

IN THE _____ DISTRICT JUVENILE COURT
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

State in the interest of _____)
_____,)
a child (or children) under the age) Case No(s). _____
of eighteen years.)

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
WHEN APPEALING A JUVENILE COURT ORDER IN A CHILD WELFARE CASE
(Utah Code Ann. § 78-3a-909, effective May 3, 2004)**

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL:

If you disagree with a decision of the juvenile court judge in a child welfare case, you have a right to appeal that decision to the Utah Court of Appeals. However, you must know and follow the rules, which have these strict deadlines and requirements:

- To appeal the juvenile court's order you must file a **Notice of Appeal** in the juvenile court within **15 days** of entry of the judge's written decision.
- Although your attorney will likely prepare the Notice of Appeal, **you and your attorney must sign it**. Otherwise, the Notice of Appeal will not be valid, and your appeal will be terminated.
- During the appeal you must keep in **regular contact** with your attorney. Let your attorney know your current address and telephone number, and promptly notify your attorney if these change. You must also give this information to the other parties in the case and to the appellate court.
- If an appeal is filed, the appellant's trial attorney must continue that legal representation throughout the appellate process, unless the juvenile court finds extraordinary circumstances.

Note: If a party is not present in the courtroom, the court must mail a copy a notice of these rights to the party at his/her last known address. *See* Utah Code Ann. § 78-3a-909(4) (Supp. 2004).

I certify that on _____ I mailed or hand-delivered a copy of this form, with first-class postage prepaid, to the following:

Party's Name

Address

State

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Clerk

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THIS NOTIFICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS