Special Victims Unit and the Juvenile Unit. As a prosecutor, she specialized in cases involving child physical and sexual abuse, child homicide, adult sexual assault, domestic violence, and gang homicide. Judge Sanchez also practiced law at a small civil litigation firm. In 2019, Judge Sanchez was named State Prosecutor of the Year by the Utah Crime Victims Council. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and her law degree from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah.



Honorable Kelly N. Schaeffer-Bullock

Locations Served: Highland/Alpine Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Utah

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Performance Standards

Justice court judges who receive a basic evaluation are required to meet four minimum performance standards. The Utah Judicial Council has certified to the Commission that Judge Kelly N. Schaeffer-Bullock met the following standards:

- 1.The judge participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of her current term;
- 2.The judge met the time standards established for all cases held under advisement; and
- 3.The judge was determined to be physically and mentally competent for office.

In addition, Judge Schaeffer-Bullock has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during their term of office, thus meeting the performance standard established by the Utah Legislature. Based solely on compliance with these standards, the Commission recommends retention for Judge Schaeffer-Bullock.

Biography

Judge Kelly N. Schaeffer-Bullock was appointed to the Highland/Alpine City Justice Court in January 2017. Judge Schaeffer-Bullock graduated from Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts, and later earned her Juris Doctor from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 2008. Prior to appointment, Judge Schaeffer-Bullock had spent the majority of her legal career as a municipal prosecutor, though she gained civil experience when working for the law firm of Bugden & Isaacson, LLC. She also continues to serve as a lecturer and researcher at BYU's law school. Judge Schaeffer-Bullock is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and devoted to the mission of that organization.



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Honorable Todd M. Shaughnessy

Court: Salt Lake City District Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

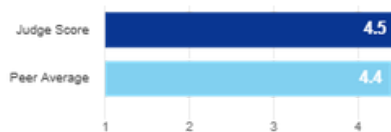
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 94% of survey respondents recommend Judge Shaughnessy for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Above Peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills
 - Consistent with Peers: Legal Ability, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents describe Judge Shaughnessy as competent, experienced, and attentive to those in court.
 - They, along with courtroom observers, value his preparedness, respectful treatment of those in court, and his professional temperament.
 - Observers further appreciate the judge's deliberate, careful approach to the legal process.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Shaughnessy's court.

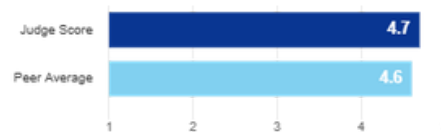
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

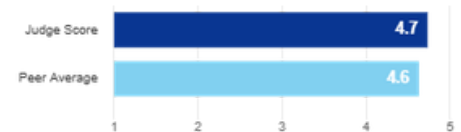
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Todd Shaughnessy was appointed to the Third District Court in 2011 by Governor Gary Herbert. Judge Shaughnessy graduated from the University of Utah College of Law, clerked for the Utah Supreme Court, and was a partner at Snell & Wilmer in Salt Lake City, prior to his appointment. Judge Shaughnessy is a member of the Utah Judicial Council, the governing body for Utah's judiciary, and a member of the Utah Judicial Conduct Commission. Judge Shaughnessy received the Judicial Excellence Award from the Utah State Bars Litigation Section in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. He is a fellow in the American Bar Foundation, a member of the American and Utah State Bar associations, past president of the Salt Lake County Bar Association, and a Master of the Bench in the David K. Watkiss Sutherland Inn of Court.



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Honorable Charles A. Stormont

Court: Salt Lake City District Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 92% of survey respondents recommend Judge Stormont for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents and courtroom observers appreciate Judge Stormont's kind, patient temperament and respectful interactions with those in court.
 - Both groups say that he is fair and thoughtful, and they commend his impartial, equal treatment of court participants.
 - Several respondents say that the judge needs to be more efficient at managing the court calendar.
 - A few suggest that he could benefit from additional training in criminal law.
 - Observers appreciate his willingness to allow participants to be heard.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Stormont's court.

Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

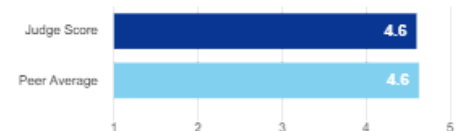
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Charles A. Stormont was appointed to the Third District Court in June 2023 by Governor Spencer J. Cox, serving Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. He earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics and political science from Davidson College in 1998 and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2001. Prior to his appointment, Judge Stormont served as the Director of Right of Way at the Utah Department of Transportation and worked extensively as a civil litigator. Throughout his career, Judge Stormont has been dedicated to serving his community. Deeply committed to ensuring equal access to the legal system, he currently serves on the Utah State Bar's Access to Justice Commission and several Court committees focused on community engagement and access to justice issues. Additionally, Judge Stormont volunteers his time serving on the boards of several local non-profit organizations.



Honorable Clay Willard Stucki

Locations Served: Ogden Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Judge Stucki received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as friendly and constructive in his interactions. He valued people as individuals, showed sensitivity to their struggles, and communicated clearly to ensure their success. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge Clay W. Stucki was appointed to the Ogden City Justice Court in March of 2017. Judge Stucki received his Juris Doctor degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1991, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and Order of the Coif. After law school, Judge Stucki clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit as a law clerk to Judge Charles E. Wiggins. Following his judicial clerkship, Judge Stucki has been a practicing attorney in Utah for the past 25 years and has been a partner at Parr Brown Gee & Loveless, Bennett Tueller Johnson & Deere, and Stucki & Rencher. Judge Stucki was one of the principal drafters of the Utah Environmental Self-Evaluation Privilege and Act set forth in section 19-7-101 of the Utah Code, and Rule 508 of the Utah Rules of Evidence, which privilege has now been adopted by numerous states.



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Honorable Jennifer L. Valencia

Court: Ogden District Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan, Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

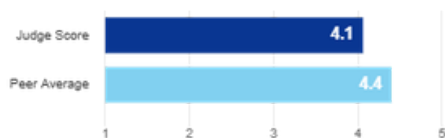
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 83% of survey respondents recommend Judge Valencia for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Procedural Fairness
 - Below peers: Legal Ability, Administrative Skills
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Survey results indicate that the judge needs to improve her legal skills and knowledge.
 - Some survey comments say that she struggles, at times, to maintain her temperament and impartiality.
 - Some respondents say that she is a fair-minded judge, and they admire her professional, decisive demeanor.
 - Courtroom observers appreciate her courteous, respectful behaviors, and they further value her neutrality and equal treatment of court participants.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Valencia's court.

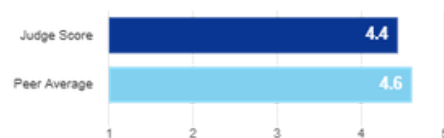
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

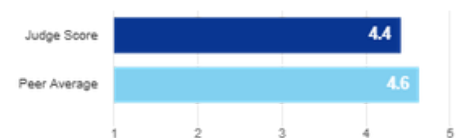
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Jennifer L. Valencia was appointed to the Second District Court by Governor Gary R. Herbert in May 2017. While she serves Davis, Morgan, and Weber counties, she is currently assigned to the Farmington courthouse in Davis County. Judge Valencia attended Weber State University on a Presidential Scholarship, graduating magna cum laude with Departmental Honors in Political Science in 1994. She was awarded her Juris Doctorate in 1997 from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law. As an attorney, she served as an Assistant Utah Attorney General in the Child and Family Support Division, as a Salt Lake County Deputy District Attorney in the Criminal Division, and as the Director of the Utah Sentencing Commission. In addition to her regular judicial duties, she is a designated statewide Water Judge. She has also previously served as the Supervising Water Judge, as the Chair of the Utah Uniform Fine Committee, and as a Drug Court Judge. Judge Valencia is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Utah teaching trial advocacy.



Honorable George F. Vo-Duc

Locations Served: Midvale Municipal Justice Court

Counties Served: Salt Lake

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Commission Narrative

Judge Vo-Duc received positive reviews from the observer and nearly all respondents. The judge presented as conscientious, showing consideration for people's needs while also holding them responsible for their actions. He conveyed attentiveness and ensured litigants understood what was happening in court. This judge meets discipline standards set by statute and has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Biography

Judge George F. Vo-Duc was appointed to the Midvale City Justice Court in January 2017. Judge Vo-Duc is a veteran of the United States Navy and a graduate of the University of Utah, where he received a Bachelor of Philosophy in 1996 and a Juris Doctor in 2001. Prior to appointment, Judge Vo-Duc worked as a Deputy District Attorney for Salt Lake County for 15 years, where he prosecuted narcotics, gang, special victim, and violent felony cases.



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Honorable Rick Westmoreland

Court: Weber County Juvenile Court

Counties Served: Davis, Morgan, Weber

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

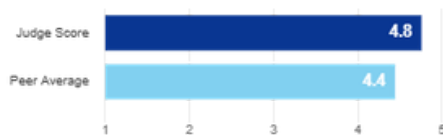
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 98% of survey respondents recommend Judge Westmoreland for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their juvenile court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Procedural Fairness
 - Consistent with Peers: Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Respondents find Judge Westmoreland to be fair-minded and knowledgeable, and both respondents and courtroom observers commend his professional and humane treatment of youth and caring for each individually.
 - Both groups further say that he listened and heard people out before making decisions.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Westmoreland's court.

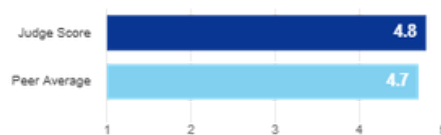
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

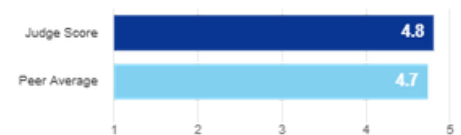
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Rick T. Westmoreland was appointed to the Second District Juvenile Court by Gov. Spencer Cox in June, 2022. He serves Davis, Morgan, and Weber Counties. Judge Westmoreland received his Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Studies from Weber State University and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to his appointment on the bench, Judge Westmoreland worked as a prosecutor for the Davis County Attorney's Office since 2004 where he served in several capacities, including Specialty Court Division Chief, Davis Metro Narcotics Strike Force prosecutor, Drug Court prosecutor, Special Victims prosecutor, as well as in the Juvenile Court and a felony caseload in the District Court. Judge Westmoreland was also a member of the Youth Parole Authority from 2013 until his appointment and served 5 years as Chair. Judge Westmoreland has been an adjunct professor at Weber State University since 2007 teaching in both the Criminal Justice and Master of Nursing programs. Judge Westmoreland was also a member of the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps from 2002 until 2013. Judge Westmoreland also worked in private practice where he was a public defender for both delinquency and child welfare cases.



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Honorable Jay Winward

Court: St. George District Court

Counties Served: Beaver, Iron, Washington

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

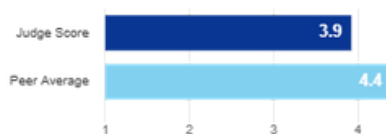
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
85% of survey respondents recommend Judge Winward for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their district court peers.
 - Consistent with peers: Administrative Skills
 - Below peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers appreciate Judge Winward's professional, personable demeanor.
 - Both groups speak highly of his efficient and organized calendar management, and several respondents highlight his preparedness and ability to laser focus on the issues.
 - Survey results indicate that he should work on being more patient and open-minded.
 - While both groups value his brisk, efficient pace in court, some respondents, and a couple of observers, suggest that the judge's attempts to be efficient may detract from procedural due process. Respondents say that he needs to consider more fully all arguments before ruling.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Winward's court.

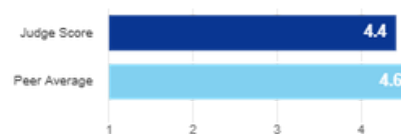
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

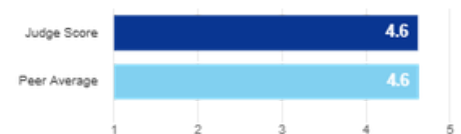
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Jay T. Winward was appointed to the Fifth District Court in December 2022 by Governor Spencer J. Cox. He serves Beaver, Iron, and Washington Counties. Judge Winward graduated with a degree in chemistry from the University of Utah. He attended law school at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. After law school, Judge Winward was a partner at Winward Law and then represented the United States of America as a federal prosecutor. During his career, he served a detail in Bogota, Colombia on behalf of the United States Department of Justice and trained prosecutors throughout the country. Judge Winward teaches Business Law at Utah Tech University.



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Honorable John Carl Ynchausti

Locations Served: Davis County Justice Court

Counties Served: Davis

Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Performance Standards

Commission Vote Count: 12 - 0

Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

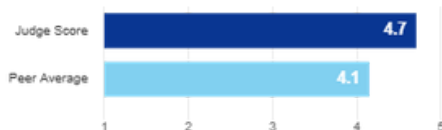
Commission Narrative

- **Survey Respondent Recommendation:**
 - 95% of survey respondents recommend Judge Ynchausti for retention
- **Performance Measures:** Survey scores are analyzed for statistical significance to determine if the judge scored well above, above, consistent with, below, or well below their justice court peers.
 - Above Peers: Legal Ability, Integrity & Judicial Temperament, Administrative Skills, Procedural Fairness
- **Respondent and Observer Feedback:**
 - Both respondents and courtroom observers praise Judge Ynchausti's levelheaded temperament and respectful, dignified treatment of court participants.
 - Both appreciate his impartiality and strong commitment to the law.
 - Respondents further say that he is capable and prepared, while observers highlight the judge's sensitivity to participant's needs.
 - All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Ynchausti's court.

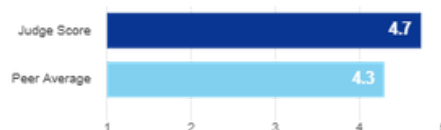
Performance Comparison

A passing score is 3.6 or above

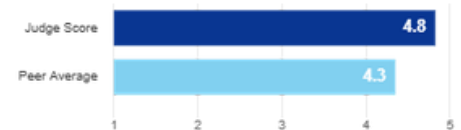
Legal Ability



Integrity & Judicial Temperament



Administrative Skills



Biography

Judge Ynchausti graduated from the University of Utah with degrees in History and Italian. He was recognized as both an Outstanding Undergraduate Student and the Utah Historical Society's Outstanding History Student. He attended the University of Idaho College of Law and was awarded the Langroise Scholarship and served as a member of the Conduct Review Board and Tenure Review Committee. He was a law clerk for Idaho Fifth District Judge James J. May. He has served on Utah State Bar committees and has been a mediator for the Utah Anti-Discrimination & Labor Division. He has served as an instructor for the Davis County Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Team Program. As an assistant Bountiful City Attorney, he advised the Board of Adjustment and Traffic Safety Committee. As the Bountiful City Prosecutor he advised, trained and assisted police, and prosecuted misdemeanor crimes. He has trained prosecutors locally and at the National District Attorney's Association. Judge Ynchausti has served as the USA Hockey/Utah Amateur Hockey Association Safe Sport Coordinator. Judge Ynchausti has been awarded with the Justice Court Service Award for his efforts in furthering the professional and legal competence of Utah Justice Court Judges; the Justice Court Outstanding Service Award for his service as Education Liaison between Justice Court Judges and the Utah Judiciary; and the Davis County Justice Court has been recognized as an Outstanding Justice Court for excellence in serving the public.

HOW CAN I VOTE?

[Contact your county clerk](#) for dates, times, and locations of in person voting. Polls are open on Election Day (Nov. 3) from 7 am - 8 pm.



VOTE BY MAIL

(Your clerk must receive your ballot by November 3rd)

All counties will be conducting the election by mail. All active voters will be mailed a ballot beginning October 13th. You can expect it shortly after.

You can return your ballot in a drop box. Find the drop box closest to you at vote.utah.gov. **Drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 3.**

You can also return your ballot by mail, but it will be counted only if it is received by Nov. 3. **Ballots received after Nov. 3 will not be counted, regardless of when they are postmarked.**



VOTE EARLY IN-PERSON

(October 20th - October 30th)

All counties conduct early voting, although times and locations vary. Visit vote.utah.gov to find early voting locations and times.



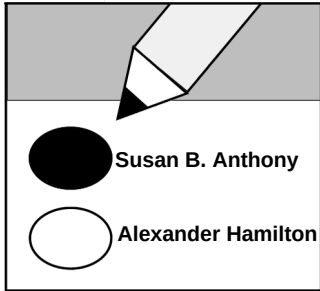
VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

(November 3rd)

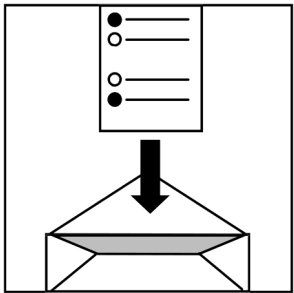
Eligible voters can vote in-person on Election Day. All counties must have at least one polling location. You can visit vote.utah.gov to find the nearest Election Day polling location. Contact your clerk's office to find a location to cast or drop off your ballot on Election Day.

HOW DO I CAST MY BALLOT?

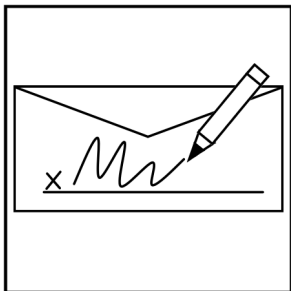
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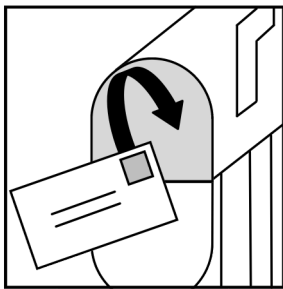
1. Follow the instructions on the ballot & mark your ballot.



2. After you have marked your ballot, place your ballot in the provided return envelope and seal the envelope.



3. Sign the voter declaration on the envelope. You must sign this declaration for your vote to count, and **you can only sign your own envelope.**

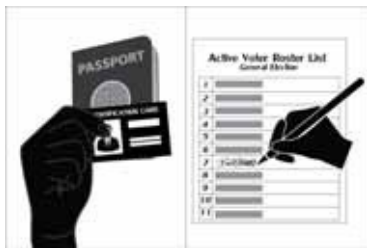


4. Return your ballot to a dropbox or by mail. Remember, ballots received after Nov. 3 will not be counted. **All ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

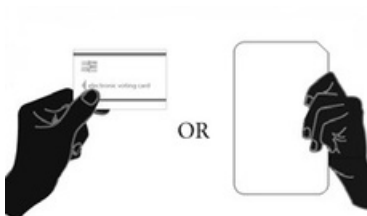
Visit vote.utah.gov to view your sample ballot, find your polling location, and view biographies for the candidates in your area.

HOW DO I CAST MY BALLOT?

If you are voting in-person:



1. Present valid ID to the poll worker and sign the official voting register. A list of valid forms of ID is available at vote.utah.gov.



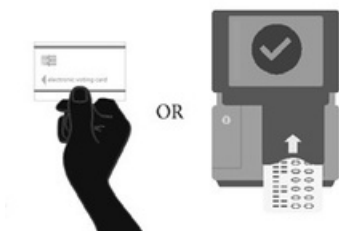
2. The poll worker will give you a card or a blank ballot to insert into an electronic voting machine, or you may receive a paper ballot to vote.



3. Follow the instructions provided on screen or on your paper ballot.



4. Double-check your selections.



5. After you are done voting, return the electronic voting machine card to the poll worker or insert your printed ballot in the drop box.

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HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You can register to vote by:



Going online to voter.utah.gov (a current Utah drivers license is required).



Mailing a [form](#) to your [county clerk](#).



Visiting your [county clerk's office](#).



Registering on Election Day at a polling location.

If you're registering on Election Day or during early voting, be sure to bring [valid ID and proof of residence](#). See vote.utah.gov for more information.



When do I register to vote?

Register on-line at voter.utah.gov or at your county clerk's office by October 23, 2026 **or** register when you vote, either during early voting or on Election Day. Be sure to bring [valid ID and proof of residence](#).



Common Questions

Am I registered to vote?

If you are not sure whether you are registered to vote, [contact your county clerk](#) or the Lieutenant Governor's office (1-801-538-1041).

I changed my name or address. Do I need to update my voter registration?

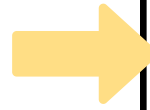
Yes. If you have a new name or address, you need to submit a new [registration form](#), or log onto voter.utah.gov.

WHAT I.D. DO I NEED?

When you vote, you must have:

ONE form of I.D. that:

- Is valid (not expired)
- Has your name
- Has your photograph
(except Tribal I.D. card)



These forms of I.D. may include:

- Utah Drivers License
- I.D. card issued by the state of Utah or the U.S. government
- Utah concealed carry permit
- U.S. passport
- Tribal I.D. card (does not need a photograph)



TWO forms of I.D. that:

- Are valid (not expired) or recent
- Have your name
- Prove where you live



These forms of I.D. may include:

- Social Security Card
- Birth certificate
- Paycheck
- Utah hunting or fishing license
- Employer or university I.D. card
- Utah vehicle registration
- Check issued by Utah or U.S. government
- Tribal treaty card
- Bureau of Indian Affairs card

**VISIT [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov)
& SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
BALLOT TRACKING UPDATES!**

Sign up to be notified when your mail-in ballot is sent and counted. You can choose the type of notification you'd like to receive.

Get Ballot Tracking Alerts

SIGN UP

**Track *my*
Ballot**
VOTE





State of Utah Voter Registration Form

Eligibility

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- ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a citizen of the United States? *If you answered "No", do not complete this form*
- ☐ Yes ☐ No Will you be at least 18 years old on or before election day?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years old and preregistering to vote?
If you answered "No" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

You must be a United States citizen to vote. If you fail to provide proof of United States citizenship, you will only be permitted to vote for federal offices. Information on how to provide proof of citizenship is included on the back of this form.

Name

2

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Name at Birth (if different from above) Suffix (Jr., Sr., II, III, IV)

The address where you live

3

Residential Address (no P.O. Boxes) Unit or Apt. Number City or Town

Utah
State Zip Code County in Utah

The address where you get your mail

4

☐ Same as above Mailing Address or P.O. Box Unit or Apt. Number

City or Town State Zip Code

Identification

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Date of Birth: ☐ I have a valid **Utah Driver's License** or valid **Utah ID card. Write that number here:** _____

MM - DD - YYYY ☐ I do not have a valid **Utah Driver's License** or valid **Utah ID card.**
Write the last four digits of your Social Security Number here: _____

☐ I do not have a valid UT Driver's License, valid UT ID card, or a Social Security Number.

☐ Tribal Identification Number or Alien Registration Number (optional): _____

Place of Birth (state or country) Place of Naturalization (if applicable) Date of Naturalization (if applicable)

Political Party Affiliation

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I would like to be affiliated with the following political party: ☐ Constitution Party ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Forward Party
☐ Green Party ☐ Independent American Party ☐ Libertarian Party ☐ Peoples' Freedom Party ☐ Republican Party
☐ Other: _____ (specify) ☐ Unaffiliated (no party preference)

Additional Information

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Phone number with area code (optional for official use - only) Email Address (optional for official use - only) ☐ I am a voter with a disability

Do you consent to receive communications about the status of your ballot and other official communications, by text, at the phone number you provided above? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I would like to be a poll worker

Indicate below how you want to vote in upcoming elections:

☐ Mail a ballot to me. I intend to vote by mail. ☐ I am a voter residing outside of the U.S.

☐ Do not mail a ballot to me. I will vote in person. ☐ I am an active military voter or a spouse/dependent of one

☐ If you checked either of the above boxes, please mark if you would like to receive your ballot at the email provided above

Updating a current record?

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☐ I have previously registered to vote Previous Residential Address Unit or Apt. Number

☐ I have never registered to vote (skip this section) City or Town State Zip Code

Privacy Information

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Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name, address, and age range. Your date of birth, driver license number, state identification card number, and social security number are available only to an authorized government entity. Your email address and phone number are also only available to an authorized government entity.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION

In addition to the protections provided above, you may request that your voter registration record be withheld from public disclosure if you are, or reside with: an individual who is a victim of, or is threatened with, domestic violence or dating violence; a law enforcement officer; a member of the armed forces; a public figure; or an individual who is protected by a court order. To make this request for additional privacy protection, you must prove that you qualify by submitting an at-risk designation request form, and any required proof, to your county clerk. You may obtain the form, and information on the proof required, from your county clerk or at vote.utah.gov.

Voter Declaration

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Read and Sign below

Voter Declaration: I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form is true and that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Utah, residing at the above address. Unless I have indicated above that I am preregistering to vote in a later election, I will be at least 18 years of age and will have resided in Utah for 30 days immediately before the election. I am not a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

Citizenship Affidavit: I hereby swear and affirm, under penalties for voting fraud set forth below in Utah Code Section 20A-2-401, that I am a citizen and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information above is true and correct.

Signature Today's Date

OFFICE USE ONLY Type of ID Voting Precinct Voting ID # Type: Mail

Information about this registration

You may also register to vote or update your registration online at www.voter.utah.gov

How do I turn in this form?

You can submit this form by mailing, delivering, or scanning and emailing it to your county clerk's office. You can obtain your county clerk's contact information at www.vote.utah.gov or by calling the Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor.

You may also mail your registration to:

Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor
Elections Division
P.O. Box 142325
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Am I eligible to register to vote?

You are eligible to register to vote if you:

- Are a citizen of the United States
- Have resided in Utah for at least 30 days immediately before the next election
- Are at least 18 years of age on or before the next election*
- If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you may preregister to vote.

**A voter who is 17 years of age is eligible to participate in a Primary Election if they will turn 18 years of age on or before the date of the next General Election.*

Notice: Any information you provide for purposes of voter registration may be subject to verification through the USCIS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program.

Proof of United States citizenship may be established by one of the following methods:

- A Utah driver license number that verifies United States citizenship;
- A Utah state identification card number that verifies United States citizenship;
- A legible copy of your birth certificate that verifies United States citizenship;
- A legible copy of the pages of a United States passport that identifies you and your passport number;
- An alien registration number that verifies United States citizenship;
- A legible copy of your United States naturalization documents;
- A Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number;
- A legible copy of a certificate of degree of Indian blood or a Bureau of Indian Affairs affidavit of birth;
- Verification of citizenship from the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program, operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or
- Other documents or methods of proving United States citizenship that are established in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

When is the voter registration deadline?

This registration form must be received by your county clerk's office at least 11 days before the election. If this form is not received by this deadline, you may register to vote at a voting center by voting with a provisional ballot and providing two forms of identification. You can find a list of acceptable forms of identification at www.vote.utah.gov.

Will I need identification to vote?

Yes, you will need to provide identification if you vote in person. If you are registering to vote for the first time and are voting by mail, you will also be required to submit some information in order to have your by mail ballot accepted. Please contact your county clerk for more information. A list of acceptable forms of identification can be found at www.vote.utah.gov.

Will I get a ballot in the mail?

If this form is received by your county clerk's office at least 11 days before an election, and you selected to receive a ballot by mail, your county clerk's office will mail you a ballot. If you are unable to submit your registration at least 11 days before an election, you must vote at an in-person voting center.

You can find a nearby voting center on www.vote.utah.gov.

How will I know if my registration was processed?

Your county clerk's office will send you an official voter information card by mail within 30 days of processing your voter registration form. You can also check the status of your voter registration by visiting www.vote.utah.gov.

Is voter registration information confidential?

Voter registration records are considered public records under [Utah Code 63G-2-301\(1\)\(l\)](#). A list of voters is available to the public upon request under [Utah Code 63G-2-201](#). The section below (titled "How do I request additional privacy protection?") discusses additional privacy protections that are available to certain individuals. A few items remain confidential and are never provided to any requester: your Social Security number, your UT Driver License number or UT ID number, email address, phone number, full date of birth, and your signature. For more information regarding voter privacy please go to vote.utah.gov/voter-privacy-information/ or scan the QR to the right.



How do I request additional privacy protection?

You may request that identifying information on your voter registration records be withheld from all political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by submitting an at-risk request form, and any required verification, with this registration form, or to the Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor or a county clerk.

Who can submit a withholding request form?

- A person who is a victim, or is likely to be a victim, of domestic violence or dating violence
- Law enforcement officers
- Individuals protected by protective or protection orders
- Members of the armed forces
- Public figures who have a higher safety risk due to their celebrity status or prominent position
- A person who resides with a person described in the bullet points above.

You can obtain an at-risk request form from your county clerk's office or the Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor, or you may download the form online at www.vote.utah.gov.

Can I register to vote if I have been arrested or convicted of a crime?

You can register to vote if you:

- Are granted parole;
- Are on probation for a misdemeanor or a felony;
- Are a pretrial detainee awaiting trial;
- Are currently in jail serving a sentence for a misdemeanor that is not related to election law; or
- Are no longer serving a term of imprisonment due to a felony or misdemeanor conviction.

How do I vote if I'm a Utah resident but live outside of the state at the time of an election?

If you are a Utah resident who is actively serving military duty or currently resides outside of the U.S., complete "Section 7" of the Voter Registration Form to be eligible to receive a ballot by fax or email. If you are a Utah resident and would prefer to not receive your ballot at your primary residence, please complete "Section 4" of the form with an accurate mailing address. This will enable you to receive your by-mail ballot at a separate address from your primary residence.

Who should I contact if I have more questions?

Contact your county clerk's office. You can obtain their contact information at www.vote.utah.gov.

You may also contact the Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor:

Phone: (801) 538-1041

Email: elections@utah.gov

Website: www.vote.utah.gov

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