

**Rule 15-502. Definitions.**

1        As used in this article:

2        (a) "Bar" means the Utah State Bar;

3        (b) "Board " means the Board of Commissioners of the Utah State Bar;

4        (c) "Committee" means the Ethics and Discipline Committee of the Utah Supreme Court;

5        (d) "complainant" means the person who files an informal complaint or the OPC when the  
6 OPC determines to open an investigation based on information it has received;

7        (e) "formal complaint" means a complaint filed in the district court alleging misconduct by a  
8 licensed paralegal practitioner or seeking the transfer of a licensed paralegal practitioner to  
9 disability status;

10       (f) "informal complaint" means any written, notarized allegation of misconduct by or  
11 incapacity of a licensed paralegal practitioner which also contains a verification attesting to the  
12 accuracy of the information provided;

13       (g) "Lawyer Rule" or "Lawyer Rules" means the rules of Lawyer Discipline and Disability in  
14 Chapter 14, Article 5 of the Rules of Professional Practice of the Supreme Court.

15       (h) "NOIC" means Notice of Informal Complaint sent to the respondent after a preliminary  
16 investigation;

17       (i) "OPC" means the Bar's Office of Professional Conduct;

18       (j) "OPC counsel" means senior counsel and any assistant counsel employed to assist senior  
19 counsel;

20       (k) "respondent" means a licensed paralegal practitioner subject to the disciplinary  
21 jurisdiction of the Utah Supreme Court against whom an informal or formal complaint has been  
22 filed;

23       (l) "Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct" means the rules in Article  
24 12, Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct;

25       (m) "Rule" means, except where indicated otherwise, one of the rules of Licensed Paralegal  
26 Practitioner Discipline and Disability;

27       (n) "screening panel" means members of the Committee who participate in hearings and  
28 make determinations under Rule 15-503;

29       (o) "senior counsel" means the lawyer appointed by the Board to manage the OPC; and

30       (p) "Supreme Court" means the Utah Supreme Court.

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