



Training and Serving Utah Prosecutors Since 1990

Robert Church  
Director



# UPC TRAINS UTAH'S PROSECUTORS

Professional Responsibility

Ethics

Trauma Informed

Criminal Law

Ministers of Justice

The Utah State Bar does not train prosecutors because of UPC.

**UPC is a “Presumptively  
approved CLE provider”  
by the Utah State Bar**

Rule 14-412 Supreme Court Rules of Professional Practice



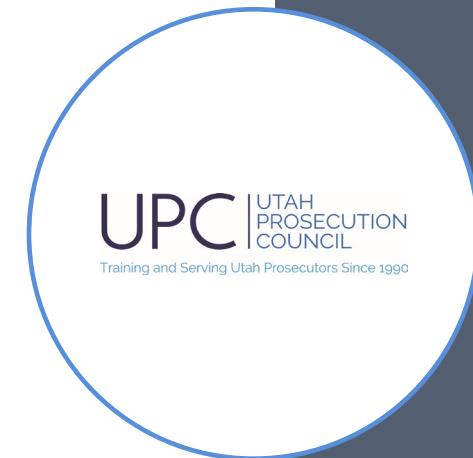
# The Utah Prosecution Council, U.C.A. 67-5A-1

- We are housed within the Attorney General's Office.
- We are a line item on the Attorney General's budget.
- However, we are a separate entity governed by a Council of 12 members:
  - The Attorney General;
  - Commissioner of Public Safety;
  - Four currently serving County or District Attorneys
  - Four City Prosecutors;
  - The Chair of the Board of Directors of the Statewide Association of Prosecutors and Public Attorneys of Utah (SWAP); and
  - The Chair of the governing board of the Utah Prosecutorial Assistants Association (UPAA).

# Council Full-Time Staff

- Robert Church - Prosecutor
  - Director
- Trent Dressen – Prosecutor
  - Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence
  - Resource Prosecutor (SADVRP)
- Tyson Skeen – Prosecutor
  - Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP)
- Marilyn Lawson
  - Training Coordinator
- Ron Weight
  - IT Technician
  - Manages case management system on behalf of nearly 300 prosecutors statewide
- Emma Johnsen
  - Administrative Secretary

58-years Combined  
Prosecution Experience



# UPC's Statutory Mandate U.C.A. 67-5a-1

Provide training and continuing legal education for state and local prosecutors.

- Multiple conferences

Provide assistance to local prosecutors.

- Technical assistance requests
- Toolbox
- Google Forum

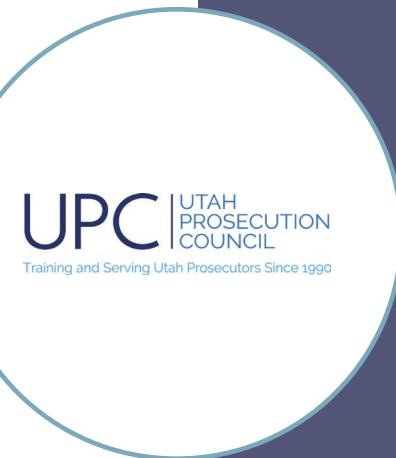
Provide training and assistance to law enforcement officers.

- Sexual Assault - Trauma Informed Response Course
- Regional Training

# Calendar Year 2025 Training

1,351

actual and virtual seats filled at  
9 UPC conferences and 24 regional  
events



# Prosecutor Continuing Legal Education Credits From UPC in 2025

29% of our attendees received 100% of their CLE credits from UPC

69% of our attendees received 50-99% of their CLE credits from UPC

# Additional Numbers for 2025

## Sexual Assault/DV Resource Prosecutor

- Number Trained
  - 2,458 - up by 578
- Requests for Technical Assistance
  - 758 - down by 113

## Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

- Number Trained
  - 3,871 - up by 608
- Requests for Technical Assistance
  - 414 - up by 138

# UPC 2026 CLE Training

- DV Bootcamp - January
- Spring Legislative and Case Law Update - April
- Regional Legislative Update
  - 24 locations - May
- Prosecutorial Assistant's Association Conference - June
- Basic Prosecutor Course - August
- Fall Prosecutor Conference - September
- County Attorney Executive Conference - September
- Advanced Trial Skills - October
- Misdemeanor Prosecutor Conference - November
- Sexual Assault/Trauma Course – 4 sessions
- Visual Trial Skills Course – 4 sessions

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# eProsecutor Case Management System

- Over 40 City and County prosecutor offices
  - Does NOT include the largest offices:
    - Attorney General Office
    - Davis
    - Salt Lake
      - These offices have their own case management system.
    - Utah
    - Washington
    - Weber
- Nearly 300 individual users
- UPC submits prosecutor data reporting reports to CCJJ per statute

# John R. Justice Grant Program

- Purpose of the Program:
  - Encourage qualified individuals to enter and continue employment as:
    - Local and state prosecutors, and
    - Local, state, or federal public defenders.
  - Provides federal grant funds to pay down student loan debt.
- UPC manages this grant for the State of Utah.
  - 2025: \$65,662
  - 2024: \$91,981
  - 2023: \$79,240
  - 2022: \$36,740



# Wish List: DV Resource Prosecutor

- Train prosecutors and law enforcement officers on:
  - Best practices in DV cases;
  - How to successfully investigate and prosecute DV cases regardless of the participation of the victim;
- Assist prosecutors with DV cases, including pre-trial motion work, second-chair DV trials, witness preparation, etc.
- Be liaison between UPC, prosecutors, LEO's and domestic violence service providers, coalitions, working groups, advocacy groups, the community, etc.

DV Cases  
Filed in  
eProsecutor

2024

3,764  
cases

2025

3,836  
cases

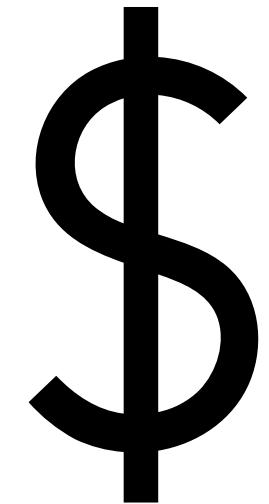
Increase of 72 cases

# 2024 and 2025 DV Case Dismissals

- On average, **24%** of DV cases were **dismissed** after filing.
  - Main reason cited: lack of victim participation.

# FY 2027 Budget Overview

- **\$1,846,100 - TOTAL**
  - \$1,051,100 Personnel
  - \$75,000 In-State Travel  
(includes all conference related travel for faculty and students)
  - \$20,000 Out of State Travel
  - \$200,000 Current Expenses
  - \$400,000 Data Processing
  - \$100,000 Other/Pass Through



# Comments From our Prosecutors

The conference was amazing.

This was my first time and I enjoyed it more than I thought I would.

This is my favorite conference to attend each year. The quality of presentations and the group of prosecutors are always amazing.

Thanks!  
Thanks!  
Thanks!

Great job! Thanks for putting these together so well.

UPC always does an outstanding job. I attended a national conference on cross-examination and UPC's training on this subject was hands-down better.

Thank you.

Questions?

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