

Meeting Minutes
Utah Supreme Court's Ad Hoc Committee on Regulatory
Reform Legal Tech/AI and Rule 5.4 Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 19, 2025
12:00 – 1:00
Hybrid and In-person

The Committee accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.

Reintroduction of Connor Dela-Cruz

- Connor reintroduced himself
- Each member introduced themselves to Connor

Andrea Donahue gave a report on common hurdles for AI programs pursuing the Utah Sandbox.

- Andrea gave her report on the progress and challenges the Utah Sandbox has faced. Tech was in the mind of the creators, but it just wasn't thought of as AI at the beginning.
- The Court has adjusted the scope of the Sandbox to focus more on meeting the legal needs of Utah consumers.
- A discussion followed surrounding the purpose and goals of the ad hoc committee
- Context regarding the evolution of the Sandbox, where it is currently, and some of the aims and lessons learned.
- The Sandbox has also faced challenges in granting authorizations for entities seeking to enter the Sandbox. There are jurisdictional limits where Utah represents only 1% of the national population, and that may not be enough to assess the Sandboxes impact for larger jurisdictions or markets. There are also time limitations. Even though the Sandbox is unusually long, seven years is still too short to gather data and to develop an alternative legal market.

Connor Dela-Cruz gave a report and led a discussion about the IAALS Publication

- Dean Perlman's previous comments and the NCSC publication will be discussed in the next meeting.
- The committee held a discussion on the issues of UPL and the lack of uniformity among jurisdictions. This makes it difficult for companies to scale beyond the Utah market, which disincentivizes alternative business solutions.
- The group also discussed one potential solution being safe harbor regulations that offer certain protections to companies for consumer harm.

Discussion – Current Public Amendments to Rule 5.4 (Ty Brown).

- Ty Brown led a brief discussion on the current public amendments to Rule 5.4.

The Rule 5.4 and AI workgroups agreed to meet together at least until the next meeting and will then decide what to do.

No Action items.