

LAW STUDENT AND LAW GRADUATE PRACTICE

REQUEST FOR LAW GRADUATE PRACTICE CERTIFICATE

Under the recently updated Rule 4-807 of the Rules Governing the Utah State Bar, law students and law graduates may be eligible to participate in certain administrative, civil, and criminal proceedings. Those interested in participating should read Rule 4-807 carefully.

A current law student who wishes to practice under the rule does not need to contact or file any documentation with the Bar to participate. The law school and the supervising attorney will be responsible for ensuring the eligibility of the student to practice.

A law school graduate who wishes to practice under the rule must file a **Law Graduate Assistance Form** (see below) with the Admissions Office of the Bar and wait to receive a **Law Graduate Practice Certificate** from the Bar. The graduate may begin practice as soon as she or he received the Certificate.

Summary of required qualifications

For a law **student** to be eligible, she or he must:

1. Be a student in good standing at an ABA-approved law school;
2. Have completed at least the first year of legal studies (at least 2 semesters or the equivalent);
3. Be enrolled in a law school clinic or externship OR be a volunteer or employee at a tax-exempt or governmental agency or at a for-profit entity;
4. Be supervised by an attorney authorized to practice law in Utah;
5. Have passed a course in evidence (if the student intends to appear on behalf of a client at a deposition or evidentiary hearing); and
6. Have passed a course in criminal procedure (if the student intends to appear at a criminal evidentiary hearing).

A law student must immediately cease practice if there is a change in circumstance so that she or he no longer meets one or more of the above qualifications.

For a law **graduate** to be eligible, she or he must:

1. Have graduated from an ABA-approved law school within the last 18 months;
2. Be taking a regularly scheduled Bar examination within one year after graduating;
3. Be working under the supervision of an attorney authorized to practice law in Utah; and
4. Have passed a course in evidence (if the graduate intends to appear on behalf of a client at a deposition in the presence of the supervising attorney).

A law graduate must immediately cease practice if there is a change in circumstance so that she or he no longer meets one or more of the above qualifications or if any of the following occurs: she or he fails to submit an application to the Bar within a year of graduation; the Character and Fitness Committee or Admissions Office denies the graduate permission to take a bar examination; the graduate fails to pass the bar examination on the second attempt; or the graduate fails to be fully admitted within 6 months of passing the bar examination.

LAW GRADUATE ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

The **law graduate** should complete page 1.
The **supervising attorney** should complete page 2.

Please email the completed form as a PDF to admissions@utahbar.org.

Law Graduate

Name of Law School Graduate: _____

Name of Law School: _____

Month and Year of Graduation: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Supervising Attorney: _____

I have already submitted or intend to submit an application to the Utah State Bar to:

- Sit for the first February Utah Bar Examination after my graduation.
- Sit for the first July Utah Bar Examination after my graduation.
- Transfer a passing UBE score within one year after my graduation.

Affirmation of Eligibility, Agreement to Terms and Conditions and Authorization for Release of Information to the Supervising Attorney

I, _____, affirm that I am eligible to participate Rule 4-807: I am a law school graduate from an ABA approved law school who graduated within the last 18 months. I have submitted or will submit an application for admission to the Utah State Bar within a year after graduation. I have read and understand Rule 4-807 and agree to comply with its terms and conditions. I also agree to notify my supervising attorney when my eligibility to participate under Rule 4-807 terminates.

Furthermore, I hereby authorize the Utah State Bar Admissions staff to release to my supervising attorney any information related to the status of my Bar application as it relates to my eligibility to participate under Rule 4-807.

*Signature of Law School Graduate
(Electronic Signature not Accepted)*

Date

Supervising Attorney

Name of Law School Graduate: _____

Name of Supervising Attorney: _____

Utah State Bar Number: _____ Primary Contact Number: _____

Name of Firm/Organization: _____

Employment Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Affirmation of Eligibility and Agreement to Terms and Conditions

I, _____, agree to act as the supervising attorney for
_____, a law school graduate who is eligible to participate
under Rule 4-807. Furthermore, I have read and understand Rule 4-807 and I agree to
comply with its terms and conditions.

Signature of Supervising Attorney
(Electronic Signature not Accepted)

Date

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