

1 **Rule 15-502. Definitions.**

2 As used in this article:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (l) "Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct" means the rules in Article
25 12, Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules of Professional Conduct;

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

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

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

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