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Practice Areas

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

Biography

Rachel S. Anderson's practice focuses on Utah local and special service district law, as well as matters of real property and water law generally. Regarding her local government practice, Rachel routinely works directly with dozens of boards and management teams of local and special service districts throughout the State of Utah. She serves her district clients on a broad range of topics including:

Annexations/Boundary Adjustments/Withdrawals

Board Meeting Attendance

Construction Contracts and Contractor Relations

Drafting Contracts, Policies and Procedures, Resolutions, and Procurement Documents

Employment Law

Government Records Access and Management Act

Impact Fees Act

Interlocal Cooperation Act

Municipal Bond Transactions/Other Financing

Open and Public Meetings Act

Real Estate (Acquisitions and Sales, Easements, Leases, Condemnations)

Utah Election Code

Utah Procurement Code

Water Law

Additionally, Rachel enjoys working on transactional real property and water matters for public and private clients alike, including title issues, deeds and easements, purchase and sale agreements, and leases. Specific to water law, Rachel has experience with reports of water right conveyance, change applications, general adjudications, and federal reserved water rights.

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, where she served as an Executive Editor of the Utah Law Review. Rachel is currently the Chair of the firm's Women Lawyers Group.

Professional

Chair, Women Lawyers Group, Fabian VanCott, 2016-2017, 2019-Present

Utah State Bar Examiner (Contracts), 2018-Present

Recognized as "Utah Legal Elite," Utah Business Magazine, 2015-2019

Vice-chair, Water Resources Committee, Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER), American Bar Association, 2013-Present

Co-editor of and Contributor to the SEER'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

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, Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) Thirtieth Annual Convention: "Leading and Serving with Excellence"; Topics: 2018 Legislative Update, Current Issues, (2018)

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, (2017)

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, (2014)

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, (2013)

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

Community Service

Board Member, University of Utah Alumni Board of Governors, 2019-Present

Board Member, University of Utah Young Alumni Board, 2018-2019

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

Member of 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

Peer Recognition

2015-2018 Utah Legal Elite

Avvo Rating 10.0 Top Attorney