

California Paraprofessional Program Working Group
Discipline System Subcommittee

Summary of Paraprofessional Discipline Systems

State	Investigation/Prosecution	Adjudication
California Attorney Discipline System	State Bar Board appoints Chief Trial Counsel , subject to confirmation by the Senate. Chief Trial Counsel reviews complaints, conducts investigations, files charges, and prosecutes cases.	Cases are heard in State Bar Court , whose judges are appointed by the Supreme Court, the Governor, and the Legislature. State Bar Court disciplinary decisions are made as recommendations to the Supreme Court, which orders discipline.
Arizona LLLP subject to same disciplinary system as attorneys	State Bar Executive Director appoints Chief Bar Counsel , subject to approval of the Court. Chief Bar Counsel investigates complaints, files charges, and prosecutes cases.	Supreme Court appoints Presiding Disciplinary Judge . Chief Justice appoints a pool of volunteer attorney and public members to serve on hearing panels . Volunteers are appointed for 3-year year terms. Each hearing panel consists of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, who serves as chair, one volunteer attorney member and one volunteer public member, assigned by the disciplinary clerk. Hearing panels are reimbursed for expenses, but receive no compensation. Hearing panels have statewide jurisdiction; prepare findings of fact, conclusions of law, and issue orders.
Utah LPP subject to same disciplinary system as lawyers	State Bar's Office of Professional Conduct (OPC) investigates complaints, files charges, and prosecutes cases.	Supreme Court appoints 36 volunteers to serve on the Ethics and Discipline Committee – 29 lawyers and 8 public members. Volunteers are appointed for 3-year terms. The committee is divided into 4 Screening Panels, each with 6 lawyers and 2 public members. Screening Panels review, approve, and sign complaints prepared by OPC, to be filed in District Court. District Court ¹ adjudicates formal disciplinary proceedings.

¹ Utah's District Court is the state's trial court of general jurisdiction.

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Washington LLLTs are subject to a separate discipline system.	Regulatory Services Department reviews complaints and refers them for investigation, as appropriate, to Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC). ODC investigates and recommends disciplinary action, and prosecutes cases.	LLLT Discipline Committee conducts hearings and recommends discipline to LLLT Board, must approve recommendations, and also hears appeals.