

1 Rule 14-808. New lawyer training program.

2 (a) Applicability. All new lawyers admitted to practice law in Utah on active status
3 must timely complete the requirements of the Bar's NLTP unless otherwise specified in
4 this rule.

5 (a)(1) It is the new lawyer's responsibility to ensure that all aspects of the NLTP
6 requirements are met within the required 12 month period in order to renew licensure.
7 This includes but is not limited to filing a Mentoring Completion Certification executed by
8 the assigned mentor attesting to successful completion of the NLTP.

9 (a)(2) The NLTP is intended to fulfill the requirements of new lawyer MCLE within
10 the first year of the lawyer's two-year compliance period. The remaining 12 hours
11 required in the two year compliance cycle may be fulfilled at anytime by attending other
12 accredited CLE in accordance with the MCLE rules.

13 (b) Appointment of qualified mentors. The Court will appoint qualifying mentors in
14 accordance with the NLTP guidelines.

15 (c) Deferrals.

16 (c)(1) Those newly admitted lawyers serving judicial law clerkships may apply for
17 temporary deferral at the Bar's NLTP office until completion of the clerkship. Upon
18 completion of the clerkship, the lawyer must enroll and complete the NLTP's
19 requirements in a 12 month period.

20 (c)(2) Those newly admitted lawyers who are otherwise not engaged in the practice
21 of law as defined by Supreme Court rules or who are unemployed may petition the
22 NLTP offices for temporary deferral of these requirements.

23 (d) Exemptions. Those lawyers exempt from completing the NLTP are limited to:

24 (d)(1) Newly admitted lawyers on active status who do not reside in Utah. Such
25 lawyers are required to fulfill MCLE requirements in their state of residency under the
26 Supreme Court's approved MCLE rules.

27 (d)(2) Newly admitted Utah lawyers who have been admitted on active status who
28 have practiced law elsewhere for two years or more.

29 (e) Cost. There is a fee associated with enrollment in the NLTP of \$300. One half of
30 the amount is due at time of enrollment after admission and the remainder at time of
31 completion of the program.

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32 (f) Administrative suspension and non-renewal of license for non-compliance. Unless
33 otherwise approved by the NLTP office for good cause, failure to timely complete the
34 program will result in administrative suspension of the lawyer's license for non-
35 compliance with this rule.

36 (g) NLTP curriculum and other information. The Bar has developed a proposed
37 NLTP Manual which delineates the requirements that must be completed during the 12
38 month period. The Manual also includes a Model Mentoring Plan, a time line, necessary
39 forms and suggestions for developing effective mentoring relationships. The proposed
40 NLTP Manual may be found by contacting the Bar or on the Bar's website.

41 (h) Conflicts and confidentiality in outside mentoring.

42 (h)(1) The outside mentor may provide or the new lawyer may seek short-term
43 limited guidance or counsel, within the mentoring relationship, without expectation by
44 either lawyer or the new lawyer's client(s) that a lawyer-client relationship has been
45 formed or that representation is being provided in the matter by the mentoring attorney.

46 (h)(2) Where practical the new lawyer and the mentor shall discuss new lawyer client
47 specific issues in hypothetical terms. If hypothetical terms are not practical under the
48 circumstances as determined by the lawyers, a lawyer providing or seeking short-term
49 limited guidance or counsel within the mentoring relationship is not subject to the Utah
50 Rules of Professional Conduct regarding Confidentiality of Information because the
51 disclosure is impliedly authorized under the circumstance and is necessary to carry out
52 the purposes of the NLTP.

53 (h)(3) To facilitate the goals and purposes of the NLTP, the mentoring lawyer is not
54 required to run a conflict check when guidance or counsel is being provided on a short-
55 term limited basis to a new lawyer regarding a new lawyer's client. In this respect, the
56 mentoring lawyer's guidance or counsel, provided on a short-term limited basis to a new
57 lawyer regarding a new lawyer's client, is not subject to Utah Rules of Professional
58 Conduct regarding Conflict of Interest: Current Clients; Conflict of Interest: Current
59 Clients: Specific Rules; Duties to Former Clients; Imputation of Conflicts of Interest:
60 General Rule; and Special Conflicts of Interest for Former and Current Government
61 Employees. However, the mentor may exercise his or her judgment as to whether a
62 conflict check is advisable.

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63 (h)(4) Subsections (h)(1)-(3) do not apply to lawyers who are outside mentors
64 providing, or new lawyers seeking, counsel or guidance on an on-going or regular basis
65 relating to the needs of or litigation regarding a specific client, within the context of the
66 mentoring relationship. If the lawyers are engaged in on-going or regular guidance or
67 counsel related to a specific client or clients, then the mentoring lawyer must comply
68 with the relevant Utah Rules of Professional Conduct, which may require the lawyers to
69 obtain informed consent from the client and/or to formally enter into a lawyer-client
70 relationship through the execution of an appropriate engagement letter and fee
71 agreement.
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