

**TOOELE COUNTY  
LEGAL DEFENDER AGREEMENT  
JUSTICE COURT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2015, by and between **TOOELE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Utah, 47 South Main, Tooele, Utah 84074 (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and **DERRICK K. LARSON**, 85 North Main, #200 (P.O. Box 146), Tooele, Utah 84074 (hereinafter referred to as "Legal Defender").

**WHEREAS**, County recognizes its obligation as a political subdivision of the State of Utah to provide legal counsel for certain indigent persons who are subject to the jurisdiction of the various courts located in Tooele County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to memorialize an agreement between County and Legal Defender to provide legal counsel to certain indigent persons;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, County and Legal Defender hereby agree as follows:

1. IDENTITY OF LEGAL DEFENDER. Legal Defender is an attorney at law, duly licensed by the Utah State Bar to practice before the state and federal courts of the State of Utah. Legal Defender hereby accepts the legal defender position as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Legal Defender may not associate himself with other attorneys for the purpose of providing services under this agreement.

2. DUTIES. Legal Defender agrees to represent one-third (1/3) of all persons who are found to be indigent by any magistrate of the justice court having jurisdiction in Tooele County and who are entitled to appointed legal counsel by County pursuant to the constitution and laws of Utah and the Constitution of the United States and as required by Chapter 32 of Title 77, Rule 8 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Section 78-3a-913, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended. Legal Defender agrees to provide competent legal services in accordance with law and the Code of Professional Ethics. The remaining two-thirds (2/3) of the

legal defender cases will be handled by other attorneys/firms. The Court will appoint Legal Defender to represent defendants the Court has determined to be indigent and will apportion cases as equally as possible among all the contracting legal defenders. Appeals from legal defender cases shall be handled by separate contract.

Legal Defender also agrees to serve as conflicts counsel for any cases arising out of the Third District Court and Juvenile Court in Tooele.

3. DISCOVERY. Discovery on all legal defender cases will be provided electronically, via email, at no charge. Legal Defender shall have an email account in place that will allow for delivery of large files that are common when dealing with discovery. Upon request, hard copies will be provided to Legal Defender and will be billed at the rate specified by Tooele County Ordinance 1-6-3(11).

4. COMPENSATION. In consideration of such representation, County shall pay Legal Defender the monthly sum of one thousand four hundred four dollars and zero cents (\$1,404.00).

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. The parties hereto recognize that occasions may arise when a legal defender may be disqualified from representing a particular person because of a conflict of interest perceived by the person, legal defender, or the court. In such instances where it has been determined that Legal Defender has a legal conflict of interest, the other legal defender firm under contract shall undertake the representation of such person. Legal Defender agrees to take and handle cases where the other legal defender has been found to have a conflict of interest. In instances where all legal defenders under contract with County have been determined by the court to have a conflict of interest with such persons, County shall employ other counsel at such rates and terms as it shall negotiate with counsel.

6. VACANCIES. The parties hereto recognize that vacancies may arise with respect to other Tooele County legal defender contracts. Upon request, Legal Defender agrees to serve as counsel when there is a vacancy on a Tooele County Legal Defender Contract. Legal Defender shall serve as counsel until such time as the vacant contract is filled and shall be compensated for said additional work in an amount equal to what would have been paid for the legal defender contract which has been vacated.

7. COSTS. County agrees to pay all indigent transcript costs and any other court costs required by law for any person represented under this agreement.

8. RECOUPMENT OF FEES. Should any court order a person to pay for some or all of the attorney's fees of Legal Defender acting under this agreement, Legal Defender shall immediately pay such fees to County or have the person pay County directly. Legal Defender agrees that County shall bear the responsibility for collecting such fees.

9. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION. Legal Defender shall maintain an "active" and in "good standing" status with the Utah State Bar Association. As part of the continuing legal education ("CLE") required by the Utah State Bar Association and in an effort to ensure that Tooele County provides indigent persons properly trained legal representation, Legal Defender agrees to attend CLE focused on subjects including, but not limited to, criminal defense, juvenile defense, and issues regarding parental rights. Tooele County will reimburse Legal Defender up to three hundred dollars (\$300) annually for tuition and travel expenses associated with CLE related to the work performed by Legal Defender under this contract. CLE shall be pre-approved by the Tooele County Attorney prior to Legal Defender's attendance in order to be eligible for reimbursement herein.

10. FILES. Upon termination of this agreement, Legal Defender agrees to turn over all active files to his successor.

11. EFFECTIVE DATE - TERM. This agreement shall take effect upon March 1, 2015, and shall continue until terminated in writing by any party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice. Unless terminated, this agreement shall automatically continue, provided that the compensation provided herein may be increased by a formal motion of the Tooele County Commission, which motion shall act as an amendment to this agreement. Any other amendments to this agreement shall be made only with the same formality as provided by this agreement.

12. NON-ASSIGNABILITY. This agreement is in the nature of a contract for personal services and is not assignable by any party without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto.


13. NON-DISCRIMINATION. Legal Defender shall not discriminate against any person they represent pursuant to this agreement on the basis of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or age.

14. TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS CONTRACTS. All previous legal defender contracts between the parties are terminated as of the effective date of this agreement.

**LEGAL DEFENDER**

  
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DERRICK K. LARSON

**TOOELE COUNTY**

  
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WADE B. BITNER, Chairman  
Tooele County Commission

**ATTEST:**

  
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MARILYN K. GILLETTE, Clerk/Auditor

