

UTAH'S OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET



GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY - NOV 5, 2024

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."

A Spanish version is available on [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov).



State of Utah

Office of the Lieutenant Governor



Deidre M. Henderson

Lieutenant Governor

Dear Utah Voter,

My office is excited to present the 2024 Voter Information Pamphlet. Please take the time to read through the material to learn more about the upcoming General Election on November 5, 2024. Inside you will find information about candidates, ballot questions, judges, and how to vote.

This guide is not a substitute for Utah State Code, and it is not intended to be a comprehensive or authoritative statement of law. For further legal information, please consult Utah State Code or other appropriate legal resources. If any inconsistency exists between this publication and statute, the statutory language governs. Utah State Code can be found at le.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,

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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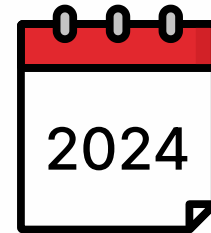
HELPFUL INFO

LOCAL CANDIDATES AND MEASURES

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. You can find their contact information on **page 141** of this manual.

IMPORTANT DATES

Ballots begin being mailed: October 15
Register by mail, received by: 5:00 p.m. October 25
Register online by: 5:00 p.m. October 25
Register in person by: 8:00 p.m. November 5
Election Day: November 5



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 25 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; (435) 314-8847

Democratic Party - www.utahdemocrats.org; (801) 328-1212

Green Party of Utah - www.greenpartyofutah.org; (385) 275-6002

Independent American Party - www.iaputah.org; (801) 970-1076

Libertarian Party - www.libertarianutah.org; (866) 511-8857

No Labels Party - www.nolabels.org; (202) 588-1990

Republican Party - www.utgop.org; (801) 533-9777

United Utah Party - www.unitedutah.org; (385) 325-1620

Utah Forward Party - www.utahforwardparty.org; (801) 441-003

CANDIDATES

The following pages list the candidates who are running for statewide office. Federal candidates, as well as the executive office 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 State Code 20A-6-305](#).

The current random list is:

B Z C W R E N A J Y M K S G L F T X P U O V H I Q D

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

VISIT

VOTE.UTAH.GOV

VIEW YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT



READ BIOGRAPHIES FOR CANDIDATES IN YOUR AREA

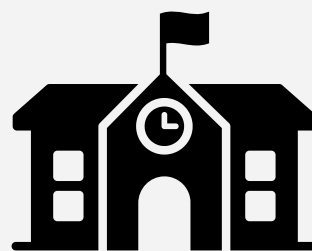
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Visit vote.utah.gov to read about the candidates on your ballot. All candidates were given the opportunity to submit a personal profile.

FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATION



PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Visit [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov) for more information on these candidates.

CANDIDATE	PARTY
JAY J BOWMAN (President) DE D. BOWMAN (Vice President)	Write-In
CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ (President) KARINA ALEXANDRA GARCIA (Vice President)	Unaffiliated
CORNEL RONALD WEST (President) MELINA ABDULLAH (Vice President)	Unaffiliated
BUDDIE ARDEN WILKERSON (President)	Write-In
LUCIFER "JUSTIN CASE" EVERYLOVE (President)	Unaffiliated
STEVE M. JOHNSON (President)	Write-In
ANDRE RAMON MC NEIL (President)	Write-In
JOEL SKOUSEN (President) RIK COMBS (Vice President)	Constitution
JILL STEIN (President) RUDOLPH WARE (Vice President)	Green
PETER SONSKI (President) LAUREN MICHELLE ONAK (Vice President)	Write-In
DONALD J. TRUMP (President) JD VANCE (Vice President)	Republican
FUTURE MADAM POTUS (President)	Write-In
CHASE OLIVER (President) MIKE TER MAAT (Vice President)	Libertarian
KAMALA D. HARRIS (President) TIM WALZ (Vice President)	Democratic
SHONDRA YEVETTE IRVING (President)	Write-In

U.S. SENATE

Visit VOTE.UTAH.GOV for more information on these candidates.

Carlton E. Bowen

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CITY OF RESIDENCE American Fork

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 17

AGE 55

OCCUPATION Executive Project Manager



A lifelong Republican, I ran Independent American to ensure there would be a Pro-TRUMP candidate on the November ballot. My GOP opponent has refused to endorse Trump and called for Trump's censure. I, Carlton E. Bowen, am the only pro-TRUMP candidate for U.S. Senate!

I'm running on a platform of Traditional Values, Traditional Money, and our Tradition of Freedom! There are only 2 genders: male and female. We need to remain a free-market capitalist economy. We need to re-embrace U.S. minted gold and silver coin to solve many of our economic problems. I'll only vote for spending that's part of a yearly balanced budget. I won't vote to increase the debt ceiling. America was founded by people seeking religious freedom and economic opportunity. God is the author of our Liberty and has protected America. We must remember and serve Him still if we're to remain a free and prosperous nation! I'm born and raised in Utah. I served honorably in the U.S. Air Force and have lived in Utah, Texas, Virginia, and South Korea. I'm married to my wife of 37 years, have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. I'm for the U.S. Constitution and value everyone's freedom!

U.S. SENATE

Visit VOTE.UTAH.GOV for more information on these candidates.

John Curtis

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Provo, Utah

YEARS OF RESIDENCE

AGE

OCCUPATION



Ranked as the 9th most effective Republican in Congress, John has delivered for Utah. Focusing on energy independence, fighting reckless spending in both parties, standing up to communist China's aggression, protecting farmers and ranchers from over-regulation, and defending Utah's land from federal overreach—he's been busy. Before Congress, John led a company that designed and built shooting ranges. This real world experience taught him what it's like to successfully build something from the ground up. As Provo mayor, he cut the city's budget by over 8% and earned a 94% approval rating from residents. He understands that running a leaner government is important, and he uses that as an example of how the federal budget should also operate. John's 6 years of seniority in the U.S. House will follow him to the Senate where seniority really matters. Utah won't have to start over. John now wants to take his unique experience and proven track record of getting things done for Utahns to the U.S. Senate. He believes that Utah families deserve to be heard and will continue to work hard every day to make Utah an even better place. As our Senator, he'll keep getting things done for Utah.

U.S. SENATE

Visit VOTE.UTAH.GOV for more information on these candidates.

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Park City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 15

AGE 38

OCCUPATION Professional Athlete



Hello Utahns, my name is Caroline Gleich. I am an activist, professional ski mountaineer, and your candidate for U.S. Senate. I have three priorities—protecting your families, freedom, and future. We desperately need change in our country—prices are too high, home-ownership and quality child care are out of reach, our veterans are underserved, our teachers are underpaid, we have the government in our doctor's offices, and the Great Salt Lake is in serious danger of disappearing, leaving toxic dust that threatens the health of all Utahns.

I have always used my platform for change, and I will continue to do so in the U.S. Senate. As your senator, I will advocate for a fully funding the VA, fighting corporate greed, incentivizing affordable child care programs, codifying Roe v. Wade, and accelerating the transition to a clean, renewable energy economy while continuing to invest in American manufacturing and jobs—along with so much more.

Utah is ready for a new generation of leaders and I'm here to take on that challenge—to represent the people of the state with truth, optimism, and decency. I will work for you, rather than dark money and corporations. I hope I can count on your vote.

U.S. SENATE

Visit [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov) for more information on these candidates.
(Write-In Candidate)

Laird Fetzer Hamblin

no profile submitted

U.S. HOUSE District 1

Visit VOTE.UTAH.GOV for more information on these candidates.

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CITY OF RESIDENCE SYRACUSE

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 27

AGE 59

OCCUPATION Business & Charity



Priority U involves You, USA, Utah, and Unity. Bill serves you, not special interests. He does not accept donations, wanting you to keep your hard-earned money.

Bill served as Autoliv's CFO, leading financial integrity, asset safeguards, and retirement / benefit plans. Bill significantly contributed to People First, Perfect Quality, and Strategic Growth Initiatives as Northern Utah jobs increased from 200 to over 10,000.

Bill and Amy have been married 33 years and raised compassionate children, all earning USU degrees. Bill enjoys Coaching, Professional Body Building, MMA Fighting (Champion), charity sponsorships, and hiking our magnificent Wasatch trails.

Bill's dominant First Responder DNA explains his extensive Military, Medical, and Security advocacy, never allowing any criteria before helping others. Community enhancement is a Campbell family cornerstone. Bill devotes time to numerous charities and strongly supports local businesses. Based upon extensive Campbell Cares activities, Bill was honored and humbled to serve as the 2024 Grand Marshall.

Bill's credentials have been proven within our district; different than others' political speeches based on what they have never done nor ever tried to do.

Vote Principles over Party; Character over Critic, Selflessness over Self-Interests, Solutions over Stunts. We welcome you to join our exciting and unique movement.

U.S. HOUSE District 1

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Daniel R. Cottam

no profile submitted

U.S. HOUSE District 1

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Blake Moore

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE

AGE

OCCUPATION



Blake Moore was elected Vice Chair of the House Republican Conference in 2023 and has positioned both himself and Utah in a pivotal leadership role within Congress. Renowned for his proactive approach to problem-solving, he collaborates with colleagues to deliver results while steadfastly upholding his conservative principles. Blake advocates for an aspirational, pro-growth, and determined conservative agenda tailored to future generations. Blake currently serves on influential committees, including the powerful Ways & Means Committee, the pivotal Budget Committee, and the influential Steering Committee. He is dedicated to supporting Utah's small and local businesses and was recognized with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's prestigious "Spirit of Enterprise" award. Blake's legislative prowess is evident, having been hailed as the most successful freshman Republican member in terms of legislation passed and earning the title of "Fiscal Hero" from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. Rooted in Utah's first district with his wife Jane and four boys, Blake balances his congressional duties by prioritizing family, regularly commuting between Washington and home to maintain his role as a devoted little league dad. Blake previously worked as both a consultant for Utah businesses and a foreign service officer.

U.S. HOUSE District 2

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Price

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 25

AGE 36

OCCUPATION Attorney and Professor



Do you remember how big the world used to seem? It made our “little” local issues seem much more important. Now it feels like the opposite is true. We are deeply divided as a people and the issues causing these divisions couldn’t have much less to do with our actual daily lives. We need to reverse and refocus, turning our attention inward and away from Washington. Nothing any one of us can do will make an impact on any of those national issues because our system is designed to make sure our voices have as little impact as possible. But they can’t stop us from focusing on the issues affecting our neighborhoods and hometowns — if we each pour our energy into addressing the little things in our lives that we each can make a big difference in, I know that when we relook at those “bigger” national issues they will seem infinitely more solvable. If there is anything I miss most about the hometown of my youth, it’s that being from there mattered to you. It was your town, it was our town, and that meant something. What do you want - more of the same, or change that matters?

U.S. HOUSE District 2

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Enoch

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 11 years

AGE 55

OCCUPATION



Cassie Easley is a strong believer in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. She is an Evangelical Christian. She has lived in rural Utah for 21 years. She is the daughter of a retired Navy veteran. Having lived in both large cities and rural Utah, she feels it gives her a better insight into the varied needs of this district.

Her political beliefs are based in the fundamental freedoms enumerated in the Constitution of the United States. The constitution specifies the duties of the members of Congress in Article 1, section 8. That is the job description and anything other than that is beyond the powers delegated to them by the people. She is a person who is willing to stand up and bear the responsibility of taking those duties seriously and to stay inside constitutional boundaries to represent the people of this district.

She is a strong proponent of the 2nd Amendment, without it there would be no way to protect the rest of the Bill of Rights. She is a certified Firearms Instructor. She is a member of GOA and a current student at SUU. She is a proponent of unintrusive, fiscally responsible, constitutionally limited government.

U.S. HOUSE District 2

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Celeste Maloy

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Cedar City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE Three

AGE 43

OCCUPATION Congresswoman, Utah 2nd District



Congresswoman Celeste Maloy fights tirelessly for Utah's 2nd District. She is dedicated to ending the Biden/Harris overspending and combating inflation that is hurting American workers and families. She advocates for balanced budgets and disciplined spending. Celeste is committed to border security, including completing the border wall and supporting our border patrol as they battle the cartels pushing dangerous drugs like fentanyl into our communities. She defends your 2nd Amendment rights. She supports our military and will continue to be a champion for the men and women working at Hill Air Force Base.

Celeste believes in the sanctity of life, standing for pro-life policies in Congress.

She knows Utahns know how to manage our lands and resources better than federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. Celeste fights for America's energy independence and greater local control of our resources because she knows no one cares more about protecting and preserving our lands than the farmers and ranchers who live and work on them.

A woman of faith, Celeste fervently defends religious freedom, pledging to uphold Utahns' rights to freely practice their faith.

Celeste Maloy shows up for you, and she shows up for Utah.

U.S. HOUSE District 2

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CITY OF RESIDENCE St. George

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 14

AGE 45

OCCUPATION Warehouse Manager



I was born and raised in Utah. I'm a regular guy who has done regular Utah things. I have a beautiful family and am worried about the direction of our country and how much more difficult it has become to make a living and live in freedom. Our rights to free speech and our rights to protect ourselves are directly under attack by those who seek to control us. I believe the further away the people who supposedly represent us are in mind and distance, the worse the outcomes for us. For those reasons I've created an app called VotingAct (go to votingact.com) that will allow citizens to vote on bills that come up in Congress. I will vote with the majority of those in my district every time. Allowing citizens to participate in a more direct manner in government takes the power away from the power brokers in D.C. and puts it back where it should be—With the people. A vote for me is a vote for you.

U.S. HOUSE District 3

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CITY OF RESIDENCE PARK CITY

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 18

AGE 76

OCCUPATION retired



I was fortunate enough to be raised in a time when society allowed an average working person to comfortably buy a house, feed a family of four, purchase a car, and still have money left to save. The Greatest Generation built the foundation for the Boomer Generation to Prosper.

Our children and grandchildren are not promised the same prosperous future that I was. We are all witnessing the impact of the increasing income distribution gap.

Through my service as a Summit County Councilman and working on the Utah Association of Counties board, I have witnessed firsthand the everyday struggles of Utahns. I have seen how Utahns can benefit from their representatives working with diverse political backgrounds and opinions. We can work to solve the following:

1. Protecting our democracy
2. Focusing on economic security, including affordable housing challenges
3. Reaffirming personal agency and freedom

The path to prosperity and freedom is possible. The opportunity is in our hands. Wealth for the few has led to attacks on the Constitution and your freedom. I will preserve, protect, and defend this path forward with your support.

U.S. HOUSE District 3

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Mike Kennedy

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Alpine

YEARS OF RESIDENCE Nearly 30 Years

AGE 55

OCCUPATION Family Physician



Mike Kennedy is the Republican nominee for Utah's Third Congressional District. As a family physician, attorney, small business owner, dedicated husband to his wife, Katrina, father of eight, and grandfather of nine, Mike Kennedy has seen firsthand how Washington D.C.'s failures to control inflation, secure our borders, or pass a budget make life harder for everyday Americans. As a State Senator in Utah's part-time legislature, he has been a conservative advocate for fiscal responsibility, limited government, supporting small businesses, and the safeguarding of individual liberties. His legislative achievements include collaborating with others to cut taxes and balance the budget, as well as leading multiple efforts to make government more efficient and protect the most vulnerable in society. For more information, to donate, or join the team, please go to MikeKennedyforUtah.com

U.S. HOUSE District 4

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CITY OF RESIDENCE West Jordan

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 19

AGE 25

OCCUPATION Direct-Care Behavior Therapist



The integrity of the Land of Liberty has collapsed. We NEED better public officials, candidates you can count on. Americans are tired of voting between two candidates that aren't that great. I want to represent you, the people of Utah. I want to preserve your agency, to be able to choose between GOOD candidates. We need to limit how political parties nominate candidates, to only nominate candidates to parallel offices proportional to the party's voter affiliates.

I will advocate for the States to have more power in relation to the federal government by repealing the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

These changes are the most effective way to restore appropriate government operation and advocate for constituents over big money.

As a type of behavioral therapist, I know what it can take to change ineffective behavior. I plan to utilize my skills to advocate for the people upon my election.

U.S. HOUSE District 4

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Vaughn R Cook

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Mapleton

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 16

AGE 74

OCCUPATION Company Founder / Oriental Medical Doctor



Why:

1. To better represent the 4th District. Most of us are moderate in our thinking and our politics and I'm a moderate.
2. To shift the balance of power in Congress away from the extremes.
3. To empower voters more than parties and lobbyists.
4. To focus more attention and action on issues that impact our quality of life.

Education:

1. Sky View High School
2. BS - USU – political science/economics/business
3. Graduate – Oriental Medical Institute of Hawaii
4. Doctor's Degree (OMD) - NAAAAM

Experience:

1. I'm an entrepreneur and know the risks and challenges of business.
2. I have extensive clinical experience in complementary medicine, and I understand how critical health is to each individual and to society.
3. My current companies develop software products that combine principles of eastern and western medicine and are used by health professionals and wellness advocates around the world.

Who:

1. I was born and raised in Utah. My roots go back four generations to the early pioneers.
2. LDS mission – New Zealand
3. I've been married to Kathryn Carlson for 52 years. We have five children, 17 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

U.S. HOUSE District 4

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Katrina Fallick-Wang

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CITY OF RESIDENCE South Salt Lake

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 14

AGE 48

OCCUPATION Digital Media Marketer



Katrina Fallick-Wang is committed to representing Utah's 4th District in Congress. With a 30-year career in the technology sector and deep roots in her community, Katrina understands the everyday challenges faced by Utah families. She is focused on finding real solutions to the issues that matter most to Utahns, including affordable healthcare, quality education, environmental stewardship, and economic opportunity.

Katrina believes in the power of grassroots action and is running a campaign funded by everyday Utahns, not special interests. She is passionate about bringing common sense to Washington and working across party lines to achieve results for Utah families.

A woman of strong values, Katrina is determined to make sure that every Utahn's voice is heard in Congress. She knows that the people of Utah deserve leaders who will fight for them, and she is ready to show up for you and for Utah.

Katrina Fallick-Wang is running for Congress because she believes in a better future for Utah—a future where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

U.S. HOUSE District 4

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Burgess Owens

no profile submitted

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Spencer Cox

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Fairview

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 46

AGE 49

OCCUPATION Attorney



Gov. Spencer J. Cox is a husband, father, farmer, recovering attorney, and Utah's 18th governor.

During his first term in office, Gov. Cox cut more than \$1.2 billion in taxes, implemented landmark changes in water law, water conservation and infrastructure planning, locked in record funding for education and teachers, enacted universal school choice, and secured funds for affordable housing.

A long-time advocate for suicide prevention and mental health resources, he's become a national voice on protecting youth from the harms of social media. He also signed early education and workforce program funding and launched the One Utah Health Collaborative. Gov. Cox has a long track record of public service, serving as a city councilmember, mayor, county commissioner and state legislator before being appointed as Utah's lieutenant governor in 2013.

A sixth-generation Utahn, Gov. Cox was born and raised in Fairview, a town of 1,200 people. He married his high school sweetheart Abby Palmer Cox. He has attended Snow College, USU, and the Washington and Lee University School of Law, then clerked for U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart and worked at a Salt Lake City law firm.

(See next page for running mate.)

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Deidre Henderson

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Spanish Fork

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 26

AGE 49

OCCUPATION Homemaker



Deidre Henderson is Utah's ninth lieutenant governor, serving as the Beehive State's second-highest elected official, chief election officer, and secretary of state.

While in office, Lt. Gov. Henderson created Return Utah, a first-in-the-nation state program for Utahns who have been out of the workforce for an extended period. The program helps Utahns gain relevant experience as they re-enter the workforce.

Before her time as Lt. Governor, Henderson served in the Utah Senate. She built a reputation as a strong conservative and champion of women and families. In politics, Lt. Gov. Henderson stands by the wisdom of the U.S. Constitution, free markets, fiscal conservatism, federalism, and the blessings of freedom and liberty.

As the mother of five children, Lt. Gov. Henderson spent her 20s wiping her children's noses and bottoms, and helping put her husband, Gabe, through school. She dropped out of college during her first year at BYU to raise a family, and in 2021, she graduated from BYU as a history major and walked alongside her son Jimmy.

Lt. Governor Deidre M. Henderson lives in Spanish Fork, where she and her husband Gabe raised their children. They have four daughters, one son, and two adorable grandsons.

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Tommy Williams

Archie A. Williams III

no profile submitted

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 63

AGE 65

OCCUPATION Attorney



Brian King is a husband, father, grandfather, and attorney running to serve as your next Governor. In his legal career, Brian sues some of the biggest insurance companies in the world on behalf of people who have had claims wrongfully denied. He is proud to have spent decades representing the interests of everyday people against powerful corporations. Brian's work representing District 23 in the Utah House of Representatives for the last 16 years has had a similar focus: representing the people and fighting for their interests against entrenched politicians, influential special interest groups, and giant corporations. He's no stranger to a David vs. Goliath battle, and, as Governor, he will advocate for Utahns who are being left behind.

Brian believes that Utahns deserve better, and he's running to put results over rhetoric and public service over personal interests. Brian is building a coalition of pragmatists, made up of Utahns from all political affiliations and backgrounds. If you're tired of the division, the extremism, and the chaos, and if you're looking for a leader who will always stand up for what's right, then join us — for the better.

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GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Rebekah Cummings

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 11

AGE 44

OCCUPATION Librarian



Rebekah Cummings is running alongside Brian King to be your next Lieutenant Governor. Growing up amidst diverse and politically divided surroundings, she learned early the importance of bridging divides. In her blue-collar, conservative upbringing in a liberal city, Rebekah found solace in books. Her involvement in politics began as an librarian and advocate, going to the capitol to oppose book bans and censorship. Now, as a mom of three, Rebekah is the Director of Digital Matters at the University of Utah, Co-Chair of the Utah Library Association Advocacy Committee, and founding member of the Let Utah Read Coalition. Balancing family, education, work, and service, she has championed intellectual freedom and community engagement.

With a vision for pragmatic governance and a dedication to empowering families, Rebekah is ready to lead Utah toward a future where every voice is heard and every individual thrives — for the better.

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J. Robert Latham

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CITY OF RESIDENCE St. George

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 13

AGE 55

OCCUPATION Protecting the liberties and constitutional rights of Utahns against derogation and invasion by state actors. Attorney.

*Successfully and tenaciously championed fellow Utahns' constitutional rights for more than three decades.

*Represented prevailing petitioner in *Holland vs. Spencer Cox*, U.S. District Court of Utah, 4:18-cv-00074.

*Parental Defense Alliance, 2019 Appellate Attorney of the Year (In re B.T.B.).

*Protects families against state-facilitated child trafficking.

*Didn't manipulate housing market, enriching cronies.

*Didn't ask Utah Supreme Court to diminish our existing state constitutional initiative rights to alter or reform government.

*Family business (CentraCom) didn't receive \$32 million from Utah taxpayers while holding elected office.

Supports:

*Election integrity through: 1) increasing transparency using end-to-end auditable voting and hand-counts paired with machine-counts, and 2) advocating use of the proportional ranked choice voting electoral method to populate policy-making boards with more ideologically-diverse assemblies of responsive community members

*Piloting democratic lotteries ("sortition") in local governments to curb excess influence wielded by entrenched aggressors with dark triad personality traits (see Brian Klaas's "Corruptible")

*Disrupting censorship ecosystems and "underthrowing" domineering regimes through subversive innovation, entrepreneurship, intentional communities, mutual aid societies, and FOCJs

*Ending family policing's "benevolent terror" by dismantling the Division of Child and Family Separation

*Libertarian Party platform

As oft-outnumbered tyrants coerce, use jury nullification to acquit those effectuating pre-emptive self-defense.

Help grow the liberty vote!



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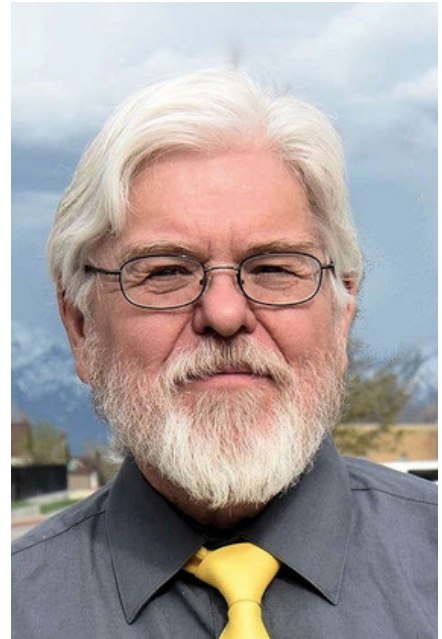
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CITY OF RESIDENCE Cedar City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 19

AGE 69

OCCUPATION Business owner



Utah's Lieutenant Governor is the head administrator of all elections in Utah. It is a hugely important job, one Utahns should give serious attention.

A recent KUTV poll indicates that more than HALF of Utahns are not confident that our elections are counted properly.

Our elections must be fair, accurate, and open to all qualified voters. I will work to achieve these goals:

1. Restore in-person voting and make voting by mail opt-in, not automatic;
2. A recount procedure that counts and verifies EVERY ballot;
3. Reduction or abolition of excessive candidate filing fees;
4. Absolute transparency at every step in the vote counting process.

For the future, I support a constitutional amendment to abolish the position of Lieutenant Governor and restore that of Secretary of State, so our elections are led by an elected official responsible to voters, not a political appointee of the Governor.

As Chair of my party, I have worked extensively with the Elections Office. I have the experience to know what needs to be done to make our elections fair and accurate, and restore voter confidence.

Elect a Lieutenant Governor who knows what the job requires, and who intends to do it right.

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Tom Tomeny

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Orem

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 6

AGE 64

OCCUPATION Entrepreneur



Tom Tomeny is a follower of Jesus. He gave up his business career to follow Jesus daily by sharing the Gospel with all. He is running for Governor to show all that the Way of Jesus is the answer to our divisive politics, whether you are religious or not.

The Way of Jesus is to love all, all the time. This is reflected in our core Utah values of Faith, Family, and Freedom, which is where Tom prayerfully stands on all issues.

Tom is qualified to be Governor as his temporal gifts align well, having led numerous enterprises, both non-profits and for profits.

This campaign involves no money and no party. We urge you to ignore all political advertising and research every candidate on their website.

Tom Tomeny is the alternative to voting for any professional politician. His life story is being written on a website, My Life of Light. Tom lives a life of signs, wonders, and miracles along with his share of trials and tribulations. He moved to Utah after joining the Church of Jesus Christ, of Latter-day Saints 7 years ago.

Please consider voting the Jesus Way no matter how you vote.

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GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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RESIDENCE YEARS OF Salt Lake City, Utah

RESIDENCE 10

AGE 54

OCCUPATION Structural Geologist (retired)



You probably believe in the existence of criminals, but there are no such people in our jails. Accused of crimes I did not commit, I was incarcerated for 79 days in Salt Lake Metro Jail. I talked to more than 300 prisoners. Every person says the same thing, "I am innocent. State prosecutors fabricated this story."

The opening line of my charging document was, "Mr. Taylor recently moved to Utah and apparently brings significant wealth." Sean Reyes convicted me a felon for saying, "Please tell the truth." Heather Brereton let me be charged, tried, convicted and punished without ever allowing me speak, not even once. I was arrested, tortured, incarcerated, and extorted all while innocent, receiving permanent punishment that destroyed my savings, career, health, hurting my children for generations to come.

The criminal justice system of the state of Utah is a racket. As Lieutenant Governor, I will do everything in my power to 1) limit prosecutor power, 2) decriminalize mental health, drug addiction, and homelessness, 3) reduce the size and expenditure of criminal justice by removing prosecutors and judges from state salary and, 4) establishing perpetual court monitoring to bring charges against prosecutors and judges who violate our citizens.

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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(Write-In Candidate)

Richard Kennedy Lyman

Carol Ann Lyman

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GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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(Write-In Candidate)

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Blanding

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 1964 - present

AGE 60

OCCUPATION CPA



Phil Lyman, a 5th generation Utahn, is known for his bold conservative leadership in San Juan County and beyond. As county commissioner, he led a protest against federal road closures and was named “Commissioner of the Year” for his commitment to defending citizens’ rights. His career as an accountant began after earning degrees from BYU and the University of Utah. He returned to his hometown of Blanding to run his father’s CPA firm and now owns Recapture Investment Group. Lyman also worked to preserve roads and access to public lands and reduce federal control over Utah’s lands. He served as chair of the Seven-County Infrastructure Coalition, promoting vital infrastructure development while preserving local autonomy. As a state legislator, Lyman sponsored or co-sponsored 65 bills, focusing on property and water rights, rural healthcare, and natural resources management. Phil is a strong advocate for state sovereignty, fighting relentlessly against federal and special interest groups’ meddling in Utah’s land, water, and energy resources. Phil and Jody Lyman have five children and seventeen grandchildren. Phil is driven by his role as a father and grandfather and has a deep commitment to protecting Utah’s fundamental liberties and resources for the next generation.

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(Write-In Candidate)

Natalie Clawson

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Highland

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 7

AGE 47

OCCUPATION Homemaker



Natalie Clawson, an Orem native, graduated from BYU with a B.S. in Political Science and a Juris Doctorate degree. Natalie completed Utah's POST, worked in law enforcement as an SFO, and was admitted to the Utah State Bar in 2003.

With a deep love of America and civil rights, Natalie has been involved with public affairs in various capacities. As a sponsor of the Secure Vote Utah initiative, Natalie will bring more transparency to our election systems in the lieutenant governor's office.

Natalie worked for BYU's International Center for Law and Religion Studies. Through this work she researched and published on issues relating to law and religious freedom and became a strong defender of the First Amendment.

Serving her school community as a PTA and School and District Community Council member, Natalie has advised on educational policies and actively championed providing more opportunities for all children.

Natalie and her husband Craig have five children. They reside in Utah County.

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(Write-In Candidate)

Charlie Tautuaa

Sylvia Miera Fisk

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UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Derek Brown

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Cottonwood Heights

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 19

AGE 54

OCCUPATION Attorney



Derek Brown is a prominent Utah attorney and former Chairman of the Utah Republican Party with a strong commitment to conservative principles, and a fervent desire to safeguard the integrity of the Constitution. He has practiced law with two of the largest law firms in the country and served as a law clerk with the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

While serving as a member of the Utah House of Representatives, Brown served on the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee. As a member of the House, he was a stalwart advocate for conservative values, including:

- Cutting taxes
- Supporting law enforcement
- Reducing burdensome government regulations
- Resisting encroachment by the federal government

When called upon by Senator Mike Lee, Derek voluntarily left the legislature to become Senator Lee's Deputy Chief of Staff and Utah State Director. There he joined Senator Lee in his daily fight to restore constitutionally-limited government to our nation and protect Utah's 10th Amendment rights.

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Park City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 7

AGE 55

OCCUPATION Attorney



We have all had enough of politicians and the system as it is now. I am an independent running under the Democrat Party ticket. As such, I agree with both conservative and progressive positions depending on the issue. I have dedicated my entire career protecting the freedoms we all have and will continue to do so.

However, as Attorney General, I will not let my personal views dictate the management of the office unless to fight oppression. I will follow the will of the people and not be a puppet of the legislature, governor, or any special interest group. I will only do what the will of the people dictate. We have all had enough of politics as usual. As an independent, I will bring an end to that practice.

Any law that diminishes the protections of our Constitutional Rights will not only not be defended by my office; they will be fought against. I am also the only candidate running for Attorney General who has refused to accept any financial contributions for my campaign. The State's top prosecutor should not accept any financial contributions. This is the only way to ensure what the office deserves, integrity!

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Lehi

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 30

AGE 76

OCCUPATION Attorney



I have practiced law in Utah for 50 years. I am a former Chair of the Utah Libertarian Party and a former member of the Board of the ACLU of Utah. I served as Chair of the Board of the Utah County substance abuse clinic. I was an intern in the U.S. Senate.

I am licensed to practice in Utah and New York and in several Federal Courts. I have appeared before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the highest courts of Utah, New York and Iowa. My law practice involves civil and criminal litigation and administrative proceedings in many state agencies.

I have always worked to increase individual freedom and to oppose the expansion of State power. I have had many cases with the Attorney General's Office; and I am well qualified to had that office. With me as AG, individual citizens will be treated fairly, and their diversity and rights will be respected.

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Austin Hepworth

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Murray

YEARS OF RESIDENCE

AGE 41

OCCUPATION Attorney/Business Owner



I am Austin Hepworth, and I am unaffiliated with the parties as the Attorney General should serve as a check and balance. The AG should simply enforce the law, without politics or direction from the governing party as conflicts naturally arise. We can help strengthen America's foundation by promoting the rule of law—without favoritism, politics, or conflicts—by electing an independent AG.

The AG is tasked with enforcing the law in the courts. The rule of law forms the basis for what makes our country successful, instead of the whims of the current elected official. As laws must pass through a system of checks and balances, the law should be the governing force in America instead of the monarchy that the Founders were under.

I am a Utah native, with strong Utah values. I love our country and our Constitution, and I believe that our best days are still ahead. We can make a difference, and by voting differently this election, we can break out of the degrading cycle we are currently experiencing in politics. Accountability, transparency, and independence in the AG's office will help spread good that permeates the rest of Utah's government, for the better.

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Michelle Quist

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Salt Lake City

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 15

AGE 48

OCCUPATION Attorney



Michelle Quist is an accomplished litigator and appellate lawyer with a goal of getting party politics out of Utah's Attorney General's Office. She believes that politics have no place in law enforcement. With over two decades of legal experience, Michelle began her career at a prominent Wall Street law firm in 2000, clerked for a federal appellate court judge, and has held appointments by the Governor and the Utah Supreme Court on various court-related committees. She has also served two terms as a Utah Bar Commissioner and is now an attorney practicing in Utah courts.

Michelle's priorities include attracting and retaining top legal talent, modernizing outdated technology, and ensuring transparency in operations. Her policy goals focus on protecting women and children, supporting law enforcement, and tackling government corruption. She is especially concerned about the Legislature's recent proposal to limit Utahns' ability to use the initiative process for government reform. Michelle firmly opposes this power grab and stands with voters' rights.

If you are ready for change in an office plagued by years of scandal, consider voting for an independent third-party candidate—Michelle Quist for Attorney General—committed to serving the people of Utah and not national political agendas. <https://www.michelleforutah.com/>

STATE AUDITOR

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Tina Cannon

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Mountain Green

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 24

AGE 56

OCCUPATION Deputy State Auditor



Tina Cannon is the Deputy State Auditor in the Office of the Utah State Auditor, and is a successful accountant, entrepreneur and small business owner.

When elected she will continue the important work of the State Auditor to be a watchdog for Utah Taxpayers by providing an independent assessment of financial operations, statutory compliance, and performance management of state and local governments.

In the private sector for over 28 years, Tina used her management accounting background (CMA) and specialization (EA) in Federal, State, Local and Employment taxation to represent countless individuals and small businesses owners across Utah. Tina has used this expertise to bring greater accountability and oversight to Utah's taxation processes.

Visit her website at TinaCannon.com learn about her endorsements, including State Auditor John Dougall, Deputy State Auditor Hollie Andrus, Prior Utah Taxpayers Association President Howard Stevenson, and more.

Tina has served two terms as a Morgan County Councilmember; as an IEP Coach and Parent Advocate for the Utah Parent Center; as a full-time missionary for her church; and in leadership positions on multiple community boards and advocacy groups.

This life-long service to her family and community contributed to her being named Utah Mother of the Year in 2018.

STATE AUDITOR

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Jeffrey L. Ostler

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Herriman

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 22

AGE 58

OCCUPATION Accounting



I'm a results-oriented accounting professional with 25+ years' experience in audit, accounting, compliance, risk assessment, data analysis, internal controls, team leadership and financial oversight. I have a proven track record in financial reporting, regulatory compliance, and driving financial transparency. My education includes a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and I continued my graduate education in the Masters of Accountancy Tax program.

Promoting transparency, financial accountability, and efficient use of resources are my top priorities. I am committed to clear and effective communication. I also know that good leadership matters. Government should operate with the highest standards of integrity and accountability. With a solid foundation in tax audit, tax management, corporate accounting, compliance, and financial audit, I bring professional financial expertise, aiming to prioritize fiscal responsibility, transparency, and ethical governance.

I plan to improve audit quality by conducting reviews to determine how long it takes to conduct audits, how office staff hours are allocated, how the Auditor's office ensures the quality of audits, and how well the office communicates with governmental groups, organizations and the public. I would also implement advanced workflow tools to increase collaboration with other agencies and turn the audit process into a real-time continuous process improvement.

STATE TREASURER

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Herriman

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 14

AGE 42

OCCUPATION Software Engineer



I'm running to introduce voters to the Utah Forward Party, the newest party in the state. Forward is a national effort to amplify voters' voices, foster collaborative solutions, and promote candidates who lead with dignity and respect. Our approach is grassroots—built from the ground up. Utah is one of the first states where Forward Party candidates are running for positions such as school board, county council, and state legislature. We are also endorsing candidates from other parties who share our vision.

Our key focus is on common-sense election reforms. We aim to implement more representative voting systems like Ranked Choice Voting and Approval Voting. We advocate for fairer voting districts by supporting the use of maps from the Independent Redistricting Commission. Additionally, we seek to increase political engagement by democratizing the primary process and ensuring our elected officials truly represent the people

To learn more about the party's values, principles, and priorities, visit:

<https://www.forwardparty.com>

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STATE TREASURER

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Bountiful

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 20

AGE 54

OCCUPATION State Treasurer of Utah



Treasurer Marlo Oaks brings over two decades of experience in investment management and banking to the office. Before becoming Utah's 26th state treasurer in 2021, he managed multi-billion-dollar portfolios at a large insurance and healthcare company. Marlo's expertise includes asset allocation, risk management, and performance analysis.

The Public Treasurers' Investment Fund (PTIF) provides daily liquidity to state agencies and local governments. Beginning in 2022, Treasurer Oaks positioned the PTIF to better navigate potential economic uncertainties by significantly reducing corporate bond exposure. Despite this lower risk profile, in fiscal year 2024 the fund generated a record \$1.8 billion in income for its investors. He has also strengthened the management of the state's long-horizon investment portfolios and government escrow accounts.

Since taking office, Treasurer Oaks has returned more than \$95 million in lost money to Utahns and launched the MyCash Now program, which automates the return of unclaimed property to verified owners.

Treasurer Oaks is a nationally recognized champion for economic freedom. His efforts to protect Utahns from federal overreach and the politicization of the financial markets have gained national traction. His writing has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Deseret News, Real Clear Policy, and other publications.

STATE TREASURER

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Neil A. Hansen

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UTAH LEGISLATURE CANDIDATES

Utah State Senate - visit VOTE.UTAH.GOV for more information on these candidates

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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.

The legislature passed a resolution to place a nonbinding opinion question on the ballot.

Who wrote the information about the questions?

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

What's on my ballot?

Constitutional Amendment A ([page 57](#))

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to allow income tax money to be used for all state needs and prioritize public education funding for changes in enrollment and inflation? If this amendment is approved, state statute will eliminate the state sales tax on food.

Constitutional Amendment B ([page 64](#))

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to increase the limit on the annual distributions from the State School Fund to public schools from 4% to 5% of the fund?

Constitutional Amendment C ([page 70](#))

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to have the office of county sheriff be elected by voters?

Constitutional Amendment D ([page 73](#))

Should the Utah Constitution be changed to strengthen the initiative process by:

- Prohibiting foreign influence on ballot initiatives and referendums.
- Clarifying the voters and legislative bodies' ability to amend laws.

If approved, state law would also be changed to:

- Allow Utah citizens 50% more time to gather signatures for a statewide referendum.
 - Establish requirements for the legislature to follow the intent of a ballot initiative.
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Constitutional Amendment A

Ballot Title

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to allow income tax money to be used for all state needs and prioritize public education funding for changes in enrollment and inflation? If this amendment is approved, state statute will eliminate the state sales tax on food.

Legislative Votes

Utah Senate:

22 Yes 6 No 1 Not Present

Utah House:

57 Yes 17 No 1 Not Present

Ballot Title & Session

2023 Legislative General Session

Senate Joint Resolution ([S.J.R. 10](#))

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax

Impartial Analysis

Current Provisions of the Utah Constitution

The Utah Constitution requires the state to spend money from taxes on income or intangible property to support public education, higher education, children, and people with disabilities. Currently, the state taxes income but does not tax intangible property (such as stocks, bonds, patents, or copyrights).

Effect of Constitutional Amendment A

Constitutional Amendment A would modify the allowable uses of income tax money in two ways. First, the amendment establishes how the Legislature maintains public education funding by (a) requiring the Legislature to use a portion of growth in money the state receives from taxes to pay for increased costs to public education caused by inflation and changes in student enrollment and (b) ensuring the Legislature maintains a public education budgetary stabilization account. Second, Constitutional Amendment A expands the allowable uses of income tax money to support other state needs after meeting the public education requirements. Constitutional Amendment A would not prohibit, or otherwise alter, the use of income tax money to support higher education, children, or people with disabilities or to otherwise provide for public education.

The Legislature has already implemented a budgetary stabilization account in statute to ensure the state has funding for public education when there is an economic downturn. Currently, the budgetary stabilization account receives at least 15% of new income tax money. The Legislature also may direct other money into the stabilization account. Deposits into the budgetary stabilization account are capped at 11% of the amount of income tax money the state spends on public education.

The Legislature may spend money in the stabilization account for public education only. If there is not enough money from sources other than the stabilization account to provide at least the same level of funding as the previous year plus funding for growth in student enrollment and the costs of inflation, the Legislature must use the money in the stabilization account as needed to fund public education. In the meantime, the Legislature may use the money only for one-time public education costs.

Implementing Legislation

If the voters approve Constitutional Amendment A, two other bills that the Legislature passed during the 2023 legislative session would take effect. Those bills are [H.B. 54](#), Tax Revisions, and [H.B. 394](#), Hold Harmless for Public Education Enrollment Decline.

H.B. 54 removes the state sales tax on purchases of food and food ingredients, like groceries, but not food that is already prepared and ready to eat. Removal of the state sales tax on food and food ingredients eliminates a tax of 1.75% on these purchases.

H.B. 394 provides that between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2030, the Legislature will provide additional income tax money to public schools if total student enrollment in public schools declines. The amount of additional money equals the amount the schools would have received had there not been a decline in enrollment. H.B. 394 requires the Legislature to review whether to continue providing the additional money after June 30, 2030.

Effective Date

If approved by voters, Constitutional Amendment A will take effect on January 1, 2025. H.B. 54 and H.B. 394 also take effect on January 1, 2025, if the voters approve Constitutional Amendment A.

Fiscal Impact

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst has determined that approval of Constitutional Amendment A will prioritize income tax revenue to support a public education funding framework. Once the obligation to public education is satisfied, the constitutional amendment will allow the Legislature to appropriate income tax revenue for other purposes. Passage of Constitutional Amendment A triggers two statutory provisions. First, the removal of the 1.75% state sales tax rate on food, reducing state revenue by approximately \$218.6 million in fiscal year 2026. Second, maintaining state funding for public education during declining student enrollment, avoiding projected reductions to public education of approximately \$42.5 million each year.

Argument in Favor

Argument in Favor ([S.J.R. 10](#) Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax)

Amendment A updates the state constitution in a way that will make a meaningful impact for every Utahn.

If you approve this amendment, the state portion of the sales tax on food will be removed, and enhanced funding for education will be constitutionally guaranteed.

By voting YES on Amendment A, you are deciding to:

- Remove state sales tax on food to help ease the financial strain on Utahns and support families.
- Constitutionally guarantee a rainy-day education fund to support education during economic downturns.
- Immediately boost per-pupil spending by about \$85 million.
- Prioritize funding for student enrollment changes and long-term inflation.
- Protect the education budget even if student enrollment decreases over the next five years.

Amendment A Removes the State Sales Tax on Food

Sales tax on food is charged by both state and local governments. Eliminating the state portion of the sales tax on food will benefit all Utahns, especially as grocery prices and inflation continue to rise. It will also benefit families who spend a significant portion of their income on groceries.

The amendment makes this change possible because it allows the focus to be on all state needs when making budget decisions rather than depending on siloed revenue sources, fostering a more adaptable and responsive government.

Amendment A Protects and Prioritizes Education Funding

In 2020, an educational funding framework was passed into law, which has significantly boosted the state's investment in education.

The Result: Education funding has increased by \$1.8 billion since implementing this framework four years ago. This is more than twice as much as education funding increased in the four years before this framework went into effect. Utah will increase per-pupil spending by passing this amendment.

Amendment A will guarantee a stable framework that increases education funding in the constitution, where it cannot be altered by a simple majority in a future legislature; instead, any proposed changes must first go to a vote of the people.

By voting YES to this amendment, you are voting to put this law in Utah's Constitution, which will increase our investment in education and help Utah's students and teachers receive the resources they need to learn and thrive for years to come.

Amendment A is an A+ for education, an A+ for Utah families, and an A+ for our state. Join us in **voting YES on Amendment A** for a better, brighter, and more prosperous Utah!

– Sen. Daniel McCay and Rep. Karen Peterson

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

Rebuttal ([S.J.R. 10](#) Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax)

Utahns should vote **NO** on **Amendment A** for the following reasons:

1. **Threat to Public School Funding:** Amendment A will take away money from public schools and teachers. Vote NO on Amendment A, so that the legislature will NOT be able to use your tax dollars to support their political interests with no accountability.
2. **Sacrifice of Constitutionally Protected Funds:** Utahns deserve both protected education funding and the removal of state sales tax on food. Instead lawmakers are forcing Utahns to choose between protecting education funds and grocery bill relief. Adequate education funding can and should continue without any constitutional changes.
3. **Conditional Funding Increase:** An \$85 million increase in per-pupil spending is being withheld unless Amendment A is approved, making education funding a political bargaining chip.
4. **Misuse of Tax Dollars:** Vote NO on Amendment A to prohibit the legislature from spending taxpayer money on their own political interests. You can prevent wasteful spending and the funneling of public funds into risky projects that fail to meet the needs of all Utah's children.

Vote **NO** on **Amendment A**: YOU will ensure that education funding remains protected for all of Utah's children and people with disabilities.

- Sen. Luz Escamilla & Rep. Angela Romero

Argument Against

ARGUMENT AGAINST Amendment A: Proposal To Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax

Amendment A is a proposed change to the Utah Constitution that will hurt our children and our public schools. If approved, this amendment will let the legislature use state income tax funds for things other than public schools and services for children and people with disabilities. **Let's not be fooled, the legislature can remove the state sales tax on food without impacting public education funding.**

Here's why you should **VOTE NO** on Amendment A:

- **Amendment A Will Hurt the Quality Education Available for All Children**
 - Every child in Utah deserves a quality education. Amendment A allows income tax funds to be used for any purpose the legislature deems important, taking away money from our public schools. The promise of a good education for all children will be broken if these funds are used elsewhere. **VOTING NO** on Amendment A will make sure our public schools get the funding they need so every child can succeed.

- **Amendment A is Not the Solution to Remove the State Sales Tax on Food**
 - Linking this tax change to public education funding is a fatal and irreversible mistake. The legislature can lower the state sales tax on food without risking the money meant for our public schools. There are better ways to deal with sales tax issues without hurting the financial stability of our public schools.
- **Amendment A is the Wrong Approach to Funding**
 - Amendment A changes how funds are allocated based on student enrollment and long-term inflation. While this might sound appealing, the risks are too high and our current education funding system already accounts for these risks. The amendment also talks about a budgetary stabilization account, but this does not ensure consistent funding for public education. The promise of a 2% increase in funding is a one-time enhancement and does not address the long-term needs of our public schools.
- **Amendment A Will Hurt the Ability of School Districts to Do Their Job**
 - If Amendment A is passed, it will change how school districts get their funding. Voters should be cautious about these changes which will negatively affect the quality of our public education. This will cause major disruptions in planning and operations for public school districts across Utah. The offer to adjust funds based on enrollment presents a misleading message that will actually lead to unpredictable funding for our public schools.

Historically as Utahns, we have recognized the importance of public education for our future workforce, our economy, and our well-being by having constitutionally protected money for our children and public schools. **By VOTING NO on Amendment A, you are protecting children and people with disabilities, and stopping the overreach of the legislature on these sacred funds.** Getting rid of the state sales tax on food is a good idea, but it should not come at the cost of our public education system.

-Senator Luz Escamilla
-Representative Angela Romero

Rebuttal to Argument Against

Despite what opponents' claim, Amendment A will benefit Utah students, families, and teachers:

Claim: *Hurts the quality of education*

Reality: Increases student funding, enhancing education statewide

Opponents omit that Amendment A includes new constitutional guarantees for education funding, which have already boosted the state's education investment and will now be secured for future generations.

The existing income tax restriction, unique to Utah, has historically resulted in some of the nation's lowest per-pupil spending. Voting yes on Amendment A changes this trajectory.

Claim: *Not the solution to remove state sales tax on food*

Reality: Flexibility is crucial to removing sales tax on food

Sales tax is a stable revenue source, essential for meeting the needs of the entire state. Amendment A:

- Provides budgetary stability and flexibility.
- Enables removal of state sales tax on food while guaranteeing education funding.
- Protects Utah families and schools from rising inflation.

Claim: *Wrong approach to funding and hurts school districts*

Reality: Offers a proven funding solution and budget predictability

Opponents' claim this introduces unpredictability, but it actually provides school districts stable funding for the first time in state history. A dedicated rainy-day fund and guaranteed adjustments for inflation and enrollment ensure schools have dependable revenue even in economic downturns. Over the past four years, this approach doubled education funding, and existing investments will continue. This is why the State Board of Education supports the funding formula in Amendment A.

Amendment A is good for Utah families and schools.

–Rep. Karen Peterson

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment A

PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - INCOME TAX

2023 General Session

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 5

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 XIII, Section 5, to read:

Article XIII, Section 5. [Use and amount of taxes and expenditures.]

(1) (a) The Legislature shall provide by statute for an annual tax sufficient, with other revenues, to defray the estimated ordinary expenses of the State for each fiscal year.

(b) If the ordinary expenses of the State will exceed revenues for a fiscal year, the Governor shall:

(i) reduce all State expenditures on a pro rata basis, except for expenditures for debt of the

State; or

(ii) convene the Legislature into session under Article VII, Section 6 to address the deficiency.

- (2) (a) For any fiscal year, the Legislature may not make an appropriation or authorize an expenditure if the State's expenditure exceeds the total tax provided for by statute and applicable to the particular appropriation or expenditure.
- (b) Subsection (2)(a) does not apply to an appropriation or expenditure to suppress insurrection, defend the State, or assist in defending the United States in time of war.
- (3) For any debt of the State, the Legislature shall provide by statute for an annual tax sufficient to pay:
- (a) the annual interest; and
 - (b) the principal within 20 years after the final passage of the statute creating the debt.
- (4) Except as provided in Article X, Section 5, Subsection (5)(a), the Legislature may not impose a tax for the purpose of a political subdivision of the State, but may by statute authorize political subdivisions of the State to assess and collect taxes for their own purposes.
- (5) All revenue from taxes on intangible property or from a tax on income shall be used:
- (a) to support the systems of public education and higher education as defined in Article X, Section 2; ~~and~~
 - (b) to maintain a statutory public education funding framework that:
 - (i) uses a portion of revenue growth for expenditures from the Uniform School Fund for changes in student enrollment and long-term inflation; and
 - (ii) provides a budgetary stabilization account;
 - ~~(b)~~ (c) to support children and to support individuals with a disability[-]; and
 - (d) to support other state needs after the fulfillment of the requirements in Subsection (5)(b).
- (6) Proceeds from fees, taxes, and other charges related to the operation of motor vehicles on public highways and proceeds from an excise tax on liquid motor fuel used to propel those motor vehicles shall be used for:
- (a) statutory refunds and adjustments and costs of collection and administration;
 - (b) the construction, maintenance, and repair of State and local roads, including payment for property taken for or damaged by rights-of-way and for associated administrative costs;
 - (c) driver education;
 - (d) enforcement of state motor vehicle and traffic laws; and
 - (e) the payment of the principal of and interest on any obligation of the State or a city or county, issued for any of the purposes set forth in Subsection (6)(b) and to which any of the fees, taxes, or other charges described in this Subsection (6) have been pledged, including any paid to the State or a city or county, as provided by statute.
- (7) Fees and taxes on tangible personal property imposed under Section 2, Subsection (6) of this article are not subject to Subsection (6) of this Section 5 and shall be distributed to the taxing districts in which the property is located in the same proportion as that in which the revenue collected from real property tax is distributed.
- (8) A political subdivision of the State may share its tax and other revenues with another political subdivision of the State as provided by statute.
- (9) Beginning July 1, 2016, the aggregate annual revenue from all severance taxes, as those taxes are defined by statute, except revenue that by statute is used for purposes related to any federally recognized Indian tribe, shall be deposited annually into the permanent State trust fund under Article XXII, Section 4, as follows:
- (a) 25% of the first \$50,000,000 of aggregate annual revenue;

- (b) 50% of the next \$50,000,000 of aggregate annual revenue; and
- (c) 75% of the aggregate annual revenue that exceeds \$100,000,000.

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, 2025.

Constitutional Amendment B

Ballot Title

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to increase the limit on the annual distributions from the State School Fund to public schools from 4% to 5% of the fund?

Legislative Votes

Utah Senate:

66 Yes 0 No 9 Not Present

Utah House:

27 Yes 0 No 2 Not Present

Ballot Title & Session

2023 Legislative General Session

House Joint Resolution ([H.J.R. 18](#))

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - State School Fund

Impartial Analysis

Current Provisions of the Utah Constitution

The Utah Constitution establishes the State School Fund to benefit the state's public schools. The fund accumulates money from sources specified in the Utah Constitution, and the state invests that money. The state may spend only earnings received from the investment of money in the fund, and the state may spend those earnings only for the support of public schools. The Utah Constitution currently limits how much of the earnings the state may distribute annually from the fund to 4% of the fund. What constitutes 4% of the fund is determined using a calculation provided in statute. Other than those allowed expenditures, any money deposited into the fund and any unspent earnings remain in the fund.

Effect of Constitutional Amendment B

Constitutional Amendment B would increase the limit on the annual distributions from the State School Fund from 4% of the fund to 5% of the fund.

Implementing Legislation

State statute currently provides that the annual distributions from the fund may not exceed 4% of the average market value of the fund. If the voters approve Constitutional Amendment B, [H.B. 421](#), School Land Trust Program Amendments, from the 2023 legislative session would also take effect. H.B. 421 changes the statute to align with the constitutional change by increasing the 4% in the annual distribution amount formula to 5%.

Effective Date

If approved by voters, Constitutional Amendment B takes effect on January 1, 2025. H.B. 421 also takes effect on January 1, 2025, if the voters approve Constitutional Amendment B.

Fiscal Impact

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst has determined that approval of Constitutional Amendment B will have an uncertain ongoing fiscal impact because of unpredictable market conditions. However, compared to current requirements, it will increase distributions to public schools and reduce growth in the State School Fund. Had Constitutional Amendment B been in effect in fiscal year 2024, it would have increased State School Fund distributions to public schools by \$13.2 million (from \$101.8 million to \$115.0 million) and decreased the State School Fund balance by \$13.2 million, resulting in a loss of investment revenue of approximately \$650,000 and a remaining State School Fund balance of \$3.08 billion.

Argument in Favor

Argument in Favor ([HJR18](#)- Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - State School Fund)

One of the very first actions the founders of our country took was to set aside lands to support public education. When Utah became a state, it received a grant of six million acres of trust lands dedicated to education and created a permanent school fund to hold trust land revenue. Money from this fund is distributed to every school in the state, and community councils of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members make decisions about how to use the money in their local schools.

Voting yes on Constitutional Amendment B will allow more of the money generated by these trust lands to be used in our schools for today's most pressing education needs.

5% Cap Benefits Current Students and Still Protects Future Students

Constitutional Amendment B will increase the cap on money distributed to schools today from the permanent school fund from 4% to 5% of the fund's value.

In 2013, a state task force recommended a distribution cap for the permanent school fund. The intent of the cap was to ensure the state was protecting the funds for future students. A conservative 4% cap was initially chosen because this was a new fund management model. However, a 5% distribution is much more common in other areas of charitable fund management. Furthermore, federal tax law requires private foundations to distribute **at least** 5% of their fund value to demonstrate they are benefiting the community.

In the years since the new distribution model was adopted, the fund has grown rapidly and it has become clear over the past ten years that if we increase the money going to schools today from 4% to 5%, the fund will continue to grow long into the future.

Voting yes on Amendment B will allow more money from the fund to go to each school to benefit current students and will protect the Permanent School Fund for generations to come.

Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

Amendment B ([HJR 18](#)) is simply a legal path for our legislature to access income tax dollars for pet projects. By changing our state constitution, they would be given access to a “surplus” that would be used for other projects. The authors of HJR 18 do not even have a suggestion for where they plan to use those funds, they just want access to tax dollars they currently cannot touch.

As HJR 18’s authors pointed out, federal law requires “at least 5% of a fund value to prove they are benefitting the community”. Utah just increased spending to the federal minimum of 5%. In other words, our legislature is doing the bare minimum to assist those who need help the most.

The problem is this false surplus our representatives pretend we have: legislators have placed an artificial cap on the amount of money the state can spend on education and people with disabilities, which are currently the only two categories where these income tax dollars can be spent. They could spend more, but they won’t. They want access to the money for other things.

Currently, over 6000 Utahans are receiving state assistance, but over 4000 disabled Utahans are on a waiting list for services. These citizens, who need state help so desperately, are unable to access services due to purposeful underfunding of Utah’s Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD). As an example, my disabled adult daughter has been on a waiting list since she turned 21.

Douglas Rice
Former President
Epilepsy Association of Utah

Argument Against

Many Utahans have disabilities that result in the individual being unable to care for themselves. These disabilities range from brain injuries to muscular and neurologic conditions. The Utah State Constitution provides for income tax collections to be used only for two purposes: education and services for disabled people. This assistance allows disabled citizens to lead more self-sufficient lives, or to provide services when a person cannot care for themselves. In the past, Utah has not spent the entire amount of collected income tax on education or assistance for disabled persons, resulting in a false surplus. There has always been a need for those tax dollars, but our legislature has chronically underfunded the state agencies providing assistance to disabled citizens.

Disabled Utahans are provided assistance through the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD). In fiscal year 2023, over 6800 Utahans received home and community-based services from DSPD, ranging from physical therapy or skilled nursing services to personal care. Currently, DSPD also has a waiting list of over 4700 citizens waiting for assistance.

This waiting list is not a recent development; citizens have been waiting for DPSD services for decades. Yet even with the existence of this waiting list of thousands of Utahans, [HJR 18](#) would remove restrictions on income tax, and would allow those funds to be spent elsewhere by our legislators, even though they have not expressed any need for those monies elsewhere. It's all based on a fear with no basis in fact.

In FY 2023, this income tax fund had a deficit of \$119,187,000. This deficit appeared after Gov. Cox signed SB 69 into law. SB 69 resulted in a reduction of income tax collected by \$167,000,000. In other words, the deficit in this budget is a direct result of our legislature passing a tax cut.

The authors of HJR 18 provide no reason whatsoever for diversion of income tax dollars into other funds. It is entirely based on a speculative future need, while our legislature has shown the inability to provide assistance for those in our state with existing tax dollars that have already been collected. HJR 18 allows funds to be diverted once education and DSPD needs are supposedly met. But there is no language in HJR 18 that would require full funding of education and DSPD, but rather allows for an arbitrary spending ceiling to be decided by our legislature. HJR 18 is NOT in the best interest of Utah citizens, and is most certainly not in the interest of those who need our help the most- the disabled citizens of Utah.

Douglas Rice
Former President
Epilepsy Association of Utah

Rebuttal to Argument Against

The argument against this amendment claims this will somehow limit assistance provided through the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), but the revenue addressed in Amendment B is unrelated to people with disabilities. The income tax fund discussed in the argument is unrelated to the permanent State School Fund, which is derived from the proceeds of public lands granted to Utah and is constitutionally required to be used to support public elementary and secondary schools. Amendment B increases the distribution of funds from the permanent State School Fund to schools in Utah. This money is ineligible to be spent on assistance through the DSPD. **Amendment B is completely unrelated to the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and will benefit students in Utah now and in the future.**

– Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment B

PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - STATE SCHOOL FUND

2023 General Session

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE X, SECTION 5

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 X, Section 5, to read:

Article X, Section 5. [State School Fund and Uniform School Fund - Establishment and use -- Debt guaranty.]

(1) There is established a permanent State School Fund which consists of:

(a) proceeds from the sales of all lands granted by the United States to this state for the support of the public elementary and secondary schools;

(b) 5% of the net proceeds from the sales of United States public lands lying within this state;

(c) all revenues derived from nonrenewable resources on state lands, other than sovereign lands and lands granted for other specific purposes;

(d) all revenues derived from the use of school trust lands;

(e) revenues appropriated by the Legislature; and

(f) other revenues and assets received by the permanent State School Fund under any other provision of law or by bequest or donation.

(2) (a) The permanent State School Fund shall be prudently invested by the state and shall be held by the state in perpetuity.

(b) Only earnings received from investment of the permanent State School Fund may be distributed from the fund, and any distribution from the fund shall be for the support of the public education system as defined in Article X, Section 2 of this constitution.

(c) Annual distributions from the permanent State School Fund under Subsection (2)(b) may not exceed ~~[4%]~~ 5% of the fund, calculated as provided by statute.

(d) The Legislature may make appropriations from school trust land revenues to provide funding necessary for the proper administration and management of those lands consistent with the state's fiduciary responsibilities towards the beneficiaries of the school land trust. Unexpended balances remaining from the appropriation at the end of each fiscal year shall be deposited in the permanent State School Fund.

(e) The permanent State School Fund shall be guaranteed by the state against loss or diversion.

(3) There is established a Uniform School Fund which consists of:

(a) money from the permanent State School Fund;

(b) revenues appropriated by the Legislature; and

(c) other revenues received by the Uniform School Fund under any other provision of law or by donation.

(4) The Uniform School Fund shall be maintained and used for the support of the state's public education system as defined in Article X, Section 2 of this constitution and apportioned as the Legislature shall provide.

(5) (a) Notwithstanding Article VI, Section 29, the State may guarantee the debt of school districts created in accordance with Article XIV, Section 3, and may guarantee debt incurred to refund the school district debt. Any debt guaranty, the school district debt guaranteed thereby, or any borrowing of the state undertaken to facilitate the payment of the state's obligation under any debt guaranty shall not be included as a debt of the state for purposes of the 1.5% limitation of Article XIV, Section 1.

(b) The Legislature may provide that reimbursement to the state shall be obtained from monies which otherwise would be used for the support of the educational programs of the school district which incurred the debt with respect to which a payment under the state's guaranty was made.

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, 2025.

Constitutional Amendment C

Ballot Title

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to have the office of county sheriff be elected by voters?

Legislative Votes

Utah House:

72 Yes 0 No 3 Not Present

Utah Senate:

26 Yes 0 No 3 Not Present

Ballot Title & Session

2023 Legislative General Session

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

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Election of County Sheriffs

Impartial Analysis

Current Provisions of the Utah Constitution

The current Utah Constitution does not specifically address the office of county sheriff. Instead, the office is established by statute. The authority of a county sheriff, the method of selecting a county sheriff, and the term of office are governed by state statute and local ordinance.

Effect of Constitutional Amendment C

Constitutional Amendment C would add the office of county sheriff to the state constitution and establish a four-year term of office for a county sheriff, providing a uniform framework for the sheriffs' election and terms of office. If the amendment passes, voters must approve any future changes to the election of or terms of office for a county sheriff.

Effective Date

If approved by voters, Constitutional Amendment C takes effect on January 1, 2025.

Fiscal Effects

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst has determined that approval of Constitutional Amendment C will likely not have a fiscal impact.

Argument in Favor

Argument in Favor (H.J.R. 10 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Election of County Sheriffs)

By voting “yes” on Amendment C, Utah voters have the opportunity to protect the honored tradition of electing their county sheriff.

While county sheriffs in Utah have traditionally been elected by voters in their respective counties, without constitutional protections, this fundamental aspect of local governance is vulnerable to potential changes. By voting to require the election of county sheriffs in our state constitution, we can ensure the continuation of our current selection process—a process that upholds the principles of accountability, transparency, and local representation that are central to our Utah ideals.

Amendment C Promotes Accountability

The office of the county sheriff holds a unique position within our communities. It is more than just a law enforcement role; it is a reflection of the collective will of the people. Elected sheriffs:

- Are directly accountable to the citizens they serve, providing a vital link between law enforcement agencies and the communities they protect.
- Have a mandate to uphold the values and priorities of their constituents.
- Ensure law enforcement practices are responsive to local communities' evolving needs and preferences.
- Are held accountable at the ballot box for their actions, policies, and decisions—safeguarding against abuses of power, neglect of duty, or violations of civil liberties.
- Build trust, cooperation, and collaboration in the pursuit of public safety and justice.

Amendment C is Supported by County Sheriffs

Amendment C received unanimous support from every county sheriff in the state.

Amendment C Empowers Communities

Protecting the election of county sheriffs in our state constitution is not merely a symbolic gesture—it is a commitment to preserving the principles of citizen participation and accountability to the people. By casting a vote in support of this amendment, Utahns can empower communities, strengthen the rule of law, and shape the direction of their local law enforcement agencies.

– Speaker Mike Schultz and President J. Stuart Adams

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

No rebuttal was submitted to the argument in favor of Constitutional Amendment C.

Argument Against

No argument was submitted against Constitutional Amendment C.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No rebuttal was submitted to the argument against Constitutional Amendment C.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment C

PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - ELECTION OF COUNTY SHERIFFS

2023 General Session

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 10

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 enact Utah Constitution Article XI, Section 10, to read:

Article XI, Section 10. [Election of County Sheriffs.]

(1) Each county shall have an office of county sheriff.

(2) The office of county sheriff is an elected office.

(3) Their term of office shall be four years from the first day of January next after their election.

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, 2025.

Constitutional Amendment D

Ballot Title

Should the Utah Constitution be changed to strengthen the initiative process by:

- Prohibiting foreign influence on ballot initiatives and referendums.
- Clarifying the voters and legislative bodies' ability to amend laws.

If approved, state law would also be changed to:

- Allow Utah citizens 50% more time to gather signatures for a statewide referendum.
- Establish requirements for the legislature to follow the intent of a ballot initiative.

Legislative Votes

Utah House:

54 Yes 21 No 0 Not Present

Utah Senate:

20 Yes 8 No 1 Not Present

Ballot Title & Session

2024 Fourth Special Session

House Joint Resolution ([S.J.R. 401](#))

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Voter Legislative Power

Impartial Analysis Argument in Favor

Should Utah be influenced by foreign entities, like Russia or China? – **Absolutely not.**

California has seen over 80 ballot initiatives in the last decade, leading to laws that contributed to increased criminal activity, higher taxes and a \$68 billion deficit. Do we want Utah to follow in California's footsteps? – **Definitely not.**

Voting **FOR** Amendment D stops this from happening in Utah.

Protect Utah's Voices Through the Initiative Process

Amendment D will keep the initiative process in the hands of Utahns and protect it from deep-pocketed foreign interference. A recent court decision opened a dangerous path for foreign entities to permanently influence our state's ballot initiatives, which will fundamentally change our great state for the worse.

What Amendment D Does

- **Stops Foreign Influence:** It prevents foreign entities from contributing to our state's ballot initiatives. This keeps our state's initiatives and government processes with the people of Utah and protects the integrity of our laws.
- **Keeps a Proven Process:** Maintains the initiative process that has allowed Utahns to propose and vote on changes to our laws for the past 120 years. It does not change or alter this time-tested initiative process.
- **Strengthens the People's Right to Veto Laws:** It increases the time to collect signatures for statewide referendums from 40 to 60 days, empowering grassroots efforts and holding the legislature accountable.
- **Ensures Local Control:** Keeps the power to shape Utah's future in the hands of its residents, not outside interests.

Why Vote FOR Amendment D

- **Protect Utah's Values:** Utah now faces the risk of becoming like California, where special interest groups funnel large sums of outside money to influence laws that do not necessarily reflect the values of our citizens.
- **A Real Concern:** This concern is not hypothetical. Billions are spent every year across the country on ballot initiatives, often funded by outside groups with their own agendas.
- **Urgent Need:** Several states have already taken action to secure their ballot initiatives against growing foreign influence.
- **Preserving Stability:** Voting FOR Amendment D means protecting Utah from undue influence from foreign special interests and ensuring decisions about our state remain with Utahns.
- **Keep Utahns' Voices Strong:** The voice of the people in governance remains crucial and cannot be overstated. Amendment D sets requirements for the legislature to follow the intent of a citizen ballot initiative.

Vote FOR Amendment D to Keep Utah, Utah

Amendment D prevents foreign contributions to influence ballot propositions, maintains a proven 120-year-old process, strengthens the people's right to veto laws and makes it easier for Utahns to hold their elected officials accountable. Join us in voting FOR on Amendment D to safeguard our state's future.

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

VOTE AGAINST Amendment D to protect your voice. Amendment D gives the Legislature more power to undo the hard work of citizen initiatives, a right our constitution protects. Here's why you should VOTE AGAINST Amendment D:

Lies and Distractions:

- Amendment D tricks voters into giving more power to the Legislature. Politicians and special interest groups behind it know people don't want to lose their rights, so they are using sneaky language to hide their real goal: to take away your rights and

give themselves more power. Don't be fooled.

- There's no need to change the constitution to allow more time to gather signatures or to stop foreign interference in citizen initiatives. The Legislature can act by changing laws. There is no reason to push for a constitutional amendment. Amendment D is a trick by politicians to take away your power and ignore what Utahns vote for.

Here's the truth: In the last 20 years, Utahns have only been able to get 4 citizen initiatives on the ballot because the process is tough. Only 3 passed, and the Legislature changed all of them. Meanwhile, the Legislature has passed over 9,700 laws and proposed 32 constitutional amendments. If Amendment D passes, politicians can undo even more laws Utahns vote for, taking more power from the people and giving it to themselves.

Defend your constitutional rights, keep your voice in government, and stop the Legislature from taking away the power of citizen initiatives. **VOTE AGAINST Amendment D.**

-Senator Luz Escamilla and Representative Angela Romero

Argument Against

ARGUMENT AGAINST ([S.J.R. 401](#) Proposal to Amend the Utah Constitution - Voter Legislative Power)

VOTE AGAINST Amendment D to protect your voice. Keep the power where it belongs – in your hands, not the legislature's.

Here's why you should VOTE AGAINST Amendment D:

- **Amendment D Takes Power Away from the People**
 - Our government should belong to the people, not the politicians who work for us. Amendment D would allow the legislature to undo and rewrite any laws passed through citizen initiatives. The Utah Supreme Court unanimously said that the Utah Constitution gives us the right to use citizen initiatives to help decide how our government works. Amendment D would let politicians overrule the will of the people, ignoring our votes and our voices. By VOTING AGAINST Amendment D, you protect your right to have the final say in how our government works.
- **Amendment D Tries to Trick You Into Giving More Power to Utah Politicians**
 - The politicians and special interests who wrote this amendment know that voters don't want to give up their constitutional rights. That's why they filled the amendment with confusing language meant to trick us. This amendment is designed to do one thing - take away our rights and give politicians more power. Don't fall for their tricks.
- **Amendment D is Opposed by Republicans, Democrats, and Independents**
 - We all want the freedom to make decisions that affect our lives. Citizen-led initiatives give us the power to make laws when elected officials don't do their

job. The Utah Supreme Court has said that this is a right belonging to us, the people of Utah. But Amendment D, which was rushed through in an “emergency” special Legislative Session, threatens that right by trying to change the Constitution to give more power to the legislature. Their dishonesty has brought people from all walks of life together to oppose Amendment D.

- **Amendment D is Not Needed**

- Over the past 100 years, the Utah Constitution has allowed citizen initiatives, but they have only been used seven times to create new laws in the state. It’s hard to pass a citizen initiative, and it should be. Citizens must collect nearly 15,000 signatures from registered voters all over the state, and then the proposed law must be approved by a majority of voters on a ballot before it becomes law. The legislature is using scare tactics about the system being abused to distract us from their real goal – to give themselves the entire power to undo and rewrite any laws we pass through this process.

- **Protect Your Rights by VOTING AGAINST Amendment D**

- Our constitution should protect us – not give more power to the legislature. The Utah Supreme Court recently said that changing our government is a job for both the people and the legislature. The Court made it clear that the legislature needs to be very careful when changing the goals set by citizen initiatives, using a close and careful review called strict scrutiny. Amendment D tries to undo this unanimous Utah Supreme Court decision, take away our rights, and give too much power to the legislature. Amendment D is against our state’s values. This isn’t the Utah way.

As Utahns, we’ve always valued the power of the people to shape our future. Amendment D would give the legislature more power to undo the hard work of citizen initiatives, a right granted by our constitution. By **VOTING AGAINST Amendment D**, you’re protecting your rights and keeping your voice strong. Let’s keep the laws we vote for in the hands of the people – not just the legislature.

Stand up for your rights. Protect the power to keep citizen initiatives safe from abuse by the legislature. VOTE AGAINST Amendment D.

–Senator Luz Escamilla and Representative Angela Romero

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

To REALLY protect your voice, VOTE FOR Amendment D.

Amendment D:

Protects Utah from Foreign Influence: By prohibiting foreign contributions to initiatives from places like China and Russia, we keep Utah’s future in Utah’s hands.

Keeps Power with the People: It gives Utahns 50% more time to override laws through thereferendum process. This supports grassroots efforts and makes legislators directly accountable.

It does NOT strip power from the people – it DOES prevent foreign manipulation while improving local control.

Maintains a Time-Tested Process: It keeps checks and balances that have existed in our initiative process for over 120 years and led to Utah’s success as the best-managed state in the nation.

Provides Needed Protections: Outside dark money groups are spending millions on initiatives across the country; it’s essential Utah has safeguards in place so our laws reflect our values. **Amendment D preserves local control and ensures Utah’s laws are determined by Utahns—not outside interests.**

Clearly Respects the Will of the People: This straightforward measure sets requirements for the legislature to follow the intent of initiatives passed by Utahns. It keeps Utah’s voice strong and guarantees that Utah’s laws reflect the will of its people.

Supported in Every Corner of the State: Amendment D is supported by a wide range of commonsense Utahns, including Republicans, Democrats and Independents.

Voting FOR Amendment D guards Utah’s laws from foreign interference, protects Utah’s voices, preserves local control and enhances citizen involvement!

VOTE FOR Amendment D to keep Utah’s future in Utahns’ hands.

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore – Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment D

PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - VOTER LEGISLATIVE POWER

2024 Fourth Special Session

Utah Constitution Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2

ARTICLE VI, 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 I, Section 2, to read:

Article I, Section 2 . All political power inherent in the people

All political power is inherent in the people; and all free governments are founded on their authority for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right to alter or reform their government through the processes established in Article VI, Section 1, Subsection (2), or through Article XXIII as the public welfare may require.

Section 2. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, to read:

Article VI, Section 1 . Power vested in Senate, House, and People -- Prohibition of foreign influence on initiatives and referenda.

(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.

(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.

(3)(a) Foreign individuals, entities, or governments may not, directly or indirectly, influence, support, or oppose an initiative or a referendum.

(b) The Legislature may provide, by statute, definitions, scope, and enforcement of the prohibition under Subsection (3)(a).

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the people's exercise of their Legislative power as provided in Subsection (2) does not limit or preclude the exercise of Legislative power, including through amending, enacting, or repealing a law, by the Legislature, or by a law making body of a county, city, or town, on behalf of the people whom they are elected to represent.

Section 3. 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 4. 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, 2025.

Section 5. Retrospective operation.

The actions affecting Article I, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 1, Subsection (4) have retrospective operation.



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JUDGES



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 online about the judges either in the Voter Information Pamphlet or 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 a judge meets or exceeds standards. 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 on whether a judge meets or exceeds minimum performance standards.
- 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 vote that the judge meets or exceeds minimum performance standards. If the judge fails to meet one or more of the standards, it is presumed that the Commission will vote that the judge does not meet minimum performance standards. If the Commission does not go along with a presumption or chooses to make not vote 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). Two justice court judges on the ballot received a full evaluation in 2024.
- 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). Ten justice court judges on the ballot received a mid-level evaluation in 2024.
- 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). Two justice court judges on the ballot received a basic evaluation in 2024. 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 (one in 2024).

	Performance Criteria	Performance Standard
1.	<p>Legal Ability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and explains clearly the legal basis for judicial opinions. 	<p>The judge must earn an average score of 3.6 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5.</p>
2.	<p>Judicial Temperament & Integrity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrates courtesy and decorum toward court participants; • 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; • communicates clearly, including the ability to explain the basis for written rulings, court procedures, and decisions. 	<p>The judge must earn an average score of 3.6 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5.</p>
3.	<p>Administrative Performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manages workload effectively and without unnecessary delay; • shares proportionally the workload within the court or district. 	<p>The judge must earn an average score of 3.6 or higher on a scale of 1 to 5.</p>
4.	<p>Procedural Fairness (which focuses on the treatment judges according to people in their courts):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neutrality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ listens and displays fairness and impartiality to all court participants; ◦ acts as a fair, consistent, and principled decision maker; ◦ explains how rules are applied and how decisions are reached; • Voice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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: and attends, where appropriate, to the participants' comprehension of the proceedings. ◦ 	<p>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</p>

<p>4. con.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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; 	<p>with the standard set forth for the scored minimum performance standards on the survey — a 3.6 on a scale of 1 to 5;</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Judicial Discipline: whether the judge has been subject to any instances of public discipline by the Utah Supreme Court.</p>	<p>The judge must have no more than one public reprimand issued by the Utah Supreme Court during the judge’s current term.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Judicial Education: whether the judge has met continuing education requirements.</p>	<p>The Judicial Council must certify the judge has met this standard.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Timeliness: whether the judge has met time requirements for ruling on cases taken under advisement.</p>	<p>The Judicial Council must certify the judge has met this standard.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Physical and mental competence: whether the judge is fit for office.</p>	<p>The Judicial Council must certify the judge has met this standard.</p>

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Ann Boyle

- Serving Saratoga Springs Municipal Justice Court, Utah County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge Boyle received positive reviews from the observer and nearly all respondents. She presented as a conscientious judge who ensured court participants' understanding in court. The judge also treated participants with respect, showed them patience, and cared about 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.

Judge Ann Boyle serves the Saratoga Springs Justice Court. Judge Boyle earned a B.A. in History from Brigham Young University in 1991, and a law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School in 2007. Following law school, she began her legal career as a trial attorney with LeBaron Law in American Fork, and later with Esplin & Weight in Provo. In 2012 she was employed as an associate city prosecutor with Salt Lake City and then as a deputy district attorney with Salt Lake County until her appointment to the bench.

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3rd Judicial District Court

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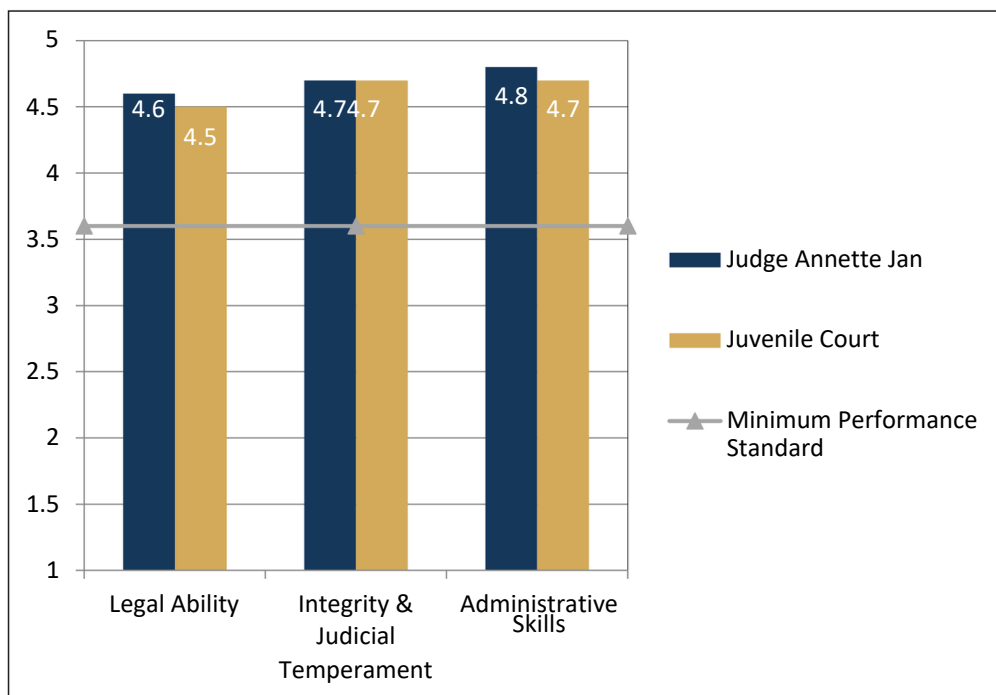


Honorable Annette Jan

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Jan’s scores are statistically consistent with her juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety-seven percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Jan for retention. Respondents describe the judge as thoughtful, kind, and caring, and three specifically value her work in family recovery court, with one admiring her “solution-based” approach. Respondents and courtroom observers appreciate the judge’s professionalism, the encouragement and praise the judge gives to the youth, and her willingness to let participants be heard. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Jan’s 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.

Judge Annettee Jan was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court March 2020 by Governor Gary Herbert. She serves Salt Lake, Tooele, and Summit Counties. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Jan worked for the Utah Attorney General's Office for 18 years. Prior to the Attorney General's office she served with the Guardian Ad Litem's office for 4 years in 2nd and 3rd District Juvenile Court. She also spent time with Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake and Utah Legal services. Judge Jan's career has been dedicated to public service. She graduated in 1994 from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, and prior to law school she obtained a Bachelor's of Arts in history from the University of Utah in the early 1990's.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Barbara Finlinson

- Serving Nephi Municipal Justice Court and Juab County Justice Court, Juab County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge Finlinson received positive reviews from the observer and most respondents. Judge Finlinson presented as a business-like judge who modeled patience, politeness, and stellar communication. She was careful and thorough and promoted accountability to the law. 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.

Judge Barbara A. Finlinson currently serves the Juab County and Nephi City Justice Courts. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA from Utah Valley University in 2014. She earned a degree in the field of Communications and was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Award representing UVU's Communications Department. She graduated from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School in 2018. She was awarded the BYU Alumni and Clark Law School Replenishment Full Scholarship during her 3L year. Barbara worked as a law clerk at the Utah County Attorney's office for two years. When admitted to the Utah State Bar in September 2018, she was hired as a deputy county attorney and practiced law as a prosecutor for three years. She served as the head prosecuting attorney in Provo's Fourth District Court Mental Health Court program. While there, she worked to change screening protocols to allow easier program access for individuals struggling with mental illness.

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1st Judicial District Court

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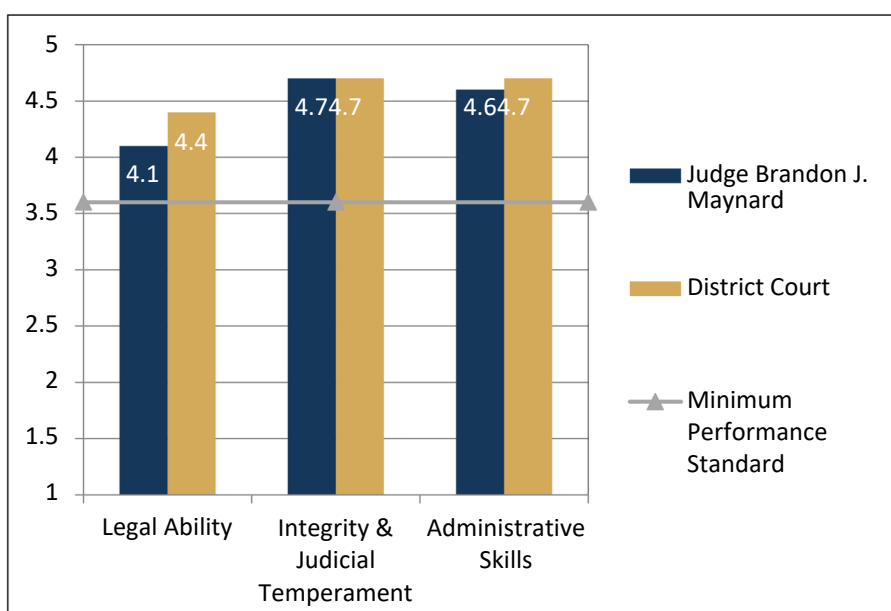


Honorable Brandon J. Maynard

- Serving Box Elder, Cache & Rich counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Maynard's scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness, and below the average of his peers on legal ability. Eighty-six percent of respondents recommend Judge Maynard for retention. Respondents and courtroom observers value the judge's courteous judicial temperament and compassionate approach, and they appreciate his efforts to allow participants to express themselves in court. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Maynard as less knowledgeable than his peers. Survey ratings further suggest that he could better apply the law to the facts of cases and better manage the court calendar. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Maynard's 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.

Judge Brandon J. Maynard was appointed to the First District Court in June 2014 by Governor Gary Herbert. He serves Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Maynard served as the chief criminal deputy county attorney in Box Elder County. Prior to this, Judge Maynard was an associate attorney at Gridley, Ward & Shaw where he handled civil and criminal defense cases. Judge Maynard received a law degree from Creighton University School of Law.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

4th Judicial District Court

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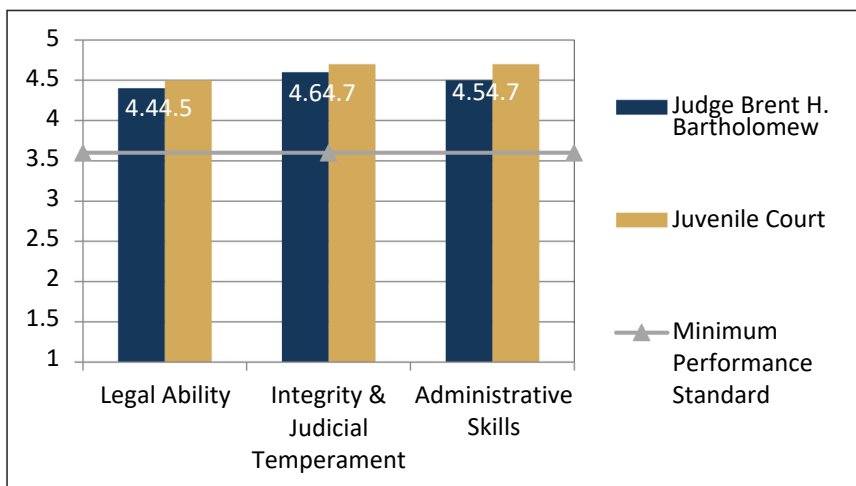


Honorable Brent H. Bartholomew

- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2013, Judge Bartholomew’s scores are statistically consistent with his juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty-nine percent of respondents recommend Judge Bartholomew for retention. Respondents find the judge to be considerate, caring, and dedicated, who takes his responsibilities “very seriously.” They, along with courtroom observers, praise his positivity, kindness, and ability to ensure participants feel heard in court. Survey ratings on the judicial attribute “capable” score Judge Bartholomew lower than his peers. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Bartholomew’s 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.

Judge Brent H. Bartholomew was appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert to the Fourth District Juvenile Court in 2013. Prior taking the bench, he worked for the Utah Office of Guardian ad Litem, Utah Legal Services, and as an adjunct assistant professor for the J. Reuben Clark Law School (BYU). He is certified as a Child Welfare Law Specialist by the National Association of Counsel for Children. Judge Bartholomew serves as Chair for the Board of Juvenile Court Judges, also on the Committee on Court Forms and the CIP Training Steering Committee. In 2013, he was named “Mentor of the Year” by the Utah State Bar and in 2006 received the “Child Advocate Award” by the Utah County Child Abuse Council. Judge Bartholomew earned his Juris Doctor degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School and holds an MBA degree and a BS degree, summa cum laude, in psychology.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Brian E. Brower

- Serving Clearfield Municipal Justice Court, Weber County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

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.

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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Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Brook Jason Sessions

- Serving Wasatch County Justice Court, Wasatch County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge Sessions received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as a relatable, courteous judge who listened to litigants and was sensitive to their needs. He skillfully explained information and was diligent in ensuring litigants understood what was expected of them. While Judge Sessions meets discipline standards set by statute, the Utah Supreme Court publicly reprimanded him in 2022, the details of which can be seen in the following link: <https://jcc.utah.gov/public-dispositions/>. This judge has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Judge Brook Sessions serves Wasatch County and Lindon City Justice Courts. Judge Sessions graduated from Utah State University where he majored in business with a specialization in finance and a minor in economics. After graduating from Utah State, he attended law school at the University of Oregon, graduating in 1991 with a J. D. degree. Judge Sessions worked as a clerk for an Oregon Circuit Court judge before returning to Utah where he has worked in private practice since 1992. He represented parties in a wide variety of cases and facilitated case resolution as a mediator. Judge Sessions is admitted in all Utah state and federal courts as well as in the Oregon courts. He is or has been a member of the Utah State Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the American Bar Association, and the Utah Trial Lawyers Association. When not adjudicating cases in Wasatch County and Lindon City, Judge Sessions continues to mediate family law cases all over the state.

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1st Judicial District Court

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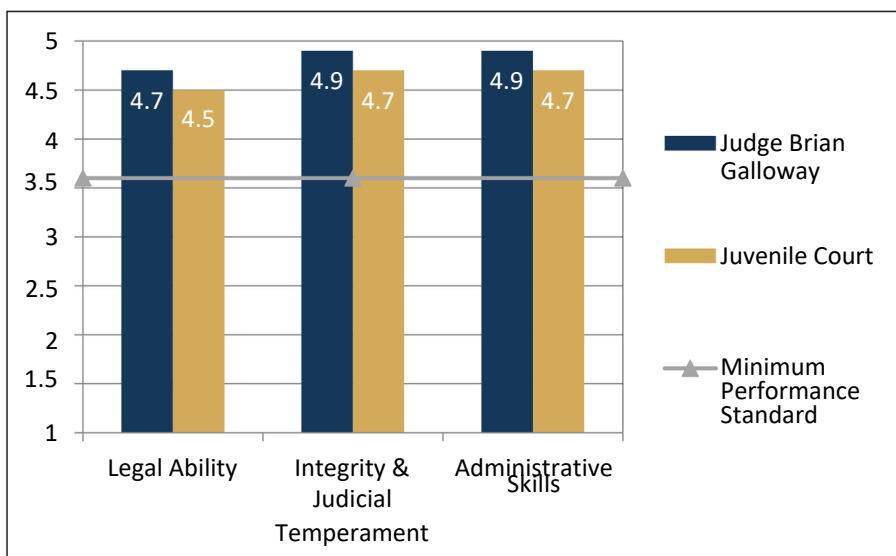


Honorable Bryan Galloway

- Serving Box Elder, Cache & Rich counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Galloway's scores are statistically above the average of his juvenile court peers on administrative skills, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness, and consistent with his peers on legal ability. All one hundred three respondents (100%) recommend that Judge Galloway be retained. Survey respondents find the judge to be thoughtful and deliberative. They, along with courtroom observers, describe him as caring and supportive, and both appreciate his willingness to listen and let court participants express themselves. One respondent finds that the judge "acts in all ways as a judge should." Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Galloway as particularly open-minded, attentive, and capable, as well as notably respectful. All four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Galloway's 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.

Judge Bryan Galloway was appointed to the First District Juvenile Court in 2020 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves Cache, Box Elder, and Rich counties. Judge Galloway received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Utah State University and then graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1998. Following law school, Judge Galloway returned to Utah and began a law practice that primarily focused on criminal and parental defense. Eventually Judge Galloway evolved into a practice of indigent defense, appearing as a public defender in the Juvenile, Justice, and District Courts of Cache County. As public defender Judge Galloway worked extensively with the drug and mental health courts of the First District. He served over 13 years on the First District mental health court committee.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Catherine J. Hoskins

- Serving Clinton Municipal Justice Court and Syracuse Municipal Justice Court, Davis County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge Hoskins received positive reviews from the observer and nearly all respondents. She presented as a consummate professional, who interacted with court participants in a kind and considerate manner. The judge strived to communicate clearly and made efforts to ensure participants understood court terms and processes. 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.

Judge Catherine J. Hoskins was appointed to the Syracuse Justice Court in September 2014 and the Clinton City Justice Court in June 2015. Judge Hoskins received an Associate's Degree from Brigham Young University, Idaho, in 1996, a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Utah in 1999, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Oregon School of Law. Judge Hoskins also works for Hoskins Legal Solutions in Layton. She is the Associate Presiding Judge of the Second District Justice Court Judges. She is a former Davis County Bar President, a current member of the Davis County Bar member, the International and National Association of Women Judges, Women Lawyers of Utah, the Divorce and Family Law Procedure Committee, and the Rex E. Lee Inns of the Court.

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3rd Judicial District Court

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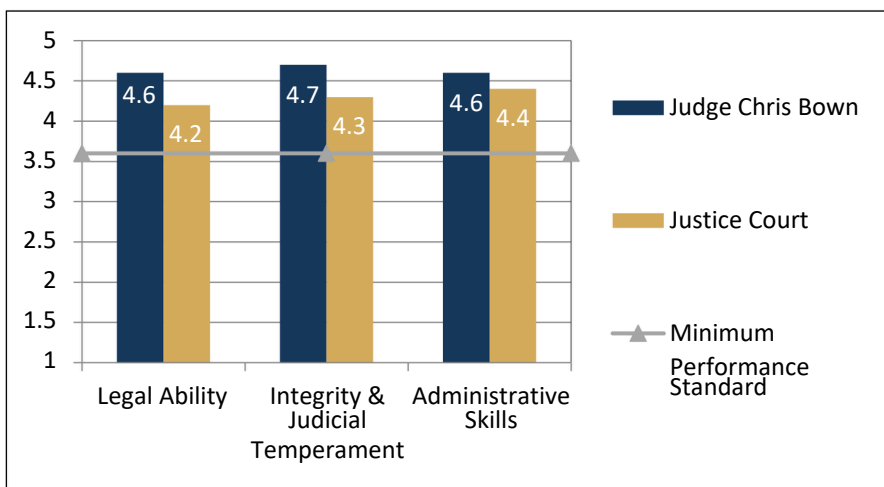
Honorable Chris Bown

Serving Taylorsville Municipal Justice Court

- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Bown’s scores are statistically consistent with his justice court peers on administrative skills, and above the average of his peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness. Ninety-five percent of respondents recommend him for retention. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Bown as particularly attentive, ethical, impartial, open-minded, capable, and knowledgeable, as well as notably respectful, patient, and prepared. 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, and 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. 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.

Judge Christopher G. Bown was appointed to the Taylorsville Justice Court in May 2021. 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.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

2nd Judicial District Court

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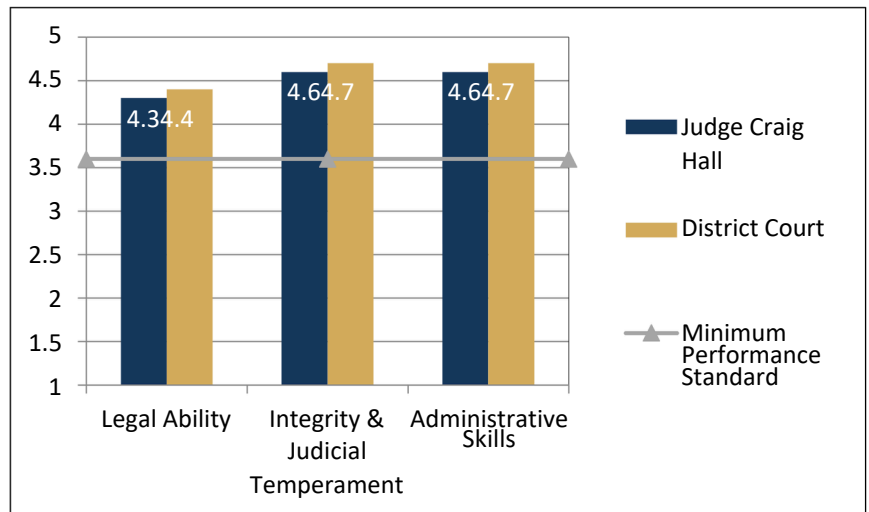
Honorable Craig Hall

- Serving Davis, Morgan & Weber counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Hall’s scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness. Eighty-nine percent of respondents recommend Judge Hall for retention. Respondents say this judge is fair-minded, and they, along with courtroom observers, value his courteous judicial demeanor. Both groups further appreciate the judge’s conscientious, unhurried approach to administering the law. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Hall as particularly indecisive, less knowledgeable, and more unprepared than his peers. As is typical for newer judges, many respondents say the judge can improve his legal skills. Three observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in the judge’s court, while one observer did not report confidence. 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.

Judge Craig Hall was appointed to the Second District Court in 2021. He serves Davis, Morgan and Weber counties. Judge Hall received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Utah State University, with a minor in Spanish. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Baylor Law School in 1999. Judge Hall worked as a law clerk at the United States District Court for the Eastern

District of Texas. Throughout his 20-year legal career he focused on civil litigation matters while being employed with various law firms and at a city attorney’s office. Immediately before taking the bench, he worked as Senior Legal Counsel for Intermountain Healthcare. Judge Hall was also a member of the Utah Judicial Conduct Commission between 2017 - 2021, serving as the chair of the Commission from 2020 - 2021.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

4th Judicial District Court

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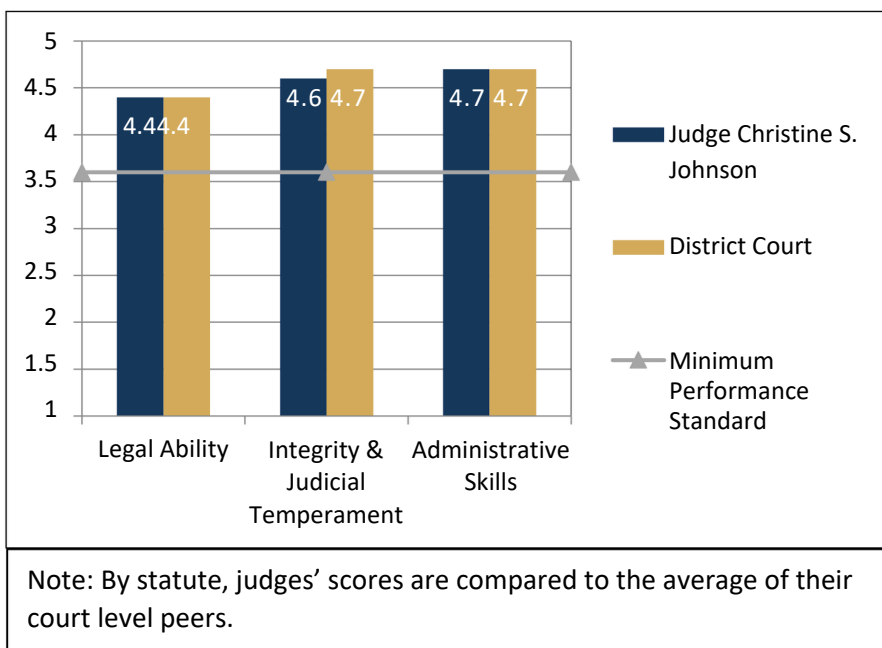


Honorable Christine S. Johnson

- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2008, Judge Johnson’s scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, procedural fairness, integrity and judicial temperament, and administrative skills. Ninety percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Johnson for retention. Respondents describe the judge as excellent, fair, and diligent, finding that she “cares about the process and wants to ensure everyone gets a fair shake.” Courtroom observers note the judge’s concern with court participants welfare, and both respondents and observers admire her welcoming, kindly demeanor. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Johnson’s 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.

Judge Johnson was appointed to the Fourth District Court in October 2008 by Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. She serves Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties. Judge Johnson received her Juris Doctor in 1996 from the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at Brigham Young University. She worked as a judicial clerk in the Fourth Judicial District before beginning her practice as a criminal defense attorney at the Utah County Public Defenders Association in 1997. Judge Johnson was ultimately designated as that office's deputy director and served in that capacity from 1999 through 2003. She was employed as the assistant city attorney and city prosecutor at Spanish Fork City from 2003 until her appointment to the bench. From 2009 through 2015, Judge Johnson served on the Standing Committee on Judicial Branch Education, which oversees the continuing education of judges and court staff in Utah. Judge Johnson presently serves as a member of the Board of District Court Judges and as Chair of the Criminal Justice Roundtable.



2nd Judicial District Court

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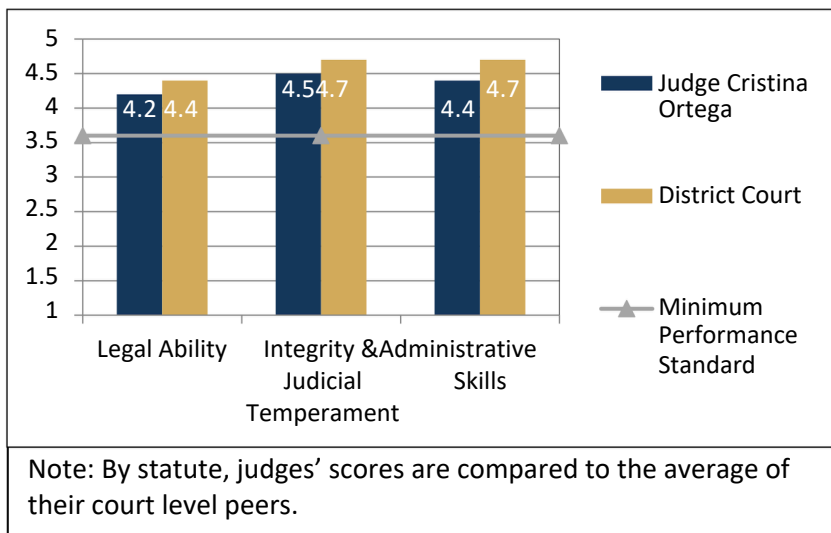


Honorable Cristina Ortega

- Serving Davis, Morgan & Weber counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Ortega's scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and below the average of her peers on administrative skills. Eighty-four percent of respondents recommend Judge Ortega for retention. Respondents describe the judge as fair-minded, and they value her courteous judicial temperament. However, as is typical of newer judges, several respondents comment that she can improve her legal skills, particularly in civil law. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Ortega as less knowledgeable than her peers. Courtroom observers appreciate her caring approach and concern for court participants. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Ortega's 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.

Judge Ortega graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement and a dual minor in Latin American Studies and Legal Studies from Weber State University. She earned a Juris Doctorate degree in 2002 from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. Judge Ortega served as a Deputy District Attorney at the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office from 2002 to 2010 in the Criminal Division. She then served as a Deputy County Attorney at the Davis County Attorney's Office from 2010 to 2018 where she specialized in the prosecution of special victim cases. Prior to being appointed to the bench, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Utah from 2018 to 2021 where she specialized in the prosecution of child exploitation crimes. Judge Ortega has also been active in her community with a focus on higher education. She was appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert to serve as a Regent for the Utah System of Higher Education.



Justice Court – Basic Evaluation *

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Honorable Cyndee Probert

- Serving Aurora Municipal Justice Court, Fillmore City Municipal Justice Court, and Millard County Justice Court
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Together, the three observers were enthusiastically positive about Judge Probert. All observers reported that if appearing before Judge Probert they would be treated fairly. 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.

Judge Cyndee Probert was first appointed to the bench in May 2015. She currently serves as Justice Court Judge for Millard County, Aurora, Delta and Fillmore. Judge Probert graduated from the American Institute for Medical Assisting with a certificate in medical office management. She was then employed at the Sevier Valley Hospital. Judge Probert was later employed for eight years as an in-court clerk and office manager where she served both the Millard County and Fillmore City justice courts. Judge Probert completed coursework at the National Judicial College in 2022, and received her certificate in Judicial Development.

*See Judges Section Introduction for Justice Court Information

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Danalee Welch-O'Donnal

- Serving Grand County Justice Court, Grand County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge Welch-O'Donnal received positive reviews from the observer and all respondents. The judge presented as a consistent, polite judge who prioritized the voice of court participants. She was conscientious in assisting participants to understand their rights, court processes, and expectations. 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.

Judge Danalee Welch-O'Donnal was appointed to the Grand County Justice Court in December 2019. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Welch-O'Donnal worked as a paralegal for the Grand County Attorney's Office for nearly 15 years, working on both civil and criminal matters. During her career at the County Attorney's Office she became certified with the Utah State Bar as a certified paralegal. Judge Welch-O'Donnal has attended Utah State University, worked at the local elementary school as a paraeducator in Special Education, and spent many years serving as a volunteer leader for 4H horse youth groups.

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4th Judicial District Court

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Honorable Denise Porter

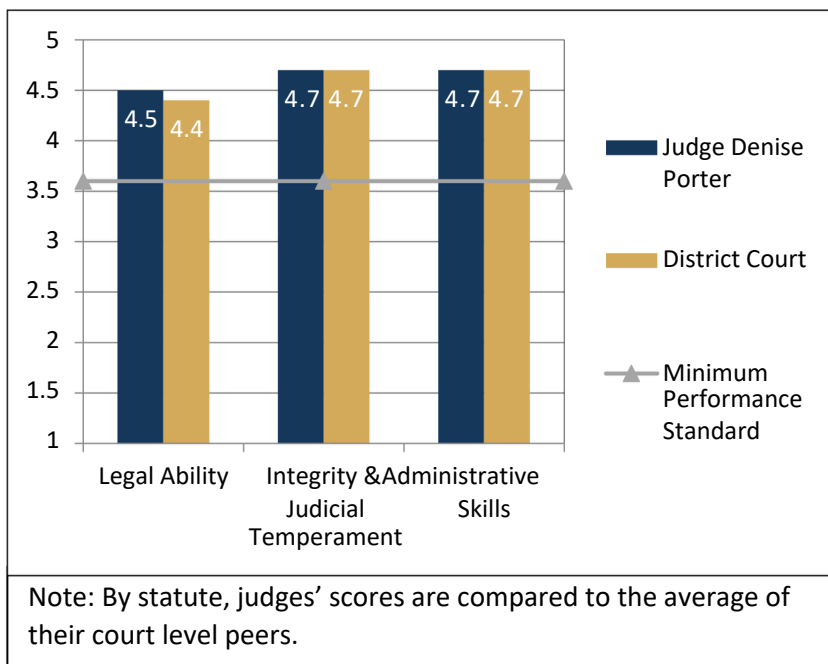
- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Denise Porter's scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty-eight percent of respondents recommend Judge Porter for retention. Respondents praise her fairness in court and find her to be kind, competent, and diligent. They, along with courtroom observers, admire the judge's "ability to make all individuals feel heard" and the judge's willingness to explain information. Both groups also value her vigilance and deliberateness in working through issues. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Porter's 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.

Judge Denise M. Porter was appointed to the Fourth District Court in December 2020 by Governor Gary R. Hebert. She serves Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Porter served as a member of the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole for five years. Judge Porter received two bachelor degrees, magna cum laude, from the University of Utah in 1995, in Political Science and Psychology. She obtained her law degree from the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law in 1998.

Judge Porter began her legal career clerking for Judge Tyrone Medley and Judge William Thorne in Utah's Third Judicial District. After her clerkship,

Judge Porter spent the next 17 years at Salt Lake Legal Defender Association where she worked as a felony trial attorney. She was part of the Legal Defender capital representation team specializing in mitigation. Judge Porter currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure and is a board member for Women Lawyers of Utah.



4th Judicial District Court

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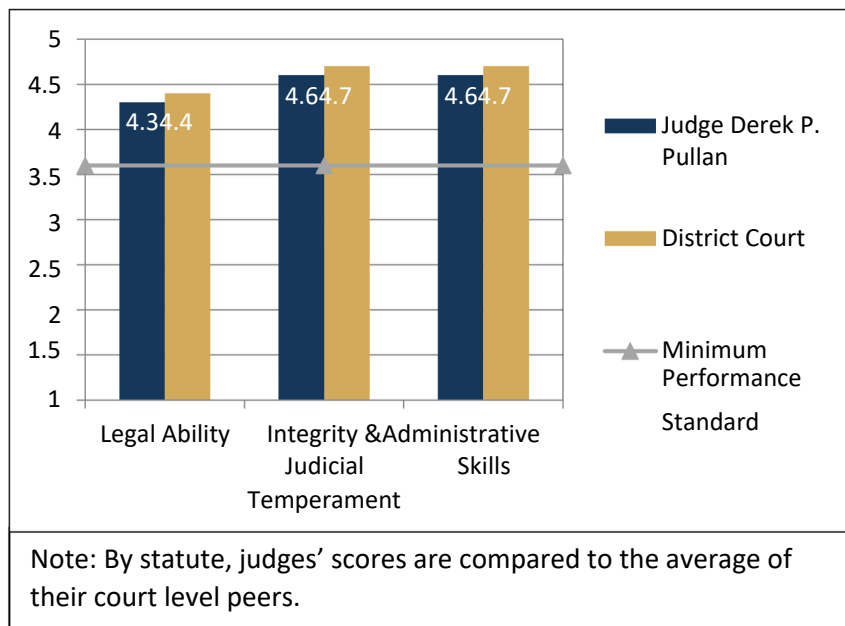


Honorable Derek P. Pullan

- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2003, Judge Derek Pullan's scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty-five percent of respondents recommend Judge Pullan for retention. Respondents compliment the judge's competent, thoughtful manner in court. They say that he is "well versed in the law" and diligent, putting "a lot of thought" into his work. Respondents, along with courtroom observers, value the judge's careful consideration of the facts and nuances of each case. Several respondents and one courtroom observer express concern with the judge's judicial temperament and that he appears to improperly favor one party over the other. While four observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in the judge's court, one observer does not report confidence. The Commission received multiple public comments for this judge regarding a specific court decision. However, according to statute, it is not JPEC's role to review court rulings; that is the role of appellate courts. 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.

Judge Derek P. Pullan was appointed in September 2003 by Gov. Michael O. Leavitt. He serves Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties. Judge Pullan is a member of the Utah Judicial Council and chairs the Council's Policy and Planning Committee. He has served on the Utah Supreme Court's advisory committee on the civil rules of procedure and the advisory committee on indigent defense. He served as chairman of the Board of District Court Judges and presiding judge of the Fourth District Court. He is a frequent presenter on evidence law at judicial conferences and has taught evidence at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. Judge Pullan graduated cum laude from the J. Reuben Clark Law School in 1993 and was a law clerk at the Utah Supreme Court.



3rd Judicial District Court

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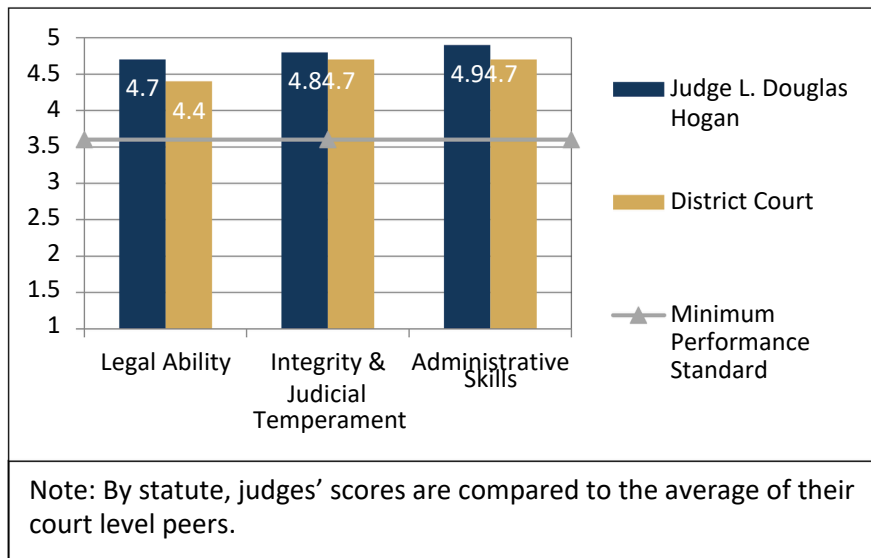


Honorable L. Douglas Hogan

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge L. Douglas Hogan's scores are statistically above the average of his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness. Ninety-nine percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Hogan for retention. Survey respondents and courtroom observers describe the judge as kind, caring, and relatable. One respondent finds that he possesses "the rare ability to meet defendants where they are and speak to them on a level that they will understand." Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Hogan as particularly capable, ethical, impartial, knowledgeable, and open-minded, as well as notably respectful, decisive, patient, and prepared. Observers say the judge is consistent and balanced, and all observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Hogan's court. The Commission received multiple public comments for this judge regarding specific court decisions. However, according to statute, it is not JPEC's role to review court rulings; that is the role of appellate courts. The 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.

Judge L. Douglas Hogan was appointed to the Third District Court in October 2014 by Gov. Gary Herbert. He serves Salt Lake, Summit and Tooele counties. Judge Hogan received a juris doctorate with distinction from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific in 1999. Judge Hogan's undergraduate studies were completed at the University of Utah in 1996. After completing law school, Judge Hogan worked as in-house counsel before entering private practice. Judge Hogan served as a legal defender for Tooele County and as the assigned counsel for indigent participants in the Tooele County Drug Court program for several years. In 2006, he was elected to the office of Tooele County Attorney. Judge Hogan served as the Tooele County Attorney for eight years and held that office until taking the bench in December 2014.



3rd Judicial District Court

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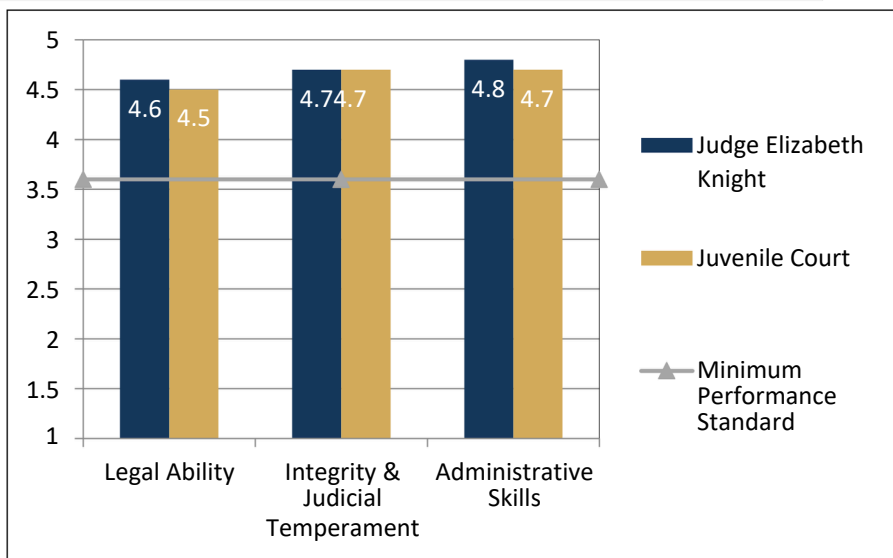
Honorable Elizabeth Knight

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2015, Judge Knight’s scores are statistically consistent with her juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety- six percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Knight for retention. Respondents describe the judge as fair, nonjudgmental, and kind, and both respondents and courtroom observers value her caring demeanor and compassion towards participants’ needs. Both groups further appreciate the judge’s professionalism and willingness to listen and allow participants “an opportunity to share their story.” All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Knight’s 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.

Judge Elizabeth M. Knight was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in August of 2015 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. Judge Knight serves in Salt Lake, Summit and Tooele Counties. Judge Knight graduated in 1989 from the University of Utah with a Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education, and taught first grade in Compton California for one year. Judge Knight then received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1993. After graduating from law school, Judge Knight was employed as a Guardian ad Litem from 1993 until 2002. Judge Knight then returned to

the University of Utah where she graduated with a Masters degree in Leadership and Policy in 2003. Following a brief stint teaching sixth grade, Judge Knight was employed by the Department of Human Services as an Administrative Law Judge from 2003 until 2013, and then as the Director of the Office of Guardian ad Litem from 2013 until her appointment to the bench. Judge Knight currently serves on the State Childrens Justice Center Board and the Language Access Committee.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Eric Jewell

- Serving Genola Municipal Justice Court, Goshen Municipal Justice Court, Payson Municipal Justice Court and Santaquin Municipal Justice Court, Utah County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

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.

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.

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8th Judicial District Court

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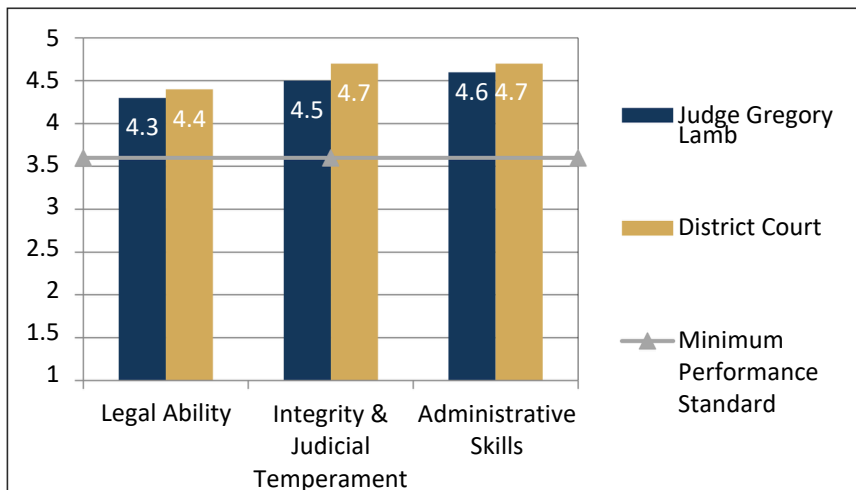


Honorable Gregory Lamb

- Serving Daggett, Duchesne & Uintah counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Lamb’s scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness. Eighty- six percent of respondents recommend Judge Lamb for retention. Respondents say the judge is fair and issues “well-considered” legal decisions. They, along with courtroom observers, praise his dignified, kind judicial demeanor, and observers appreciate his embodiment of neutrality and consistency. A few respondents express varied criticism of his management of the courtroom. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Lamb’s 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.

Judge Greg Lamb was appointed to the Eighth District Court by Governor Gary R. Herbert in December 2020. He serves Daggett, Duchesne and Uintah counties. Judge Lamb is a lifetime resident of the Uinta Basin and graduated from Altamont High School in Duchesne County. He holds an M.A. in Public Policy as well as B.A. and B.S. degrees from Brigham Young University. Judge Lamb received his Juris Doctor from the University of Utah College of Law in 2001. From 2001 to 2002 Judge Lamb served in the Office for Civil Rights with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. He then served as Guardian ad Litem Attorney from 2002 to 2005. Judge Lamb joined the Uintah County Attorney's Office in 2005 where he served as Deputy County Attorney and Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney before forming the law firm Stringham & Lamb with his good friend in 2012. Judge Lamb was in private practice until 2018 when he was elected as Uintah County Attorney. He served in that capacity until his appointment to the bench.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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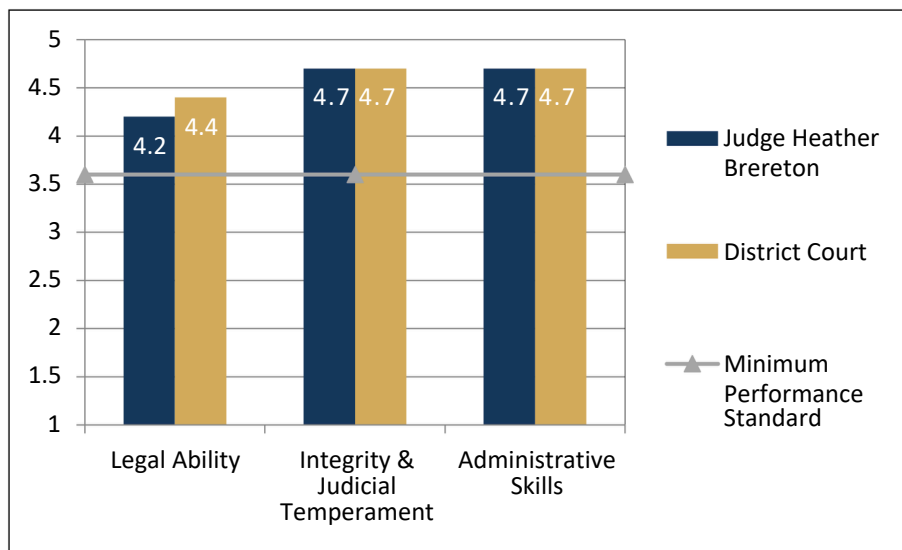


Honorable Heather Brereton

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2015, Judge Heather Brereton's scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty-eight percent of respondents recommend Judge Brereton for retention. Respondents and courtroom observers appreciate the judge's efficient courtroom management. Respondents find her to be fair-minded and intelligent and value her dignified treatment of court participants. While three observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in the judge's court, one observer does not report confidence. 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.

Judge Heather Brereton was appointed to the Third District Court in August 2015 by Governor Gary Herbert. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Brereton received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Utah in 1995 and a law degree from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law in 1998. After law school, Judge Brereton served as the judicial law clerk at the trial court level in the Fourth District Court and at the Utah Court of Appeals. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Brereton was a trial attorney, a capital qualified attorney, and the misdemeanor division chief for Salt Lake Legal Defender's Association. Judge Brereton presides over one of two Mental Health Courts in the Third District and presently serves as a member of the Board of District Court Judges.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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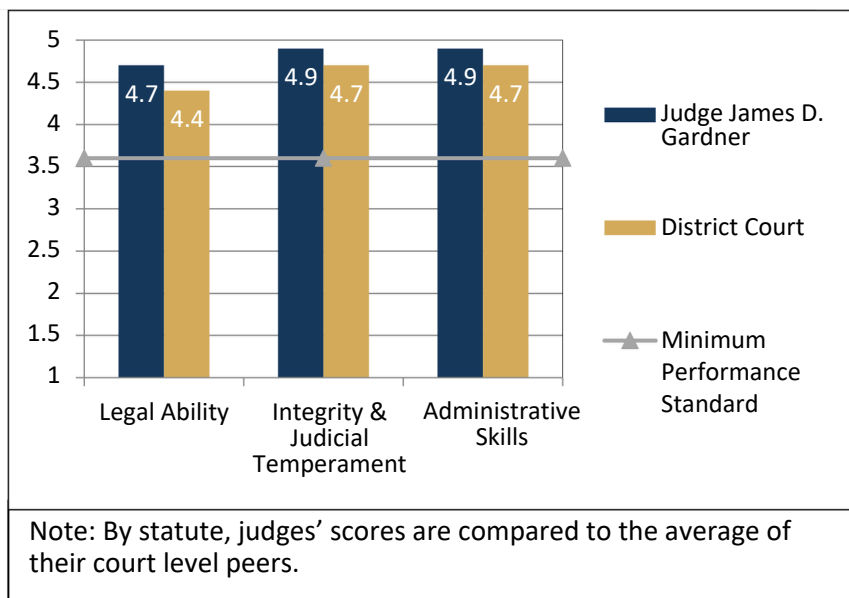


Honorable James D. Gardner

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Gardner’s scores are statistically above the average of his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety-six percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Gardner for retention. Respondents describe the judge as fair and legally proficient. They, along with courtroom observers, find the judge to be kind, thorough and diligent, and both appreciate that he gives participants the opportunity to express themselves in court. One observer highlights the judge’s “positive attitude,” while a respondent values his “positive energy.” Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Gardner as particularly attentive, capable, ethical, impartial, knowledgeable, and open-minded, as well as notably respectful, decisive, patient, and prepared. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Gardner’s court. The 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.

Judge James D. Gardner was appointed to the Third District Court in December 2014 by Governor Gary Herbert. He serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Gardner graduated magna cum laude from Brigham Young University in 1997. He then graduated cum laude with a juris doctorate degree from Duke University School of Law in 2000. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Gardner was a partner at Snell & Wilmer in its Salt Lake City office, where he maintained a broad-based civil litigation practice in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels. Judge Gardner was admitted to practice before the Fourth, Sixth, Tenth and Federal Circuits, the United States Supreme Court, and all state and federal courts in Utah. Judge Gardner is a member of the Utah Judicial Council, the New Lawyer Training Program Committee, and the A. Sherman Christensen Inn of Court. Judge Gardner is located in the West Jordan Courthouse.



8th Judicial District Court

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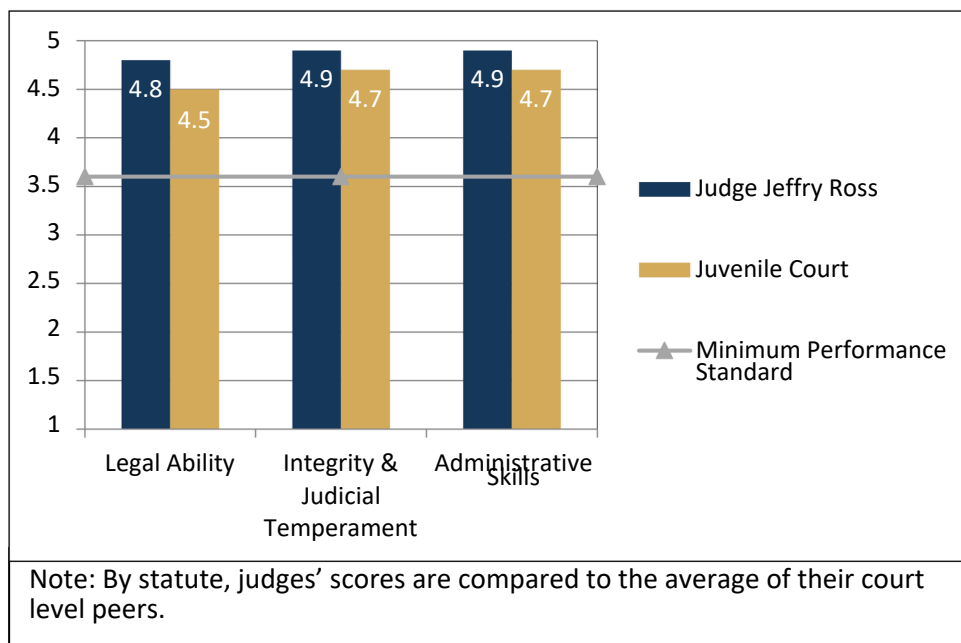
Honorable Jeffrey Ross

- Serving Daggett, Duchesne & Uintah counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Ross' scores are statistically above the average of his juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. All eighty-four respondents (100%) recommend that Judge Ross be retained. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Ross as particularly impartial and knowledgeable, as well as notably decisive. Respondents appreciate the judge's legal skills. They, along with courtroom observers, value his kind and courteous demeanor and his sensitivity to the needs and perspectives of participants. Both additionally admire the judge's careful, unhurried manner and ability to communicate. One respondent described the judge as a "top quality jurist." All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Ross' 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.

Judge Jeffrey K. Ross was appointed to the Eighth District Juvenile Court by Governor Spencer J. Cox in May 2021. He serves Duchesne, Uintah and Daggett counties. Judge Ross received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Constitutional Studies from Utah State University in 2006, graduating magna cum laude. He received his

Juris Doctor from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law in 2011, graduating with high honors. During law school, Judge Ross served as the Executive Symposium Editor of the Utah Law Review. Prior to his appointment, Judge Ross was the managing attorney for the Vernal, Utah branch of Stowell, Crayk & Bown, PLLC, practicing in the areas of child welfare, juvenile delinquency, divorce, custody, criminal defense and immigration law.



4th Judicial District Court

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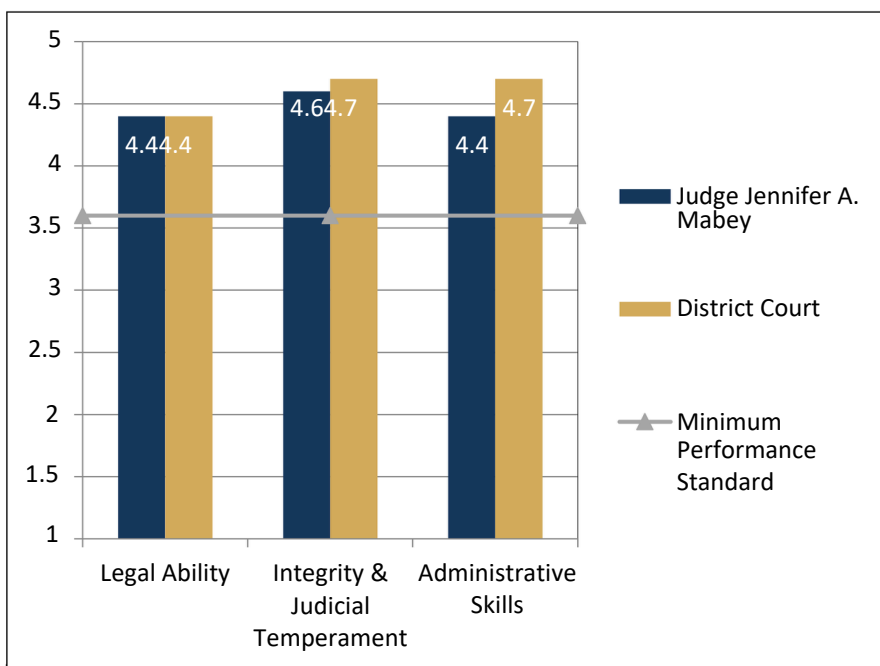


Honorable Jennifer A. Mabey

- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Jennifer Mabey's scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness, and below the average of her peers on administrative skills. Eighty-nine percent of respondents recommend Judge Mabey for retention. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Mabey as more indecisive than her peers. Respondents find the judge to be bright, competent, and thoughtful. Respondents, along with courtroom observers, praise her reasonable, compassionate demeanor, and both groups value her ability to explain information clearly. Many respondents say the judge is slow to issue her rulings, which some indicate may result from the court's large number of cases. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Mabey's 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.

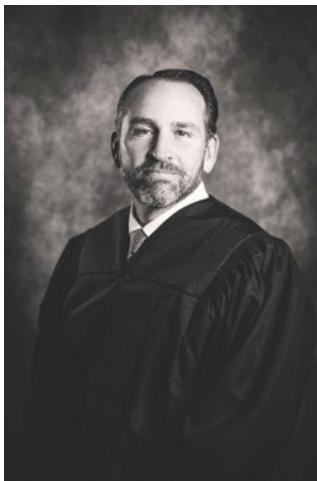
Judge Jennifer A. Mabey (Brown) was appointed to the Fourth District Court in December 2014 by Governor Gary Herbert. She serves Juab, Millard, Utah, and Wasatch counties. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Mabey was a partner with Tesch Law Offices in Park City. She also practiced law as both corporate in-house counsel and associate at various law firms in Salt Lake City. Judge Brown received a Juris Doctor degree from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

7th Judicial District Court

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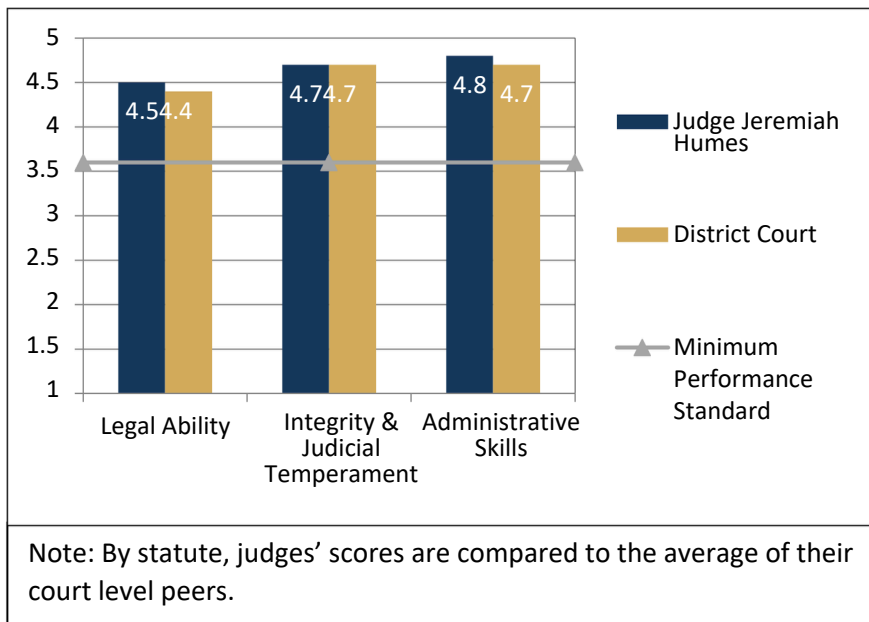


Honorable Jeremiah Humes

- Serving Carbon, Emery, Grand & San Juan counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Humes’s scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, procedural fairness, integrity and judicial temperament, and administrative skills. Ninety- five percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Humes for retention. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Humes as notably prepared. Respondents describe the judge as competent, and both respondents and courtroom observers value the judge’s level-headed, calm judicial demeanor. Both groups further appreciate his deliberate nature, “[taking] time with each person.” Observers additionally admire the judge’s communication skills. All observers report that if appearing before Judge Humes they would be treated fairly. 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.

Judge Jeremiah C. Humes was appointed to the Seventh District Court in January 2020 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties. Judge Humes received his undergraduate degree from Utah State University in 2000 and graduated with Dean's Honors from the Washburn University School of Law in 2002. He worked in private practice for seventeen years. In addition to his private practice, Judge Humes served as a Deputy County Attorney for thirteen years and then as Carbon County Attorney until his appointment. For twelve years he also enjoyed teaching in the Criminal Justice and Peace Officer Standards and Training programs at Utah State University Eastern. Judge Humes served for fifteen years as defense or prosecution in drug court programs. He currently presides over the Emery County Adult Drug Court Program. He also currently serves on the Utah State Bar's New Lawyer Training Program Committee.



Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Jon R. Carpenter

- Serving Carbon County Justice Court and Wellington Municipal Justice Court, Carbon County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

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.

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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2nd Judicial District Court

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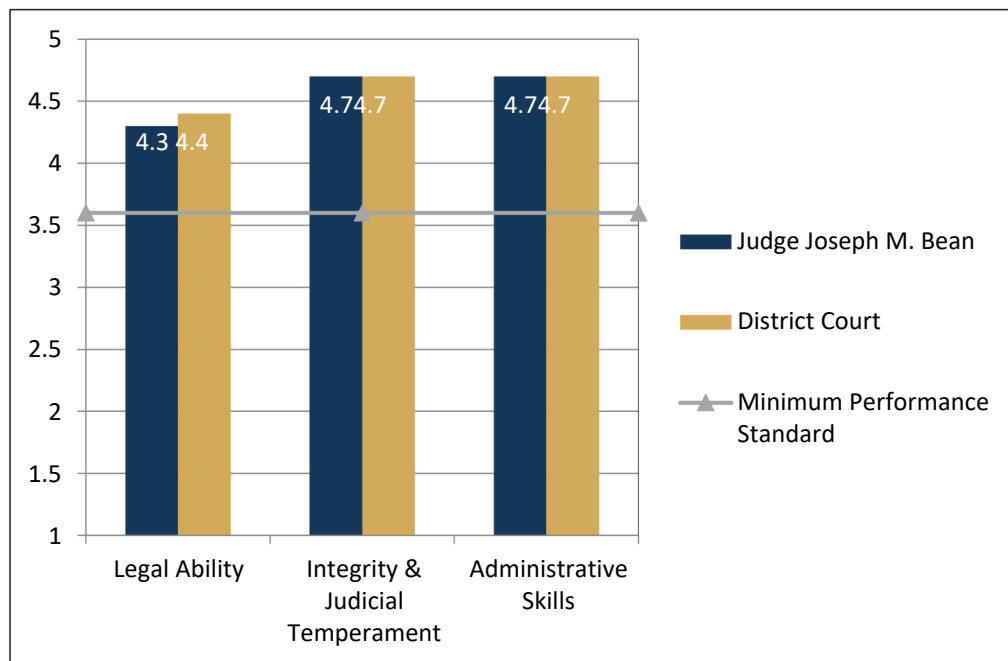


Honorable Joseph M. Bean

- Serving Davis, Morgan & Weber counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Joseph Bean's scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty-one percent of respondents recommend Judge Bean for retention. Respondents describe the judge as calm and considerate, and they admire his diligence. Respondents and courtroom observers appreciate his attentiveness, willingness to listen, and his clear communication. Observers further value the judge's courteous treatment of participants. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Bean's 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.

Judge Joseph M. Bean was appointed to the Second District Court in March 2014 by Gov. Gary R. Herbert. He serves Davis, Morgan, and Weber counties. He serves on the Board of District Court Judges. In addition to his regular duties, Judge Bean has also served as a Drug Court Judge for Weber County for the past seven years. Prior to his appointment as a District Court judge, Judge Bean served as a Justice Court judge for Syracuse City for twenty years. He was also president and managing partner of Bean & Micken, P.C. Judge Bean received a Juris Doctor from the University of Utah College of Law in 1989.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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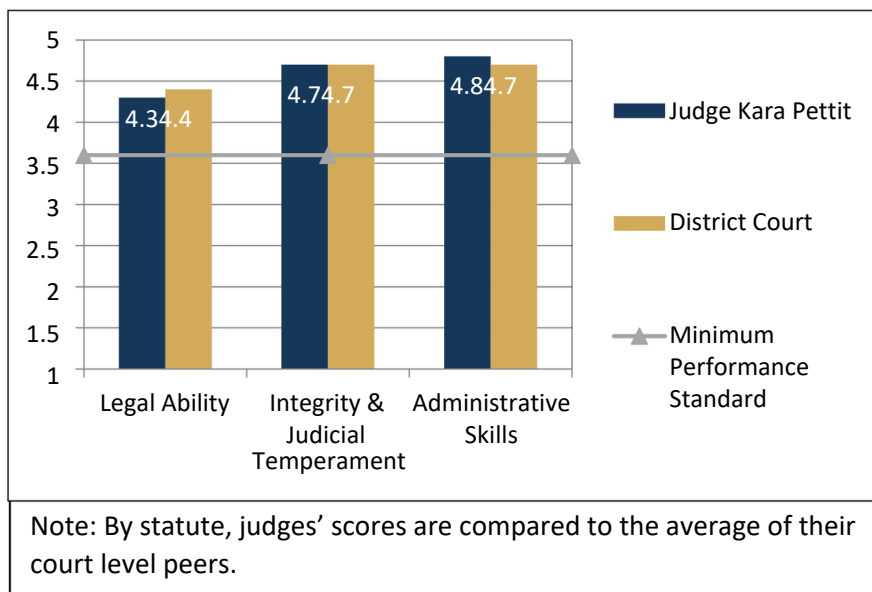
Honorable Kara Pettit

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Pettit’s scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty- five percent of respondents recommend Judge Pettit for retention. Respondents say the judge is intelligent and fair. They, along with courtroom observers, admire her judicial temperament and appreciate her kind, polite, and patient interactions. Both groups further find the judge to be thorough and careful in weighing evidence before making decisions. A few respondents, and a couple of observers, suggest that the judge should do more to maintain a professional courtroom environment. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Pettit’s 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.

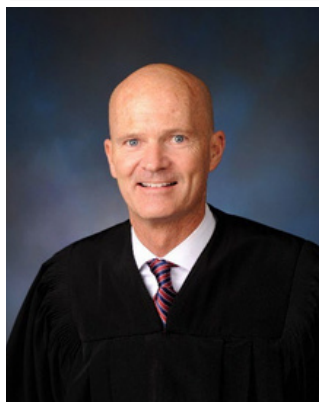
Judge Kara L. Pettit was appointed to the Third District Court in September 2014 by Governor Gary R.Herbert. She currently serves full time in Salt Lake County. She previously served on the court’s Judicial Council, and on the Grand Jury Panel. Judge Pettit is a member of the Utah Bar’s New Lawyer Training Program Committee. Judge Pettit graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from the University of Northern Iowa, magna cum laude, in 1988. From 1988-1992 she was an internal auditor for 3M Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. She obtained her law degree from the University of Utah’s College of Law in 1995. From 1995- 1999, she was a deputy prosecuting attorney for the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in Boise, Idaho.

In December 1999, she joined the law firm of Snow, Christensen & Martineau, where she practiced civil litigation until being appointed to the bench in 2014. Prior to her appointment, Judge Pettit volunteered with several organizations or projects, including the Ada County Human Rights Task Force, pro bono Guardian Ad Litem program, pro bono Legal Clinic at Guadalupe School, and The Road Home Development Committee.



5th Judicial District Court

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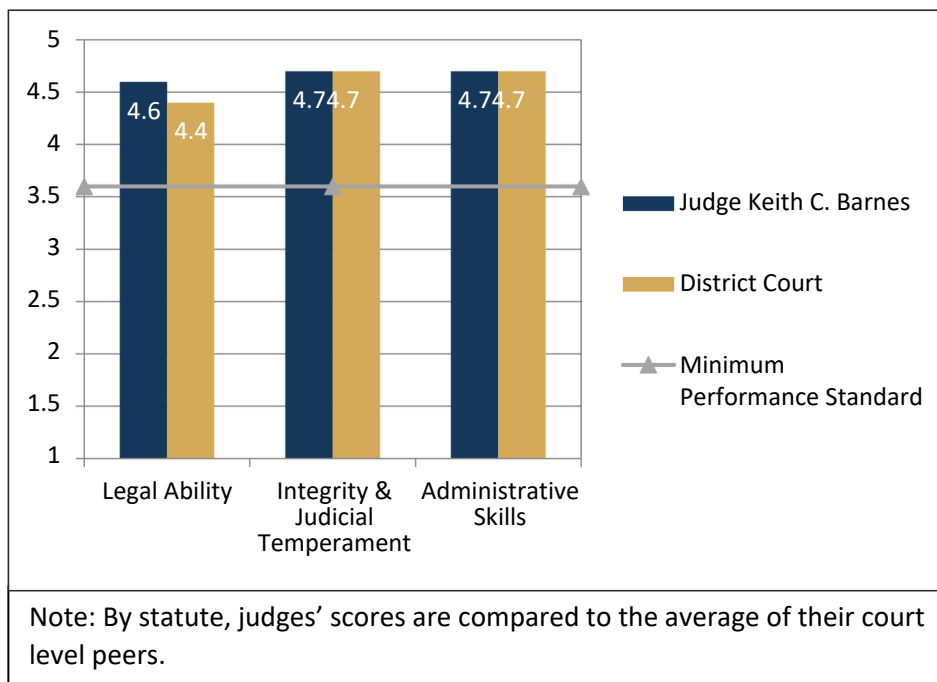


Honorable Keith C. Barnes

- Serving Beaver, Iron & Washington counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Keith Barnes's scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, procedural fairness, integrity and judicial temperament, and administrative skills. Ninety-four percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Barnes for retention. Respondents and courtroom observers admire the judge's calm, kind, and considerate judicial demeanor. Both groups further value the judge's diligence, efficient management of the courtroom, and his willingness to listen and allow participants "to express their views." Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Barnes as notably decisive. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Barnes's 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.

Judge Keith C. Barnes was appointed to the Fifth District Court in February 2014 by Gov. Gary R. Herbert. He serves Iron, Washington, and Beaver counties. Judge Barnes graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University and received a law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1994. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Barnes was a partner at Barnes Law Offices, Jensen, Graff & Barnes, and Park, Park, & Barnes. He has served as a member of the Southern Utah University National Advisory Board, Utah Radiation Control Board, and as a board of director at Allegiance Direct Bank.



3rd Judicial District Court

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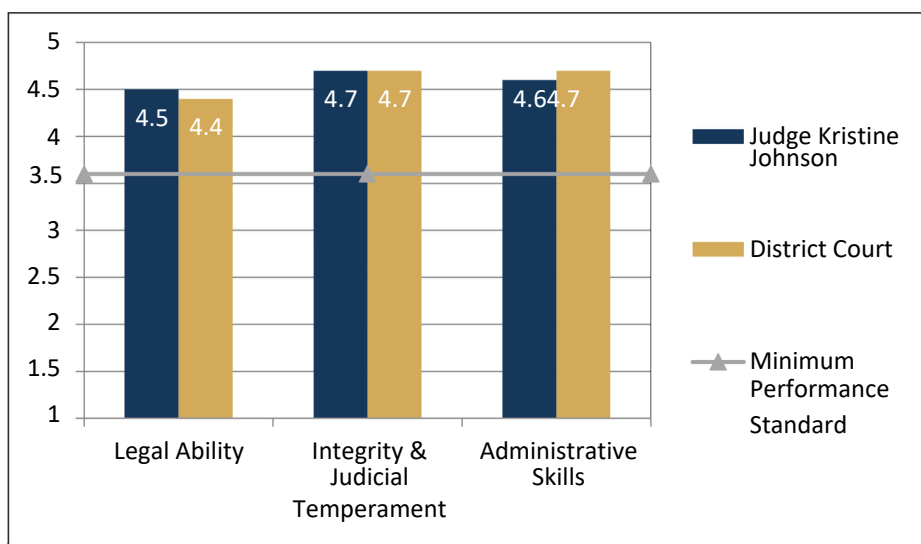


Honorable Kristine Johnson

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2019, Judge Johnson’s scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, procedural fairness, integrity and judicial temperament, and administrative skills. Eighty- eight percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Johnson for retention. Respondents find this judge to be fair, and they praise the judge for her intelligence and “skill with the law.” They, along with courtroom observers, admire the courteous and kind treatment she imparts to court participants. While three observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in the judge’s court, one observer does not report confidence. 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.

Judge Johnson was appointed to the Third District Court by Governor Gary R. Herbert in October 2019. She serves Salt Lake, Summit and Tooele counties. Judge Johnson received a B.A. in Political Science and U.S. History from Trinity University in 1992 and a Juris Doctor from the S.J. Quinney College of Law in 1995. Prior to her appointment, she was a shareholder at the Salt Lake City firm of Parsons Behle & Latimer where she served as a member of the Board of Directors from 2015 until her appointment to the bench. She is a founding member and former president of the David K. Winder Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, and a member of the David K. Watkiss-Sutherland II American Inn of Court. She serves on the Utah State Bar Continuing Legal Education Steering Committee and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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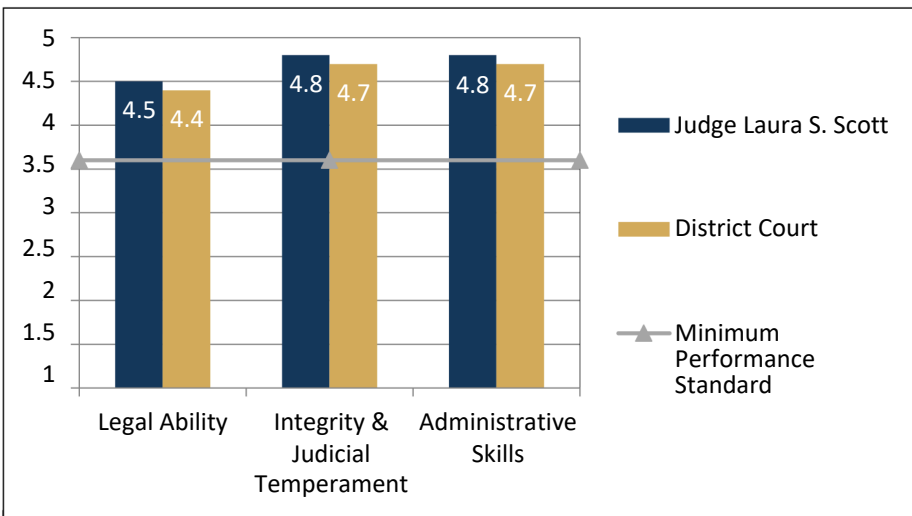
Honorable Laura S. Scott

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Laura Scott's scores are statistically above the average of her district court peers on administrative skills, and consistent with her peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness. Ninety-three percent of survey respondents recommend her for retention. Respondents describe the judge as excellent, intelligent, diligent, and effective, and two respondents find that her treatment of unrepresented litigants enhances confidence in the judicial system. Respondents, along with courtroom observers, applaud the judge's courteous, polite manner and the judge's ability to explain information clearly. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Scott's 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.

Presiding Judge Laura Scott was appointed to the Third District Court in 2014. She handles a civil calendar and acts as a water judge. She currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Ethics Advisory Committee and OPC Oversight Committee as well as an Emeritus Member of the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure. Judge Scott also serves as an ex officio member of the executive committees of the Salt Lake County Bar Association and Women Lawyers of Utah. Judge Scott is an American Bar Foundation Fellow, a former vice chair of the Ethics and Discipline Committee of the Utah Supreme Court, and a past president of the Salt Lake County Bar Association. She has received the Utah State

Bar's Professionalism Award, the James B. Lee Mentoring Award, and the 2022 Judge of the Year Award. Judge Scott received a Bachelor's of Arts degree from the University of Utah and a Juris Doctor degree from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Prior to joining the bench, she was a shareholder at Parsons Behle & Latimer, where she practiced commercial and real estate litigation.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Mark McIff

- Serving Salina Municipal Justice Court, Piute County Justice Court, and Sevier County Justice Court
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge McIff 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.

Judge Mark McIff 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 McIff 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 McIff maintained a private law practice in Richfield during most of his career.

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Utah Supreme Court

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Honorable Matthew B. Durrant

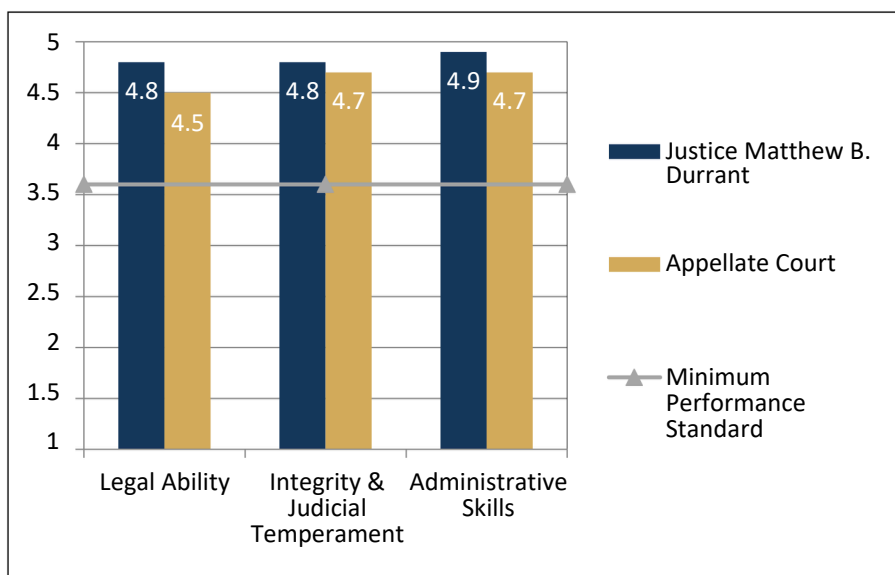
- Serving The State of Utah Commission Determination:
- Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 11 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2000, Justice Durrant’s scores are statistically well above the average of his appellate court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness, and consistent with his peers on administrative skills. Ninety-seven percent of survey respondents recommend Justice Durrant for retention. Respondents describe this judge as dedicated, diligent, and courteous. One says that he possesses an “excellent judicial temperament,” while another finds that “even if you lose, you feel like you were treated with respect.” Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Justice Durrant as particularly capable, knowledgeable, and ethical. The 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.

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant was appointed to the Utah Supreme Court in January 2000 by Governor Michael O. Leavitt. At the time, he was serving as a trial judge in the Third Judicial District. Justice Durrant has served as the Supreme Court representative on the Utah Judicial Council and as Associate Chief Justice. He was the founding chair of the Supreme Court’s Professionalism Committee and has chaired the Judicial Council’s Technology Committee. In addition, Justice Durrant chaired the Supreme Court

Committee charged with the revision of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Justice Durrant received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1984. After a clerkship with Judge Monroe G. McKay of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Justice Durrant joined the Salt Lake law firm now known as Parr, Waddoups, Brown, Gee, & Loveless, where he was a shareholder at the time of his appointment to the district bench. Justice Durrant also has taught as an adjunct professor at Brigham Young University’s J. Reuben Clark Law School.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their

2nd Judicial District Court

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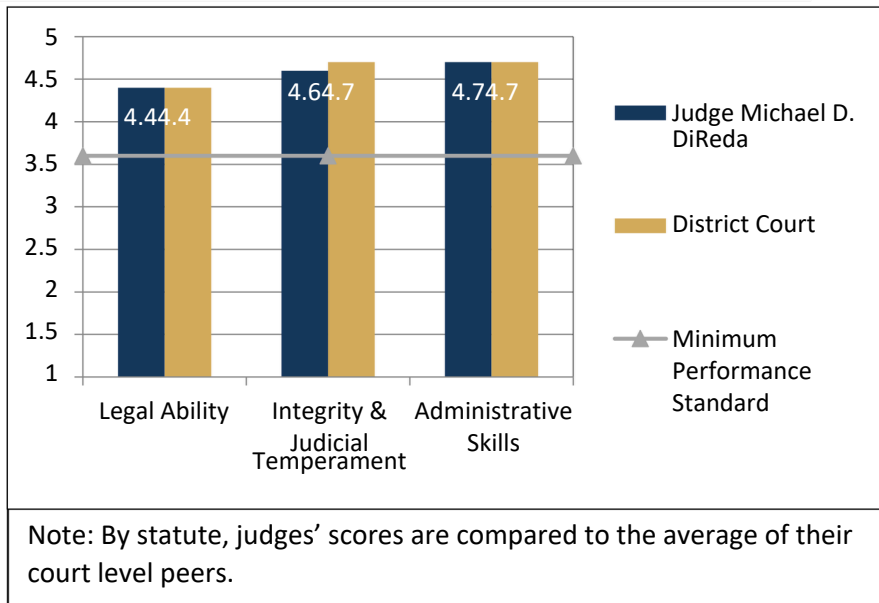


Honorable Michael D. DiReda

- Serving Davis, Morgan & Weber counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

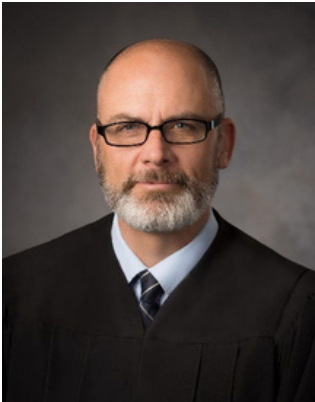
Appointed in 2008, Judge DiReda's scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety-two percent of respondents recommend Judge DiReda for retention. Respondents admire the judge's thoughtfulness and skill in applying the law as well as his diligence and hard work. Respondents and courtroom observers find him to be conscientious and engaged, and observers value his "genuine concerns for the defendants." All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge DiReda's 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.

Judge Michael D. DiReda was appointed to the Second District Court by Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., in December 2008. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1990 from Pepperdine University and a Juris Doctor degree in 1993 from Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law. He served as a judicial law clerk in the Second District Court from 1994-1995 before joining the Davis County Attorney's Office as a Deputy County Attorney. As a prosecutor, he prosecuted serious felony offenses including high profile homicide cases. During his tenure from 1995-2008, he served as the Section Chief over all criminal litigation as well as Section Chief over narcotics cases investigated by the Davis Metro Narcotics Strike Force. He was a Special Assistant United States Attorney from 2001-2007 where he prosecuted cases brought under Project Safe Neighborhoods. From 2019-2022, Judge DiReda served as the Associate Presiding and Presiding Judge in the Second District. Currently, Judge DiReda serves on the Judicial Council and is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Utah where he teaches trial advocacy. He is a Sudreau Global Justice Institute judicial adviser to the judiciaries of Uganda, Kenya, and Rwanda.



5th Judicial District Court

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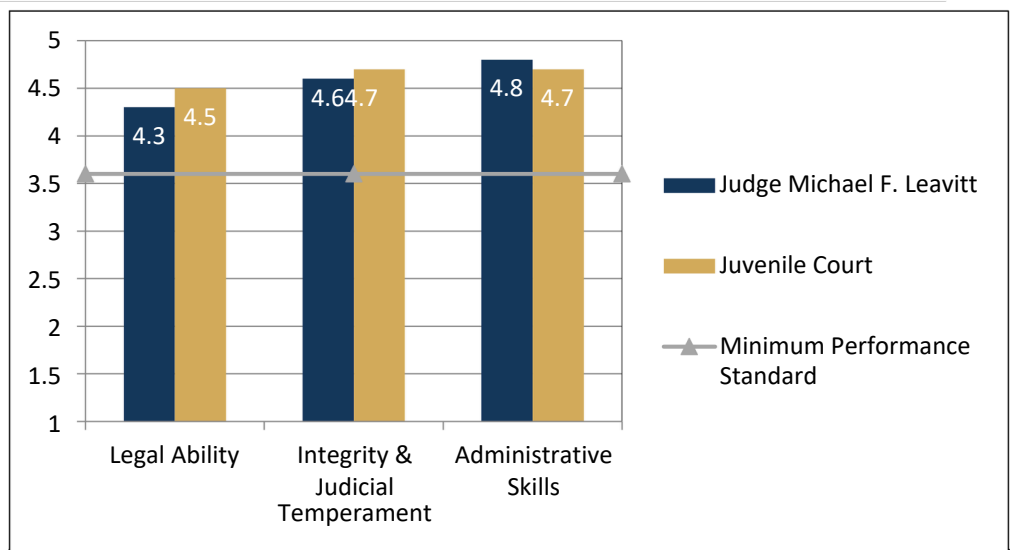
Honorable Michael F. Leavitt

- Serving Beaver, Iron & Washington counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Leavitt’s scores are statistically consistent with his juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness. Ninety- two percent of respondents recommend Judge Leavitt for retention. Respondents find the judge to be competent and kind, and they, along with courtroom observers, praise his caring, sensitive demeanor. Both groups further appreciate the judge’s adept interpersonal skills, with one respondent saying, “He has a gift to work with juveniles.” All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Leavitt’s 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.

Judge Michael F. Leavitt was appointed to the Fifth District Juvenile Court in 2014 by Gov. Gary R. Herbert. He serves Beaver, Iron, and Washington counties. Judge Leavitt graduated from University of Idaho College of Law in 2002. Prior to his appointment, Judge Leavitt worked as an attorney with the law firm of Durham Jones & Pinegar (formerly Snow Nuffer) from 2002 through 2014. At the time of his appointment, he was

serving as a Bar Commissioner with the Utah State Bar and previously served as President of the Southern Utah Bar Association. Judge Leavitt served for 6 years on the Language Access Committee, including one year as chair. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Juvenile Court Judges (Chair 2020-2021) and is a member of the Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Rules of Evidence and the Juvenile Court Detention Risk Assessment Tool workgroup.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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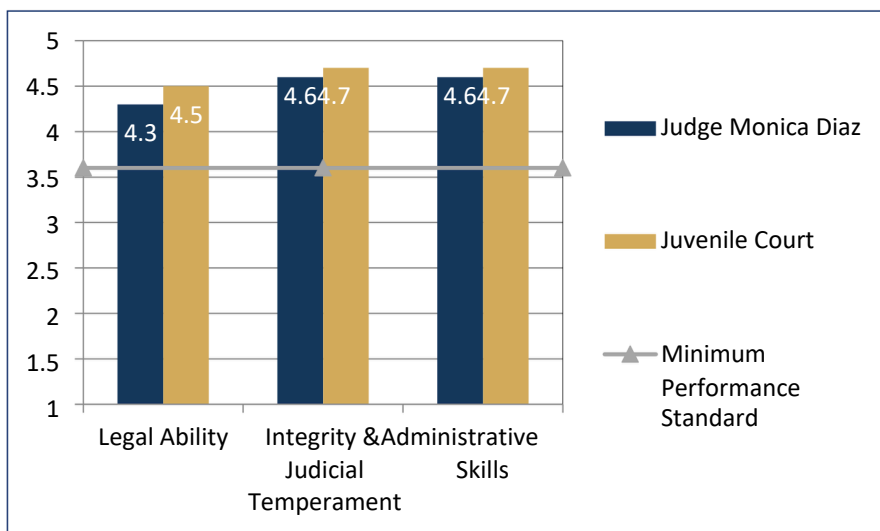


Honorable Monica Diaz

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Diaz's scores are statistically consistent with her juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness. Ninety-eight percent of respondents recommend Judge Diaz for retention. Respondents praise her work ethic, thorough legal reasoning, and efficient management of court. Respondents and courtroom observers laud the judge's sincere, courteous demeanor and caring interactions with court participants. Some respondents say the judge should be more conscious of the appearance of bias, particularly towards the defense counsel. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Diaz's 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.

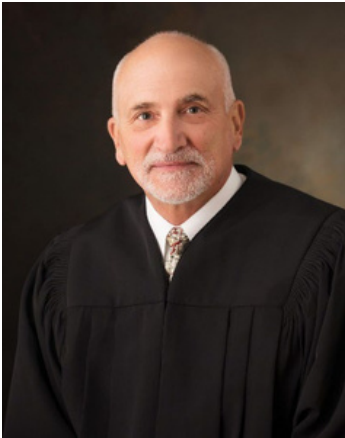
Judge Monica Diaz was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in June 2021 by Governor Spencer J. Cox. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Diaz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences from Westminster College in 2002 and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law in 2008. After graduation, Judge Diaz clerked for the Third District Court. From 2009 until 2012, she prosecuted delinquency cases in juvenile court for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office and from 2012 until 2020 Judge Diaz defended youth as a member of Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys. From 2020 until her appointment to the bench Judge Diaz was the director of the Utah Sentencing Commission. Before her appointment, Judge Diaz was a member of the Utah Supreme Court Ethics and Discipline Committee, Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Juvenile Procedure, and was awarded the Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Leadership Award for Excellence in Juvenile Defense in 2019.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

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Honorable Paul Olds

- Serving Riverdale Municipal Justice Court, Weber County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

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.

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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4th Judicial District Court

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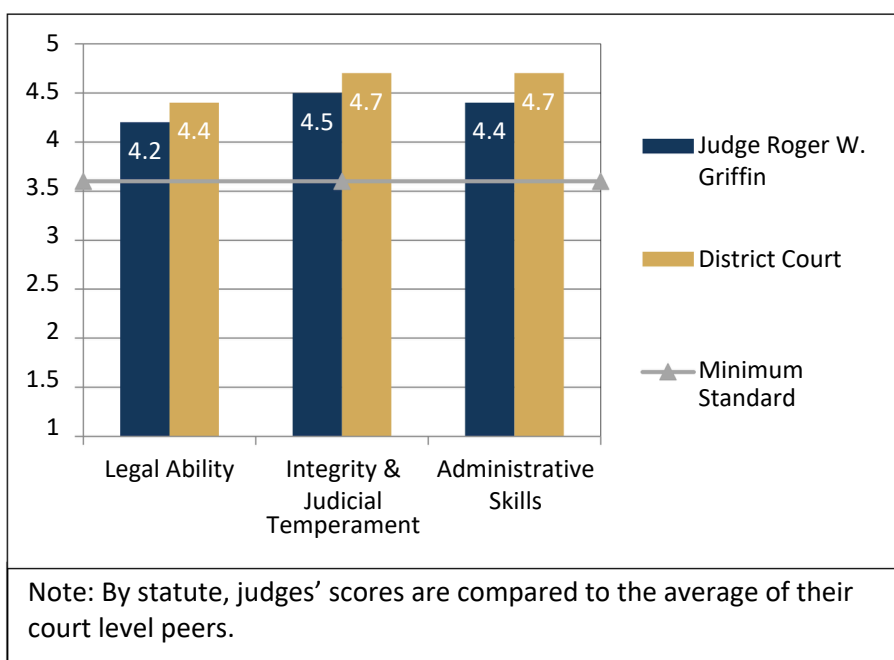


Honorable Roger W. Griffin

- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Griffin’s scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability and integrity and judicial temperament and below the average of his peers on administrative skills and procedural fairness. Eighty-six percent of respondents recommend Judge Griffin for retention. Respondents and courtroom observers admire the judge’s diligent and thorough manner. One respondent says that he appears to “work really hard at trying to make sure he does his best.” Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Griffin as more disrespectful and impatient than his peers. Some respondents comment that he appears to favor the prosecution over the defense in criminal cases. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Griffin’s 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.

Judge Roger W. Griffin was appointed to the Fourth District Court in June 2014, by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves Juab, Millard, Utah and Wasatch counties. Judge Griffin obtained his law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1993. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from Utah State University in 1989. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Griffin was the chief litigation officer for a multi-state law firm. While in private practice, Judge Griffin was selected as a Legal Elite by the Utah Business Magazine four separate times. He has also served as a mentor for the Utah State Bar’s New Lawyer Training Association Program. In 2008, Judge Griffin was appointed chair of the Board of Trustees for the American Fork Library and served for six years in that capacity. In 2014, he received the Outstanding Community Service Award from American Fork City.



5th Judicial District Court

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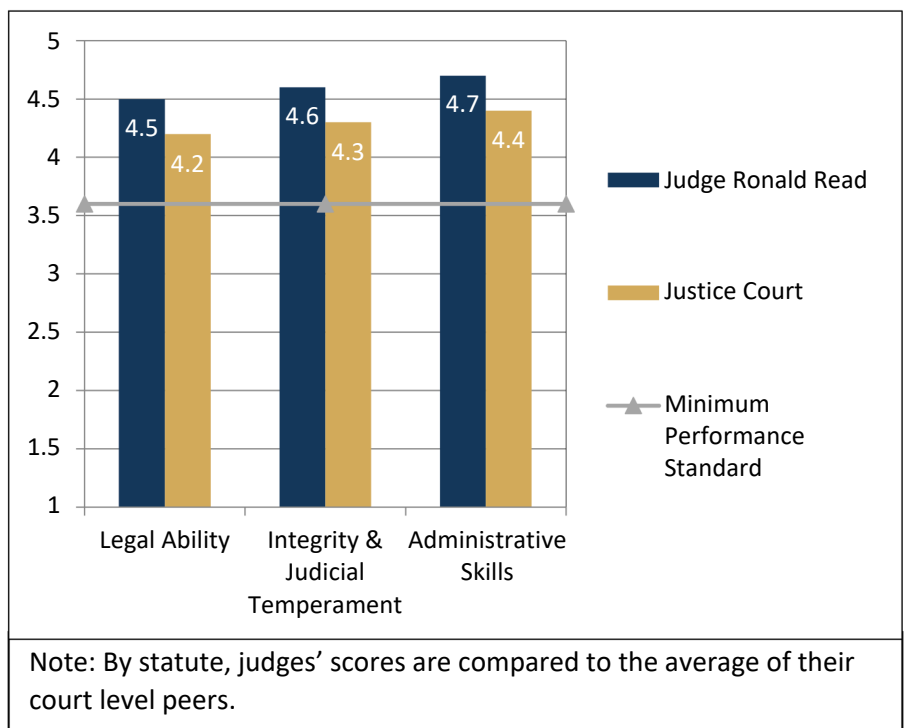


Honorable Ronald L. Read

- Serving Orderville Municipal Justice Court and Washington County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Read's scores are statistically consistent with his Justice court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, administrative skills, and procedural fairness. Ninety-two percent of respondents recommend Judge Read for retention. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Read as notably patient. Respondents and courtroom observers admire the judge's courteous, approachable demeanor, with one observer saying that his "courtroom decorum is commendable." Both groups also appreciate the judge's administrative efficiency, and courtroom observers find the judge to be thorough and careful. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Read's 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.

Judge Ronald L. Read was appointed to the Washington County Justice Court bench in September 2014. He graduated from Southern Utah State College in 1981 and the University of Utah Law School in 1990. He served as a law clerk for the United States District Court of Boise, Idaho, after which he then became an associate and shareholder with the law firm of Hughes & Read; Assistant City Attorney for the City of St. George; and then a co-founder of Read & Wright law firm.



2nd Judicial District Court

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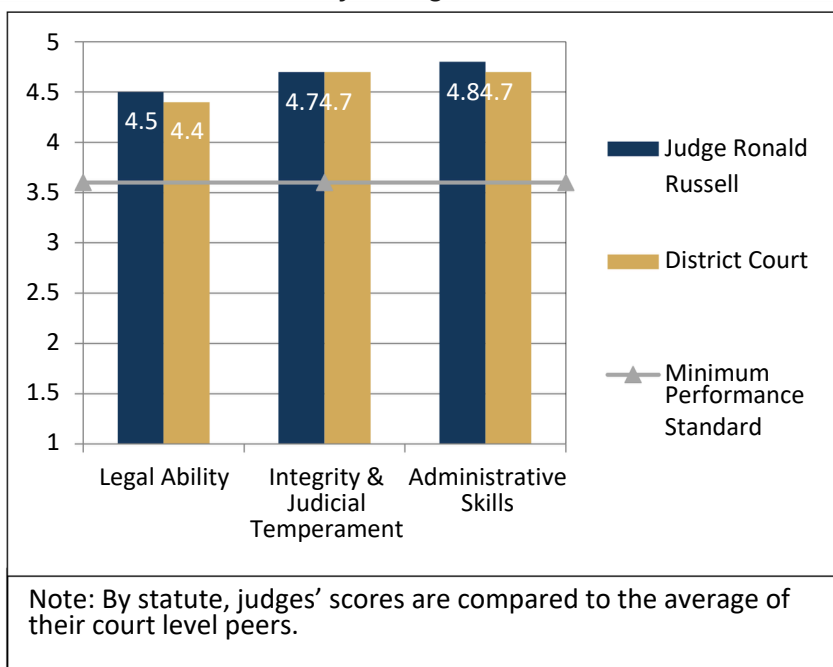


Honorable Ronald Russell

- Serving Davis, Morgan & Weber counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Russell's scores are statistically above the average of his district court peers on administrative skills, and consistent with his peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness. Ninety-five percent of respondents recommend him for retention. Respondents describe the judge as competent and dedicated. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Russell as particularly capable and ethical. Courtroom observers appreciate the judge's considerate nature and kind treatment of courtroom participants. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Russell's 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.

Judge Ronald G. Russell was appointed to Utah's Second District Court by Governor Gary R. Herbert in January 2021. He serves Davis, Morgan and Weber counties. Judge Russell received his Juris Doctor in 1983 from the University of Utah, Order of the Coif, where he was Managing Editor of the Utah Law Review, and his B.A in 1980 from Weber State University, cum laude. Judge Russell clerked for the Honorable David K. Winder in the United States District Court for the District of Utah in 1984 and was in private law practice for over 35 years before taking the bench. During his years in private practice, Judge Russell represented clients in a wide variety of litigation matters in both small and complex cases. He served as a member of the Utah Judicial Conduct Commission by appointment of the Utah Supreme Court from 2004 to 2012 and was Chair of the Commission from 2009 to 2012. Judge Russell served on the Centerville City Council and as the Mayor of Centerville. He has also served the community on several boards including the Wasatch Front Regional Council, Envision Utah's Steering Committee, the South Davis Metro Fire Agency, the Davis County Council of Governments, the Family Support Center and as a member and chair of the Board of Trustees of CenterPoint Legacy Theatre.



Utah Court of Appeals

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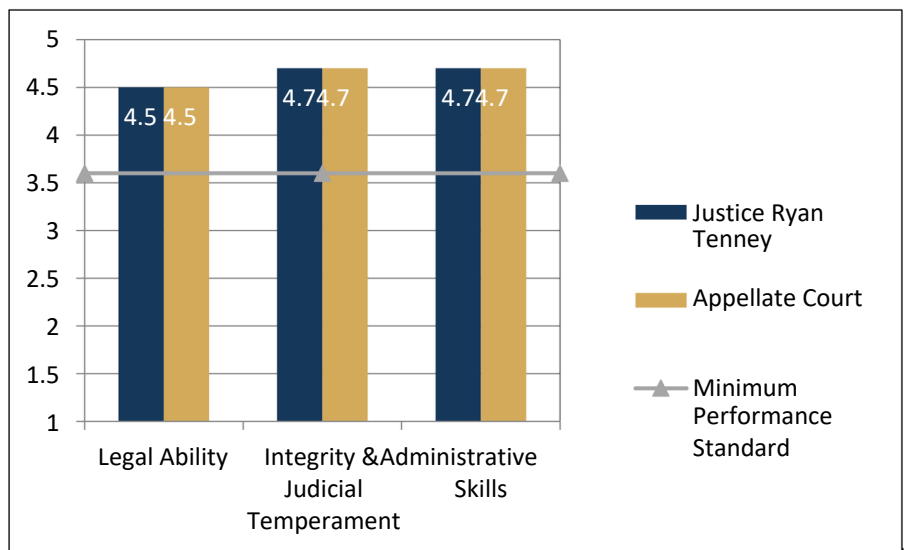


Honorable Ryan Tenney

- Serving The State of Utah Commission Determination:
- Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Tenney’s scores are statistically consistent with his appellate court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety-two percent of respondents recommend Judge Tenney for retention. Respondents describe the judge as bright, thoughtful, and diligent. They laud his array of judicial skills, including his writing proficiency, thorough opinions, and competency in oral arguments. 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.

Judge Ryan D. Tenney was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in June 2021 by Governor Spencer J. Cox. Judge Tenney graduated from the University of Utah in 2000 and BYU Law School in 2003, both with honors. After graduating from law school, Judge Tenney clerked for Judge Norman Jackson of the Utah Court of Appeals. He then spent several years practicing with a civil litigation firm in Provo, after which he spent almost a decade as an attorney in the criminal appeals division of the Utah Attorney General's Office. At the time of his appointment to the bench, Judge Tenney was an appellate attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah, where he represented the United States in criminal appeals before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Tenney was an adjunct professor at BYU Law School from 2008 through 2021. At BYU, Judge Tenney taught an upper division appellate brief writing seminar and a course in the international LLM Program, and he also helped coach the national moot court team. Judge Tenney has served on the ethics advisory committees for both the Utah judiciary and the Utah state bar, as well as in leadership roles for the Utah state bar's constitutional law and appellate law sections. Judge Tenney is currently a member of the Utah Sentencing Commission.



Note: By statute, judges’ scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

4th Judicial District Court

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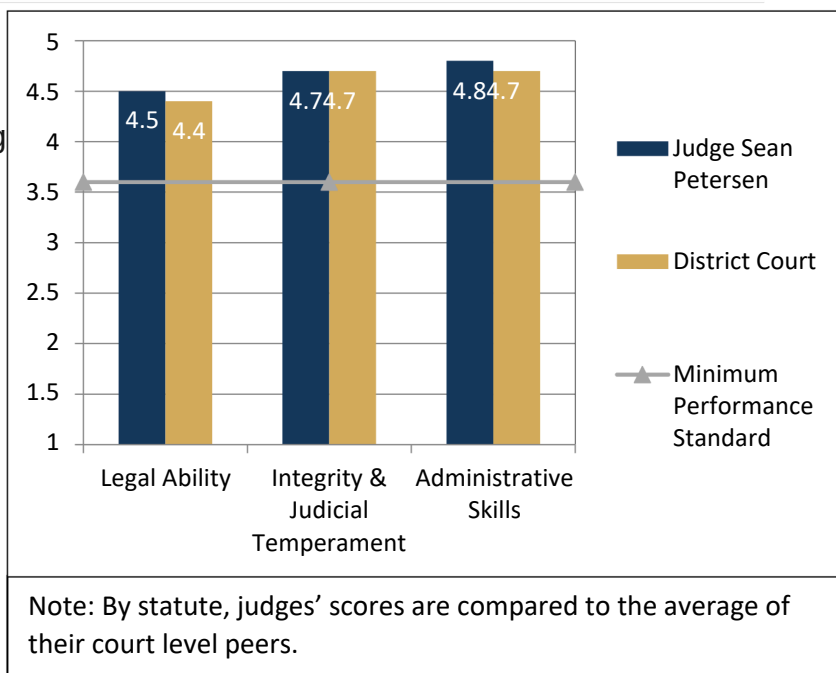


Honorable Sean Petersen

- Serving Juab, Millard, Utah & Wasatch counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2021, Judge Petersen’s scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety- two percent of respondents recommend Judge Petersen for retention. Respondents see the judge as fair and appreciate his legal skills, particularly in applying the law to the facts and in issuing understandable rulings. Respondents and courtroom observers applaud the judge’s professional, kind judicial temperament. Observers also value his neutrality and ability to communicate. While all four observers find the judge to be fair, two express hesitations to appear before him resulting from difficulties hearing the judge and the judge’s rush to get through his large caseload. 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.

Judge Sean M. Petersen was appointed to the Fourth District Court in July 2021 by Governor Spencer J. Cox. He serves Juab, Millard, Utah and Wasatch counties. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Petersen served as a court commissioner on the Fourth District Court since 2018. Prior to his position as court commissioner, Judge Petersen was a partner at Howard, Lewis & Petersen in Provo, Utah. During his time at Howard, Lewis & Petersen, Judge Petersen was recognized as a Legal Elite by the Utah Business Magazine over multiple years as well as being named to the Super Lawyers list in Mountain States Super Lawyers. Judge Petersen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Brigham Young University in 1996, and he received his Juris Doctorate degree from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon in 1999.



1st Judicial District Court

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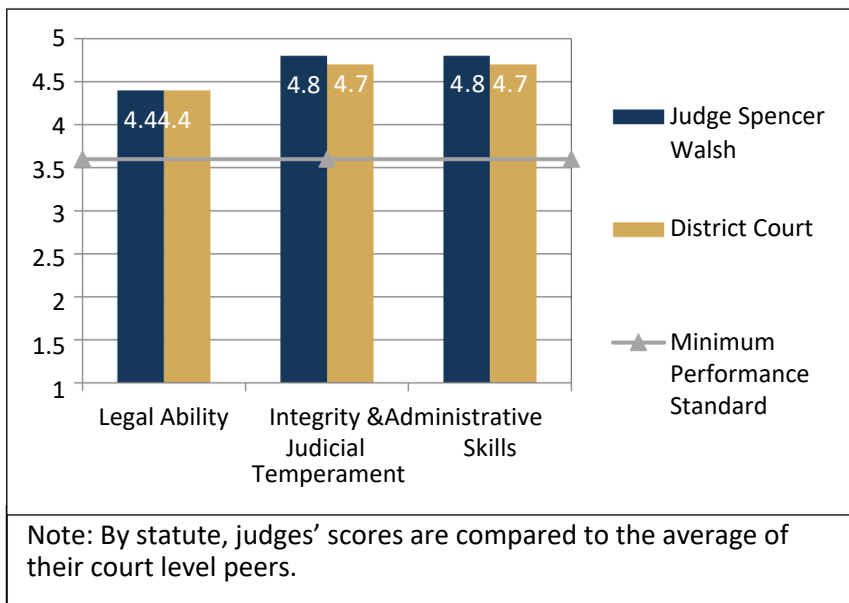


Honorable Spencer Walsh

- Serving Box Elder, Cache & Rich counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Spencer Walsh's scores are statistically above the average of his district court peers on administrative skills, integrity and judicial temperament, and procedural fairness, and consistent with his peers on legal ability. Ninety percent of respondents recommend him for retention. Respondents find the judge to possess integrity and a diligent work ethic. They appreciate his criminal law skills, but many say that he could improve his grasp of civil law. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Walsh as particularly attentive, ethical, and open-minded, as well as notably patient. Respondents and courtroom observers admire the judge's calm, polite demeanor as well as his clear communication. Observers further laud the judge's neutrality. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Walsh's 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.

Judge Spencer D. Walsh was appointed to the First District Court in September 2020 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. He serves in Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties. Judge Walsh earned a law degree from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School in 2007. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Brigham Young University in 2003. Prior to his appointment, Judge Walsh served as the chief prosecutor for the Cache County Attorney's Office. He previously served as a Deputy County Attorney in the Cache County Attorney's Office and as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the West Valley City Attorney's Office. Judge Walsh was a police academy instructor and taught constitutional law as an adjunct professor for the University of the Rockies. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Walsh served as a member of the Utah Sexual Violence Council for the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. Judge Walsh presides over the Box Elder County Mental Health Court.



2nd Judicial District Court

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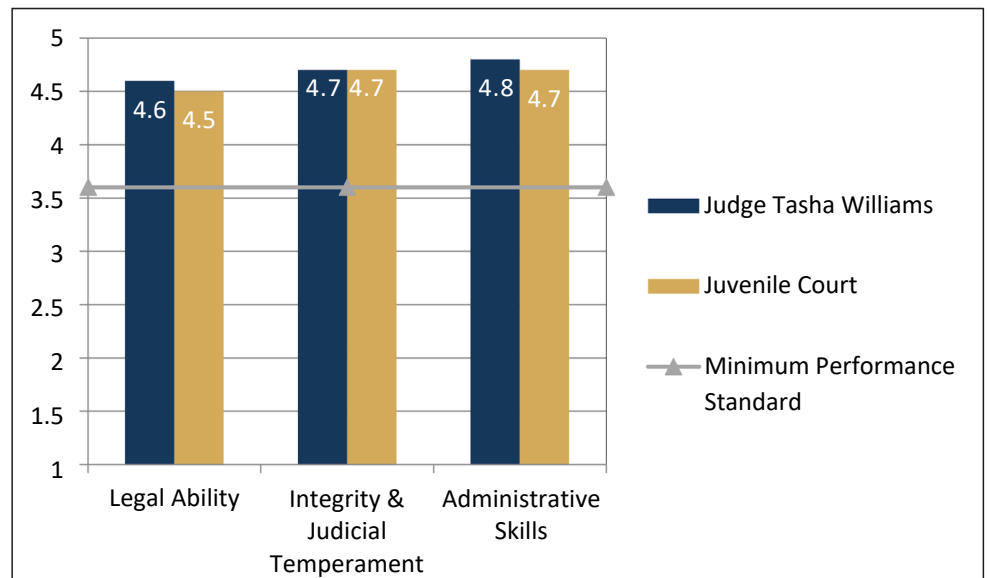


Honorable Tasha Williams

- Serving Davis, Morgan & Weber counties Commission
- Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2020, Judge Williams' scores are statistically consistent with her juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Eighty- nine percent of respondents recommend her for retention. Respondents find the judge to be competent and intelligent. They, along with courtroom observers, commend her deliberate, attentive manner, her interest in the youth, and her compassionate concern for their needs. Courtroom observers praise her welcoming, cordial demeanor, and all report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Williams' 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.

Judge Tasha Williams was appointed to the Second District Juvenile Court in September 2020 by Governor Gary R. Herbert. She serves Davis, Weber, and Morgan counties. Judge Williams earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Communication from Southern Utah University in 2005 and her Juris Doctor Degree from the University Of Utah S.J. Quinney College Of Law in 2008. Before her appointment, she worked at Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys and was also a member of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. Judge Williams was awarded the Youth Advocate of the Year award by the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice in 2016.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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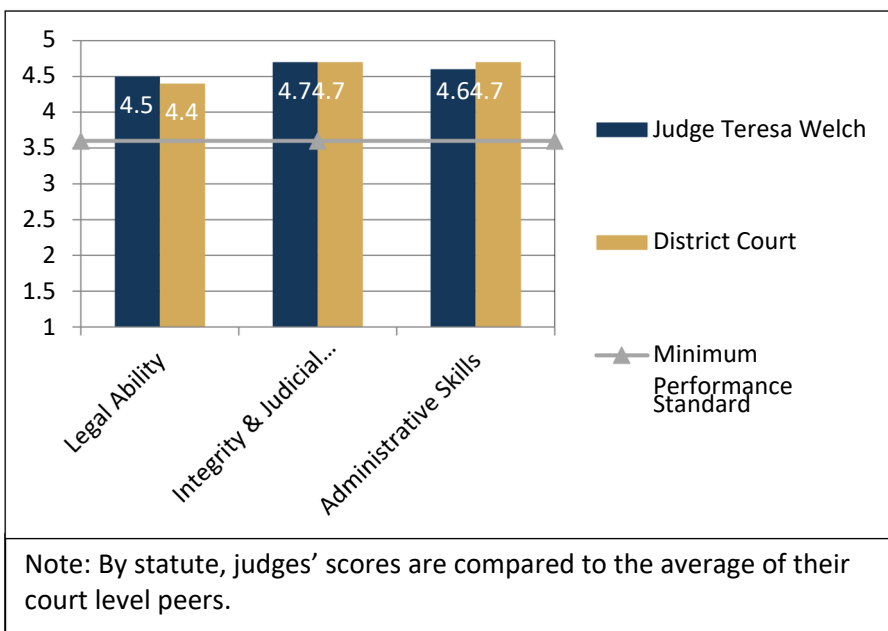
Honorable Teresa Welch

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2019, Judge Welch’s scores are statistically consistent with her district court peers on legal ability, procedural fairness, integrity and judicial temperament, and administrative skills. Ninety- seven percent of survey respondents recommend her for retention. Respondents find the judge to be fair as well as thoughtful, thorough, and diligent in applying the law, though some add that her thoroughness leads to slower moving calendars. Respondents and courtroom observers appreciate the judge’s willingness to seek input from participants, and both groups also value her calm, polite, and welcoming manner. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Welch’s 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.

Judge Teresa L. Welch was appointed to the Third District Court in October 2019 by Governor Gary R.Herbert. She serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Judge Welch received four degrees from the University of Utah, including a Bachelor's Degree in Music (Violin Performance), a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, a Master's Degree in Philosophy, and a Juris Doctorate (in 2002) from the S.J. Quinney College of Law. She also received a PhD in Criminal Justice (in 2018) from Nova Southeastern University, graduating Phi Kappa Phi. Before Judge Welch's appointment to the

bench, she worked for the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association for 16 plus years. There, she worked as a trial and appellate attorney, and she also supervised a team of attorneys in the Third District Court's Early Case Resolution Court Program from 2011-2015. She has also taught criminal justice and philosophy classes as an adjunct professor for local universities and colleges, including the University of Utah, Weber State University, and the Salt Lake Community College.



Justice Court – Basic Evaluation *

Visit JUDGES.UTAH.GOV for more information about this judge



Honorable Timothy Smith

- Serving Panguitch Municipal Justice Court, Garfield County
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 4 of 4

Together, the three observers were strongly positive about Judge Smith. All observers reported that if appearing before Judge Smith they would be treated fairly. 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.

Judge Tim Smith was appointed to the Panguitch City Justice Court in 2015. He graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in 1995 and earned his Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management from Western Governors University in 2015. Judge Smith has worked in Healthcare Administration from 1999 to the present. He has also served as a member of the Panguitch City Council from 2006 to 2015 and as a member of the Coalition of Community Patchwork Mending for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention from 1997 to the present.

*See Judges Section Introduction for Justice Court Information

Justice Court – Mid-Level Evaluation*

Visit JUDGES.UTAH.GOV for more information about this judge



Honorable Trent Nelson

- Serving Harrisville City Municipal Justice Court
- Commission Recommendation: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 5 of 5

Judge Trent Nelson receives positive reviews from nearly all respondents. Respondents find the judge to be welcoming and kind, someone who tries to motivate litigants to do better. They say Judge Nelson cares about the various situations in which courtroom participants find themselves and does what he can to work with them. Respondents further identify the judge as consistent and adhering to procedure. 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.

Judge Trent Nelson was appointed to the Harrisville City Justice Court in December 2019. He also has been serving as the Roy/Weber County Justice Court since February 2017, serving the communities of Roy City, unincorporated Weber County, West Haven City, and Hooper City. He is the presiding judge for the justice courts of the Second Judicial District (Weber, Davis, and Morgan counties). He earned a Bachelor of Economics from Weber State University, a law degree from Brigham Young University, and an MBA from Utah State University. As a lawyer, Judge Nelson was the prosecutor for Roy City, and had a private practice focused on family law, estate planning, and juvenile law, having been certified as a Child Welfare Law Specialist, National Association of Counsel for Children. He serves, or has served, on the following committees or organizations: the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee for Rules of Professional Conduct; the Child Welfare Improvement Committee (DCFS); the Weber County Subcommittee of Utah's Committee on Disproportionate Minority Contact; the Special Education Advisory Panel (State Board of Education); the Judicial Council's Ethics Advisory Committee; chair of the Juvenile Law Section of the Utah State Bar; the Community Council for his children's elementary school; and as a legal speaker for a Utah Attorney General's Safe at Home Program, addressing issues surrounding domestic violence.

*See Judges Section Introduction for Justice Court Information

3rd Judicial District Court

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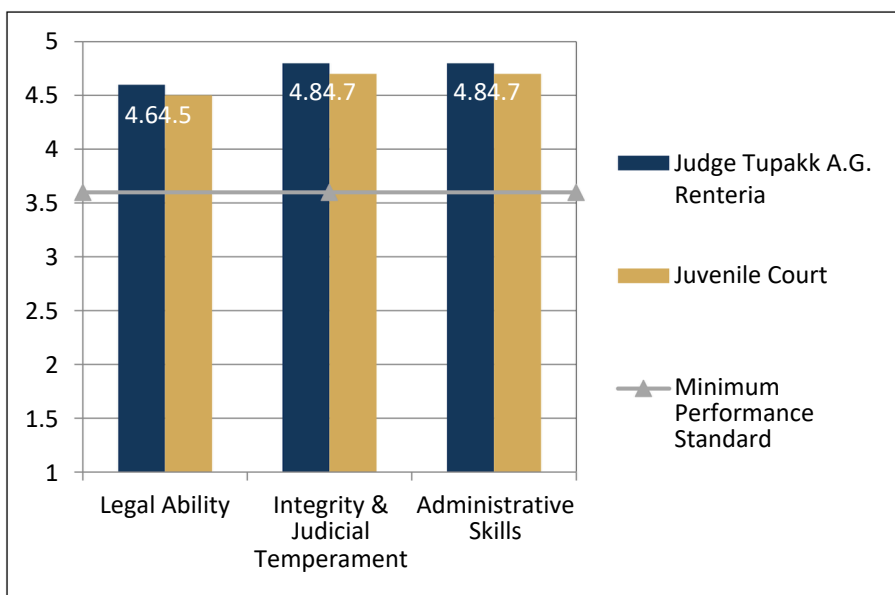


Honorable Tupakk A.G. Renteria

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Renteria's scores are statistically consistent with his juvenile court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety-five percent of survey respondents recommend Judge Renteria for retention. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Renteria as particularly open-minded. Respondents find the judge to be well informed, efficient, and timely. They, along with courtroom observers, admire his courteous and friendly manner. Observers appreciate that Judge Renteria provides a voice for participants and considers their input. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in the judge's 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.

Judge Tupakk A.G. Renteria was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in January 2014 by Gov. Gary Herbert. He serves Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Renteria worked for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office where he was part of the Special Victims' Unit, which prosecuted crimes perpetrated against children. Prior to that, Judge Renteria worked for Salt Lake City where he prosecuted misdemeanor offenses in the district and justice courts. He also worked for the law firm of Lokken & Associates assisting parents in child abuse and neglect issues. Judge Renteria received his Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law in 2000, where he was the president of the Latino Law Student Association. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies at the University of California at Berkeley in 1993.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

3rd Judicial District Court

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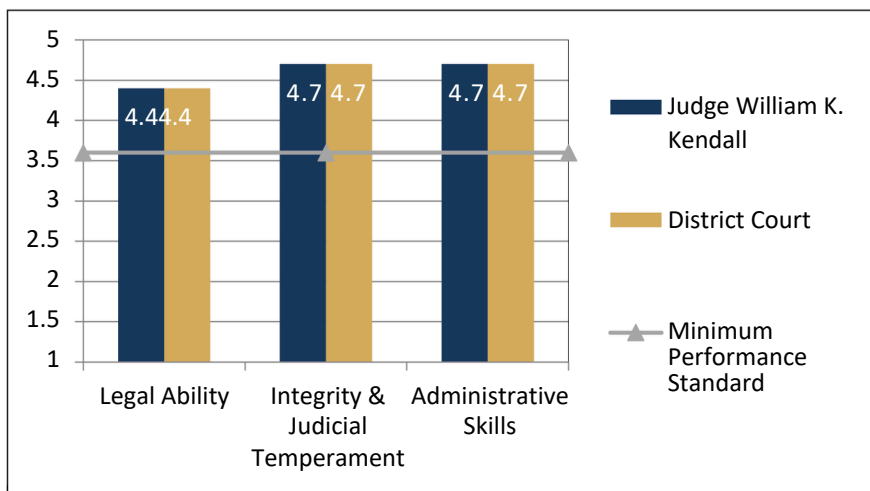


Honorable William K. Kendall

- Serving Salt Lake, Summit & Tooele counties
- Commission Determination: Meets or Exceeds Minimum Performance Standards
- Commission Vote Count: 13 - 0
- Performance Standards: Passed 8 of 8

Appointed in 2014, Judge Kendall's scores are statistically consistent with his district court peers on legal ability, integrity and judicial temperament, procedural fairness, and administrative skills. Ninety-two percent of respondents recommend him for retention. Survey ratings of judicial attributes characterize Judge Kendall as notably decisive and prepared. Respondents and courtroom observers value the judge's dignified and professional demeanor and his willingness to allow everyone in court to be heard. Two respondents appreciate the judge's contributions to the community, with one saying, "Our community is better with him on the bench." Many respondents and a couple of observers express concerns about court starting late without explanation. All observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Kendall's 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.

Judge William K. Kendall was appointed to the Third District Court in December 2014 by Governor Gary Herbert. He serves Salt Lake, Summit and Tooele counties. Judge Kendall received dual bachelor's degrees in political science and communication from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1993. He graduated with a juris doctorate from the University of Richmond, Virginia in 1996 where he was the executive editor on the founding editorial board of the Richmond Journal of Law and Technology. Prior to his judicial appointment, he worked as an assistant U.S. attorney and the deputy violent crimes section chief at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah where he received the U.S. Attorney's Award and the People's Choice Award. At the U.S. Attorney's Office he served as both the anti-gang and robbery coordinator and prosecuted federal racketeering, robbery, firearm, narcotics, and child pornography cases. Prior to this, he served as a deputy district attorney for Salt Lake County where worked as a trial attorney prosecuting all types of state criminal cases.



Note: By statute, judges' scores are compared to the average of their court level peers.

HOW CAN I VOTE?

Contact your county clerk for dates, times, and locations of in person voting. Polls on Election Day (Nov. 5) are open from 7 am - 8 pm.



VOTE BY MAIL

(Postmark your ballot by November 4th)

All counties will be conducting the election by mail. All active voters will be mailed a ballot beginning October 15th. You can expect it shortly after. If you forget to postmark your ballot by November 4th, you can drop your ballot off at your county clerk's office or a polling location on Election Day.

Your county also has ballot drop boxes available in every municipality.



VOTE EARLY IN-PERSON

(October 22nd - November 1st)

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 5th)

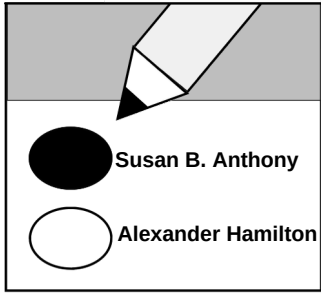
Eligible voters can vote in-person on Election Day. All counties must have at least one polling location.

You can visit vote.utah.gov to find the nearest Election Day polling location.

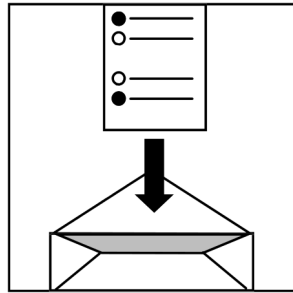
Contact your clerk's office to find a location to cast or drop off your ballot on Election Day.

HOW DO I CAST MY BALLOT?

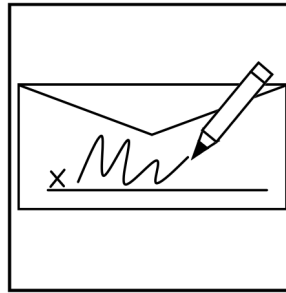
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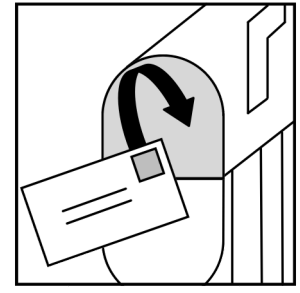
1. Follow the instructions on the ballot & mark your ballot.



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.



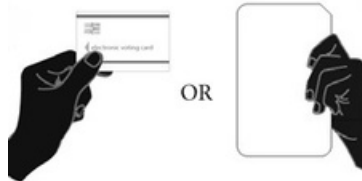
4. Your return envelope may require postage. Postmark your ballot by November 4, 2024. If you forget to mail your ballot, you can drop it off at your county clerk's office on Election Day.

**Please note that instructions for mail ballots may vary depending on your county. Be sure to check and follow the specific instructions that accompany your ballot.*

If you are voting in-person:



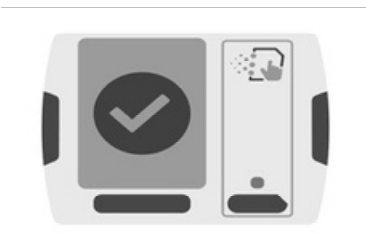
1. Present a valid form of I.D. to the poll worker and sign the official voting register.



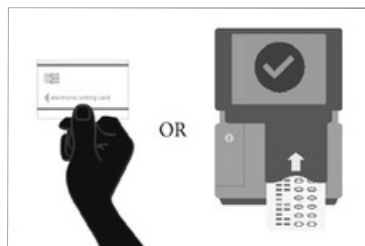
2. The poll worker will give you a card or a blank ballot to insert into an electronic voting machine, or you may receive a paper ballot to vote.



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.

Visit [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://www.vote.utah.gov) to view your sample ballot, find your polling location, and view biographies for the candidates in your area.

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. You can find a registration form on [page 138](#) and your county clerk's mailing address on [page 141](#).



Visiting your county clerk's office. You can find your county clerk's address on [page 141](#).



Registering on Election Day at a polling location.

If you're registering and voting on Election Day or during early voting, be sure to bring valid I.D. (see page 136) and proof of residence.



When do I register to vote?

Register on-line at vote.utah.gov or at your county clerk's office before October 25, 2024. Register when you vote, either during early voting or on Election Day. Be sure to bring valid I.D. (see page 136) 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 (see page 141) or the Lieutenant Governor's office (1-801-538-1041).

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

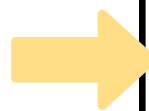
Yes. If you have a new name or address, you need to submit a new registration form, or log onto vote.utah.gov

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:

- Current utility bill or bank statement
- Social Security Card
- U.S. military I.D. 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

Reason(s) for completing form: New Registration Party Affiliation Change Address Change Name Change

1 Eligibility

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 of age on or before election day?

Yes No If you checked "no" to the above question, are you 16 or 17 years of age and preregistering to vote?
If you answered "No" to both of the prior two questions, do not complete this form.

2 Name

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Suffix _____

Name at Birth (if different from above) _____

3 The address where you live

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

State _____ Zip Code _____ County in Utah _____

4 The address where you get your mail

Same as above

Mailing Address or P.O. Box _____ Unit or Apt. Number _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

5 Identification

Write your birth date below: I have a valid **Utah Driver's License** or valid **Utah ID** card.
Write that number here: _____

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.

MM _ DD _ YYYY

Place of Birth (state or country) _____ Place of naturalization (if applicable) _____ Date of naturalization (if applicable) _____

6 Political party affiliation

I would like to be a member of the following political party: Constitution Party Democratic Party Green Party
 Independent American Party Libertarian Party No Labels Party Republican Party United Utah Party
 Utah Forward Party Other: _____ (specify) Unaffiliated (no party preference)

7 Optional information

() _____ I am a voter with a disability I would like to be a poll worker

Phone number with area code

Important election information is often sent by email:
(This **does not mean** your ballot will be emailed to you) Email Address (confidential) _____

8 Active military and voters living outside of the U.S.

I am a voter residing out of the U.S. I am an active military voter or a dependent of one

If you checked either of the boxes above, you may designate a fax number or email address where your ballot will be sent: _____

9 Updating a current record?

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 _____ Previous legal name (if applicable) _____

10 Privacy information

Voter registration records contain some information that is available to the public, such as your name and address, some information that is available only to government entities, and some information that is available only to certain third parties in accordance with the requirements of law. Your driver license number, identification card number, social security number, email address, and full date of birth are available only to government entities. Your year of birth is available to political parties, candidates for public office, certain third parties, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, in accordance with the requirements of law. You may request that your identifying information on your voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers, by indicating here:

YES, I request that all information on my voter registration records be withheld from all persons other than government entities, political parties, candidates for public office, and their contractors, employees, and volunteers.

For information about requesting additional privacy protection, and to learn about specific circumstances when a person's voter registration can be withheld from the groups listed above, please see the reverse side of this form.

11 Voter Declaration

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 _____

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.*

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.

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.

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 need to provide identification to your county clerk's office. 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, 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.

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.

Is voter registration information confidential?

The list of registered voters is considered public record and available to the general public in Utah. However, Utah law grants protections to voters who wish to not have their information publicly available. "Section 10" of the Voter Registration Form allows for a voter to protect their information from certain parties, while 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's License number/UT ID number, email address, full date of birth, and your signature.

How do I request additional privacy protection?

In addition to the protections outlined in "Section 10" of the Voter Registration Form, 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 a withholding 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 (does not include elected officials)
- A person who resides with a person described in the bullet points above.

You can obtain a withholding 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.

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 8" 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, you can obtain an "Alternate Address Request Form" online at www.vote.utah.gov and submit it to your county clerk's office. 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





State of Utah

Voter Alternate Address Request Form

Who is eligible to file an Alternate Address Request Form:

Any person who is registered to vote in the state of Utah may file this form (See Utah Code 20A-3a-202).

How to apply for your ballot to be sent to an address other than your primary residence:

Fill out this request form, and then mail, email, or deliver the form to your county clerk's office or the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. You may also complete this form online at VOTER.UTAH.GOV.

Voters living outside of the United States or serving in the military may file this form in order to request that a ballot be sent to them electronically.

When to submit an Alternate Address Request:

The county clerk must receive the request no later than 11 days before the election. See the reverse side of this form for your county clerk's mailing address and contact information.

How to cancel an Alternate Address Request:

Contact your county clerk if you no longer wish to receive your ballot at your Alternate Address.

Return this form to:

Your county clerk's office
(See the reverse side of this form
for mailing address and contact
information)

OR

Office of the Lieutenant Governor
350 N. State St., Ste. 220
PO Box 142325
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

OR

File online at:
voter.utah.gov
or email to
elections@utah.gov



Do not write above the dotted line

1 Identification

Write your birth date below:

MM - DD - YYYY

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

2 Your Utah residential address

Residential Address (no P.O. Boxes)

Unit or Apt. Number

City or Town

State

Zip Code

County in Utah

3 The address where you want to receive your ballot

Please send my by-mail ballot to the address below between:

MM - DD - YYYY and MM - DD - YYYY

Mailing Address or P.O. Box

Unit or Apt. Number

City or Town

State

Zip Code

4 Active military and voters living outside of the U.S.

I am a voter residing out of the U.S. I am an active military voter or a dependent of one

If you checked either of the boxes above, you may designate a fax number or email address where your ballot will be sent:

5 Voter Declaration

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.

Signature

Today's Date

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