

1 **Rule 14-807. Law school student and law school graduate legal**
2 **assistance.**

3 (a) The purpose of this rule is to provide eligible law school students and
4 recent law school graduates with supervised practical training in the practice of
5 law for a limited period of time and to assist the Bar and the judiciary in
6 discharging their responsibilities to help create a just legal system that is
7 accessible to all.

8 (b) Subject to the inherent power of each judge to have direct control of the
9 proceedings in court and the conduct of attorneys and others who appear before
10 the judge, the courts of Utah are authorized to allow eligible law school students
11 and recent law school graduates to participate in matters pending before them
12 consistent with this rule.

13 (c) In order to be eligible to participate under this rule, an individual must be
14 either:

15 (c)(1) A law school student in good standing who has completed the first year
16 of legal studies amounting to at least two semesters, or the equivalent if the
17 school is not on a semester basis, at an ABA approved law school and is either:

18 (c)(1)(A) enrolled in a law school clinic or externship and supervised by an
19 attorney authorized to practice law in the state of Utah; or

20 (c)(1)(B) volunteering for, or employed by, a tax-exempt or governmental
21 agency or a for-profit entity, and supervised by an attorney who is authorized to
22 practice law in the state of Utah; or

23 (c)(2) ~~A~~ Or a law school graduate who ~~has~~ is working under the supervision
24 of an attorney authorized to practice law in the state of Utah, has graduated from
25 an ABA approved law school, and intends to submit an application to the Bar and
26 ~~will be taking a regularly scheduled bar exam~~ the Uniform Bar Examination
27 (UBE) within one year after graduating from law school, ~~and is working under the~~
28 ~~supervision of an attorney authorized to practice law in the state of Utah.~~

29 (d) Subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and statutes, a law school
30 student or law school graduate as defined under this rule may engage in the
31 following activities, so long as the client and supervising attorney consent in
32 writing to each activity, and the supervising attorney remains fully responsible for
33 the manner in which the activities are conducted:

34 (d)(1) Negotiate for and on behalf of the client, subject to final approval
35 thereof by the supervising attorney, or give legal advice to the client, provided
36 that the law school student or law school graduate:

37 (d)(1)(A) obtains the approval of the supervising attorney regarding the legal
38 advice to be given or plan of negotiation to be undertaken by the law school
39 student or law school graduate; and

40 (d)(1)(B) performs the activities under the general supervision of the
41 supervising attorney;

42 (d)(2) Appear on behalf of the client in depositions, provided that the law
43 school student or law school graduate:

44 (d)(2)(A) has passed a course in evidence; and

45 (d)(2)(B) performs the activity under the direct supervision and in the personal
46 presence of the supervising attorney;

47 (d)(3) Appear in any court or before any administrative tribunal in this state. In
48 order to participate in any evidentiary hearing, the law school student must have
49 passed a course in evidence, and in the case of a criminal evidentiary hearing,
50 must have also passed a course in criminal procedure. The supervising
51 attorney's and the client's written consent and approval, along with the law
52 school student's certification, must be filed in the record of the case and must be
53 brought to the attention of the judge of the court or the presiding officer of the
54 administrative tribunal. In addition, the law school student or law school graduate
55 must orally advise the court at the initial appearance in a case that he or she is
56 certified to appear pursuant to this rule. A law school student or law school
57 graduate may appear in the following matters:

58 (d)(3)(A) Civil Matters. In civil cases in any court, the supervising attorney is
59 not required to be personally present in court if the person on whose behalf an
60 appearance is being made consents to the supervising attorney's absence.

61 (d)(3)(B) Felony or Class A Misdemeanor Criminal Matters on Behalf of the
62 Prosecuting Authority. In any felony or Class A misdemeanor prosecution matter
63 in any court, the supervising attorney must be personally present throughout the
64 proceedings.

65 (d)(3)(C) Infraction or Class B or Class C Misdemeanor Criminal Matters on
66 Behalf of the Prosecuting Authority. In any infraction or Class B or Class C
67 misdemeanor matter in any court with the written approval of the supervising

68 attorney, the supervising attorney is not required to be personally present in
69 court; however, the supervising attorney must be personally present during any
70 Class B or Class C misdemeanor trial.

71 (d)(3)(D) Felony or Class A Misdemeanor Criminal Defense Matters. In any
72 felony or Class A misdemeanor criminal defense matter in any court, the
73 supervising attorney must be personally present throughout the proceedings.

74 (d)(3)(E) Infraction or Class B or Class C Misdemeanor Criminal Defense
75 Matters. In any infraction or Class B or Class C misdemeanor criminal defense
76 matter in any court, the supervising attorney is not required to be personally
77 present in court, so long as the person on whose behalf an appearance is being
78 made consents to the supervising attorney's absence; however, the supervising
79 attorney must be personally present during any Class B or Class C misdemeanor
80 trial.

81 (d)(3)(F) Appellate Oral Argument. In any appellate oral argument, the
82 supervising attorney must be personally present and the court must give specific
83 approval for the law school student's or law school graduate's participation in that
84 case.

85 (d)(3)(G) Notwithstanding the terms of (d)(3), the court may at any time and in
86 any proceeding require the supervising attorney to be personally present for such
87 period and under such circumstances as the court may direct.

88 (d)(4) ~~Perform the following activities under the general supervision of the~~
89 ~~supervising attorney, but outside his or her personal presence:~~

90 ~~(d)(4)(A) Prepare pleadings and other documents to be filed in any matter in~~
91 ~~which the law school student or law school graduate is eligible to appear,~~
92 ~~provided such pleadings or documents are reviewed and signed by the~~
93 ~~supervising attorney;~~

94 ~~(d)(4)(B) Prepare briefs and other documents to be filed in appellate courts of~~
95 ~~this state, provided such documents are reviewed and signed by the supervising~~
96 ~~attorney;~~

97 ~~(d)(4)(C) Provide assistance to indigent inmates of correctional institutions or~~
98 ~~other persons who request such assistance in preparing applications and~~
99 ~~supporting documents for post-conviction relief, except when the assignment of~~
100 ~~counsel in the matter is required by any constitutional provision, statute, or rule of~~
101 ~~this Court; if there is an attorney of record in the matter, all such assistance must~~
102 ~~be supervised by the attorney of record, and all documents submitted to the court~~
103 ~~on behalf of such a client must be reviewed and signed by the attorney of record~~
104 ~~and the supervising attorney;~~ and

105 ~~(d)(5)(4)(D) Perform other appropriate legal services, but only after prior~~
106 ~~consultation with the supervising attorney.~~

107 (e) For any student participating under this rule, the law school's dean, or his
108 or her designee, must certify to the supervising attorney that the law school
109 student is in good standing, has completed the first year of law school studies,
110 and, in the case of a clinic or externship, that the law school student is enrolled in
111 a law school clinic or externship. The law school's dean or designee must also
112 certify to the supervising attorney that the student has passed an evidence

113 course if the law school student will be participating in depositions or evidentiary
114 hearings, and also a criminal procedure course if the law school student will be
115 participating in criminal evidentiary hearings.

116 (f) The supervising attorney is responsible for ensuring that the conduct of the
117 law school student or law school graduate complies with this rule, which includes
118 verifying the participant's eligibility.

119 (g) Before participating under this rule, a law school graduate must:

120 (g)(1) provide the Bar's admissions office with the name of his or her
121 supervising attorney;

122 (g)(2) provide the Bar's admissions office with a signed and dated
123 authorization to release information to the supervising attorney regarding the law
124 school graduate's Bar applicant status; ~~and~~

125 (g)(3) provide the Bar's admissions office with a signed and dated letter from
126 the supervising attorney stating that he or she has read this rule and agrees to
127 comply with its conditions; and

128 (g)(4) receive a Graduate Practice Certificate from the Bar.

129 (h) A law school student's or law school graduate's eligibility to provide
130 services under this rule terminates upon the earlier occurrence of:

131 (h)(1) in the case of a law school student, cessation of law school enrollment
132 unless by reason of graduation ~~in the case of a law school student~~; or

133 (h)(2) in the case of a law school graduate:

134 (h)(2)(A) the expiration of one year from the law school graduate's date of
135 graduation~~failure to submit a timely application for admission to the Bar under~~
136 ~~(c)(2); or~~

137 (h)(2)(B) the Bar's admissions office's or ~~its~~ character and fitness committee's
138 ~~decision to not permit the law school graduate to take a regularly-scheduled bar~~
139 ~~examination under (c)(2)~~not to approve the law school graduate's application; or

140 (h)(2)(C) notification of the law school graduate's failure to obtain a minimum
141 passing score on ~~successfully pass the~~ UBE as defined in Rule 14-711(d)~~.bar~~
142 ~~examination under (c)(2); or~~

143 (h)(2)(D) ~~the law school graduate's failure to be admitted to practice within six~~
144 ~~months of taking and passing the bar examination under (c)(2).~~

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