

Rule 3.5. Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal.

1 A paralegal practitioner shall not:

2 (a) Seek to influence a judge or other official by means prohibited by law; or

3 (b) Communicate *ex parte* as to the merits of the case with a judge or court official during the
4 proceeding unless authorized to do so by law, rule or court order; or

5 (c) engage in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal.

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7 Comment

8 [1] Many forms of improper influence upon a tribunal are proscribed by criminal law. Others
9 are specified in the Utah Code of Judicial Conduct, with which an advocate should be familiar. A
10 licensed paralegal practitioner is required to avoid contributing to a violation of such provisions.

11 [2] During a proceeding a licensed paralegal practitioner may not communicate *ex parte* with
12 persons serving in an official capacity in the proceeding, such as judges unless authorized to do
13 so by law, rule or court order.

14 [2a]-[5] Reserved.

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