



Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, the Legal Assistant profession fulfills the need for the availability of high-quality legal services at lowest possible cost within the team of lawyer, paraprofessional, and clerical employee, who share the responsibility for providing competent, ethical, and cost-effective legal services; and

Whereas, Legal Assistants are skilled and qualified through extensive education, training, or work experience and perform complex, responsible paraprofessional legal services of a substantive nature, rendering legal assistance to members of the Utah State Bar, performing functions the lawyer would otherwise provide, and acting under his/her direction, but not engaging in the unauthorized practice of law; and

Whereas, Legal Assistants have substantive knowledge of legal concepts and procedures, together with the ability to analyze facts and evidence; and

Whereas, Legal Assistants strive at all times to maintain the integrity of the legal profession and are subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Utah State Bar governing lawyers licensed to practice in the state of Utah; and

Whereas, Legal Assistants promote the legal profession by maintaining a high level of skill, by adhering to ethical standards and general rules and principles of conduct, by participating in continuing legal education, and by supporting the legal profession's ideal of public service; and

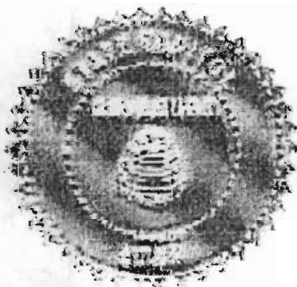
Whereas, the utilization of Legal Assistants by lawyers has been recognized and promulgated by the American Bar Association and other professional societies;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare Thursday, May 19, 1994, and each third Thursday in May henceforth, as

Legal Assistants' Day

in Utah, and encourage the citizens of our state to actively participate in this declaration.

Governor: *Michael O. Leavitt*





DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the legal assistant's primary function is to support attorneys and other members of the legal field; and

WHEREAS, the legal assistant profession is based upon the need for the availability of high-quality legal services at the lowest possible cost within the team of lawyer, para-professional, and clerical employee, who share the responsibility for the ethical, competent, and cost-efficient provision of legal services; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a high-quality legal service, a legal assistant is a person skilled and qualified through extensive education, training or work experience, who performs complex, responsible para-professional legal services of a substantive nature rendering legal assistance to a member of the Utah State Bar, performing functions the attorney would otherwise provide and acting under his/her ultimate direction, but not engaging in the unauthorized practice of law; and

WHEREAS, the legal assistant has substantive knowledge of legal concepts and procedures with the ability to analyze facts and evidence; and

WHEREAS, legal assistants should at all times maintain the integrity of the legal profession and are subject to the rules of professional conduct governing lawyers licensed to practice in the State of Utah known as Rules of Professional Conduct of the Utah State Bar; and

WHEREAS, legal assistants promote the legal profession by maintaining a high level of skill, by adhering to ethical standards and general rules and principles of conduct, by participating in continuing legal education, and by supporting the legal profession's ideal of public service; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of legal assistants by attorneys has been recognized and promulgated by the American Bar Association and other professional societies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Norman H. Bangerter, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare Thursday, June 15, 1989, as

LEGAL ASSISTANTS' DAY

in the State of Utah and encourage the citizens of Utah to actively participate in this declaration.

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