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Practice Areas

-  Litigation, Trials & Appeals
-  Energy & Utilities
-  Environmental & Natural Resources
-  Real Estate
-  Government Relations & Lobbying
-  Administrative & Regulatory Compliance
-  Employment & Labor

Biography

Rachel S. Anderson's practice focuses on matters of real property and water law, as well as Utah local and special service district law. She enjoys working on all kinds of property and water matters including title issues, deeds and easements, purchase agreements, and leases. Specific to water law, Rachel has experience with reports of water right conveyance, change applications, general adjudications, federal reserved water rights, and water user disputes. Rachel also has experience in the broader area of natural resources law, including environmental, mining, and oil and gas law.

Regarding her local government practice, Rachel routinely works directly with the boards and management teams of local and special service districts throughout the State of Utah. She has expertise in the Government Records Access and Management Act, the Open and Public Meetings Act, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Utah Election Code, and the Utah Procurement Code, among other laws applicable to local government. Rachel's district work includes, among other things, development agreements, construction projects, policies and procedures, boundary adjustments, easements, employment and labor matters, all manner of contracts, and litigation.

Rachel earned her B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Westminster College, and her J.D. degree, with high honors, from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law.

Professional

Utah State Bar Examiner (Contracts), 2018-Present

Recognized as “Utah Legal Elite,” Utah Business Magazine, 2015-2018

Vice-chair, Water Resources Committee, Environment, Energy, and Resources Section, American Bar Association.

Co-editor of the section’s annual Year in Review publication, 2013 to Present

Member, CREW Utah (Commercial Real Estate Women), 2015 to Present

Member, Utah Women of Water, 2016 to Present

Member, Women Lawyers of Utah, 2009 to Present

Admitted to Utah State Bar and U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, 2009

Education

J.D., University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, 2009; Graduated with High Honors; Executive Editor of the Utah Law Review, 2008-2009; Staff Member, 2007-2008; William H. Leary Scholar, 2007-2009; CALI Award for Estate Planning, College of Law Outstanding Achievement Award for Real Estate Drafting

B.A., Communications, Westminster College, 2006; Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Member, Alpha Chi National Honor Society

Publications & Presentations

Speaker, Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention. “Building Public Trust through Positive Engagement”; Topics: 2017 Legislative Update, New Travel/Per Diem Rules, Current Issues

Co-editor (2013-Present) and Contributor of Utah Section (2015-Present), Water Resources Report, “The Year in Review”, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, (2013-Present)

Speaker, Road and Easement Law from A to Z 2017, National Business Institute (NBI); Topic: Abandonment and Vacation Considerations, (2017)

Speaker, Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention: “Navigating Uncertain Waters”; Topics: 2016 Legislative Update, 2016

Speaker, Water Rights in Utah Conference 2016, National Business Institute (NBI); Topics: Utah Local and Special Service Districts, Federal Reserved Water Rights, and Handling Water Disputes: Adjudication Procedures and Litigation Tips, 2016

Speaker, Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention- “Ensuring Proper and Effective Operations”; Topics: 2015 Legislative Update, and Personnel-Essentials of Having and Following Personnel Policies, 2015

Speaker, Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention- “Ethics in Leadership”; Topic 2014 Legislative Update

Speaker, Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention: “Proudly Serving Districts for 25 Years!”; Topics: 2013 Legislative Update, and Customer Service Accountability

Co-presenter, Developing Your Child Care Business, Utah Small Business Development Center, 2009

Community Service

Board Member, University of Utah Young Alumni Board, 2018-Present

Community Outreach Committee, Women Lawyers of Utah, 2010-Present

Community Outreach Committee, Young Lawyers Division of the Utah State Bar, 2012 Volunteer, Serving our Seniors. 2011-2012

Volunteer and Fabian liaison, Tuesday Night Bar, 2009-2013

Mentor and Pro Bono Legal Advisor for Small Business Clinic at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, 2009-2010