

1 **Rule 14-206. Officers.**

2 (a) President. The president-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of
3 president pursuant to Article 1, Integration and Management.

4 (b) President-elect; qualifications; voting procedures.

5 (b)(1) A lawyer commissioner who wishes to be considered as a candidate or a
6 commissioner who wishes to recommend the name of another lawyer in good standing
7 on active status to be considered as a candidate shall notify the Board in writing no later
8 than January 1. The Board also may consider additional candidates at its discretion.

9 (b)(2) The Board shall nominate two at least one candidates to run for the office of
10 president-elect from among the names submitted to the Board as set forth above. The
11 Board, by vote, shall nominate those running for the office of president-elect at a
12 regularly scheduled meeting. Balloting for nomination to run for the office of president-
13 elect shall be by secret ballot except that commissioners not in attendance at the
14 meeting may submit their vote in writing to the president or executive director.

15 (b)(3) A lawyer elected president-elect shall succeed to the office of president and
16 shall then serve as president with authority to represent the Bar and preside at all
17 meetings of the Board and the Bar even though the president-elect may not be serving
18 in a term as an elected commissioner. A president and president-elect who are not
19 elected commissioners have the authority to vote on matters brought before the Board.
20 In the event of a tie vote, the matter at hand shall fail to pass.

21 (b)(4) Ballots shall be mailed to all active members of the Bar containing the
22 alphabetized names of the candidates. The ballots shall be mailed to active members at
23 their business mailing address at least 30-15 days prior to the date on which ballots will
24 be counted. In the event that there is only one candidate for the office of president-elect,
25 the ballot shall be considered as a retention vote and a majority of those voting shall be
26 required to reject the sole candidate.

27 (b)(4)(A) The ballot, together with a ballot envelope and a cover envelope in which
28 the voting member shall identify himself or herself, shall be included in said mailing.

29 (b)(4)(B) Balloting may be returned by mail or in person. Ballots shall state the date
30 upon which they are due and shall be delivered to the Bar offices, or mailed by voters

31 so as to reach the Bar offices, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the date ballots
32 will be counted. Balloting shall close at 5:00 p.m.

33 (b)(4)(C) The candidates may submit in writing the names of two persons to act as
34 ballot counters, and arrange to have counters at the Bar offices or such other place as
35 the executive director shall determine on the date and time for counting ballots.

36 (b)(4)(D) The executive director shall designate the time, date and place for the
37 counting of ballots, and shall arrange for the counting.

38 (b)(4)(E) The successful candidate shall be notified by the president who shall then
39 call a meeting of the Board prior to the end of the annual meeting for the purpose of
40 reorganizing the Board. Public announcement of election result shall be made at the
41 discretion of the president.

42 (b)(4)(F) The term of the new president-elect shall begin when he or she is seated at
43 the reorganization meeting of the Board.

44 (b)(4)(G) If any day or date set forth above shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or
45 holiday, the act required or time fixed shall occur on or run from the next working day.

46 (b)(5) If there is a dispute as to the validity of the election it shall be resolved by the
47 Board at its first meeting after the election. Any Board member involved in the dispute
48 shall not be entitled to vote. The executive director shall give written notice to each
49 candidate of the hearing on the contested election and each candidate shall have the
50 right to be personally present, to be represented by counsel and to present proof at
51 such hearing. The Board shall have the right to examine the ballots and to inquire into
52 their validity and into all matters germane to the election and dispute.

53 (b)(5)(A) The Board may designate a committee from among its members to hear
54 disputed election matters, but decisions of the committee shall not be effective until
55 approved by the Board. In every contested election hearing, the Board shall have the
56 right to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct.

57 (b)(5)(B) The decision of the Board shall be final.

58 (c) Seating new commissioners and officers. The reorganization meeting of the
59 Board shall be called to order by the outgoing president. He or she shall first conduct
60 any unfinished business to come before the existing Board. Thereafter, the newly-
61 elected commissioners who have been found qualified and declared elected shall be

62 seated as members of the Board. The outgoing president shall recognize and seat the
63 new president and president-elect.

64 (d) Terms of office. The terms of office of the president and president-elect shall run
65 concurrently and shall begin at the commencement of the annual convention and run
66 until their successors have been seated. Notwithstanding the running of the president's
67 term of office, all official functions of the annual convention shall be presided over by the
68 outgoing president.

69 (e) Duties and temporary absences. The president shall preside at all meetings of
70 the Bar and of the Board, and in the event of any temporary absence, the president-
71 elect shall perform the duties of the president. The president shall represent the Bar at
72 all appropriate functions and shall perform such other duties and otherwise represent
73 the Bar and the Board as directed by the Board.

74 (f) Vacancies. A vacancy occurs in the office of president or president-elect by
75 reason of death, resignation, incapacity, retirement, removal, change of residence from
76 Utah, or upon the incumbent ceasing to be an active member of the Bar in good
77 standing. A vacancy shall be filled by the Board from among its members upon a
78 majority vote by secret ballot of the remaining Board members. Commissioners not in
79 attendance at the meeting may submit their vote in writing to the executive director. If a
80 vacancy occurs in the office of president-elect a president-elect shall be nominated and
81 stand for election under Article 1, Integration and Management and paragraph (b)
82 above.

83 (g) Removal. The president or president-elect may be removed from office by:

84 (g)(1) the vote of nine of the current voting commissioners at a meeting of which
85 advance notice of the removal vote is given as provided in 14-204(a)(2), provided that
86 commissioners not in attendance at the meeting may submit their vote in writing to the
87 executive director; or

88 (g)(2) the vote of a majority of the active members of the Bar voting in a special
89 election held for the purpose of consideration of removal. Ballots shall be mailed, first
90 class, 20 days after the filing of a petition calling for removal signed by 10% of the active
91 members of the Bar. Ballots shall be due 17 days after mailing and the results tabulated
92 and announced not more than 45 days after the filing of the petition.