

Newsletter

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The Board of the Utah Prosecutorial Assistants' Association are as follows:



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2011 UPAA Conference

Our 2011 conference in Logan was one of the best conferences we have had yet. We had many wonderful presentations and the accommodations were terrific.

Next year's conference is scheduled for June 21-22 and will be held at the St. George Courtyard Marriott. We are working to make next years conference better than this years. Please think of ways you can save costs so that we can get as many people to the conference as possible, i.e., carpooling, sharing a room., etc.

👻 🗑 Recent CUPA Recipients 👻 👻

- Erin Bott, Morgan County Attorney's Office
- Emily Nye, Cache County Attorney's Office
- Charlyn Dansie, East Carbon City Attorney's Office
- Stacey Hutzley, Davis County Attorney's Office
- Georgia Grant, Salt Lake County DA's Office
- Melissa Harms, Salt Lake City Prosecutor's Office Join us in Congratulating them on a Job Well Done

If you are interested in joining a study group to prepare for the CUPA test, please contact JoEII Rowley. ***************

Things You Should Know But Probably Don't

- Money isn't made out of paper, its made out of Cotton
- © The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp (marijuana) paper
- The dot over the letter "i" is called a "tittle."
- The "spot" on 7up comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was an albino.
- Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales
- There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange and purple
- Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.

Our Newest Board Members



Megan Hutchins: Hi, I am Megan Hutchins. I have worked for the Salt Lake City Prosecutors Office since fall 2008. I grew up in Salt Lake City. Lived in Cedar City for 4.5 years, graduated with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. I have 1 sister and 1 brother, 2 cute nieces and 1 awesome nephew. I love to travel (St. Thomas V.I. is coming up in Feb 2012), I enjoy shopping, cooking, cleaning (but not Laundry)! I play tennis. I love swimming and hate running. I don't like suspenseful movies but enjoy a nice chick flick! I love being helpful to everyone and anyone, so please if you need anything or have an idea to bounce give me a call or shoot me an email.

Teresa Manzanares



Teresa Manzanares has been with the Emery County Attorney's Office since 1987. Because it is a small office, she and Nancy Orgill handle the criminal matters in the justice courts, juvenile court, drug court and district court. Teresa also handles the county civil matters.

Teresa is married and has six step-children, 25 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She loves the outdoors and spends most of her weekends camping during the spring, summer and fall with her husband and dog.

About the Court System

<u>Trial Courts</u> are the workhorse of the court system. It is where most lawsuits are filed. Trial courts decide questions of law and questions of fact. Questions of fact focus on what happened and may be decided by either the judge or a jury. Questions of law focus on the law or proper procedure to be applied to a particular case (such as was the evidence admissible), and are always decided by the judge. Most cases are resolved in the trial court.

<u>Intermediate Appellate Court</u> is the court that stands between the trial court and the court of final review. Most appeals from the trial courts must go to the intermediate appellate court and are resolved there. Cases of considerable significance are appealed from the intermediate appellate court and are accepted by the Supreme Court or the court of final appeal for review.

The Appellate Court When the losing party feels that questions of law were erroneously decided by the trial court judge, it has the right to appeal the case to an appellate court. The appellate court considers questions of law only and does not retry the facts of the case. Both federal and state court systems have a final court of appeal. In most systems, it is called the Supreme Court. Published opinions of an appellate court become the "rule of law" (precedent) in the particular geographical jurisdiction of that court.

<u>Direct Filing - Prosecutorial Discretion</u> (U.C.A. § 78-3a-25 (6))

If an indictment on a charge is returned by a grand jury or criminal information is filed by a county attorney, the juvenile court can be divested of jurisdiction and the juvenile tried as an adult. This usually happens if:

- 1. The juvenile is 16 years or older; and
- 2. The alleged crime would be a capital offense or first degree felony if committed by an adult. Some of the crimes include:
 - a. Homicide or attempted homicide.
 - b. Aggravated robbery.
 - c. Aggravated arson.
 - d. Aggravated sexual assault.
 - e. Aggravated burglary.
 - f. Aggravated kidnaping.









PHOTOS FROM CONFERENCE

















