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Practice Areas

-  Real Estate
-  Litigation, Trials & Appeals
-  Business Transactions & Corporate Law
-  Government Relations & Lobbying

Biography

Scott R. Sabey has over 25 years of experience in a practice centered on real estate development and related litigation. He works with clients in development and financing of hotels, office buildings, shopping malls, resort condominiums, water companies and hospitals; as well as large scale residential developments. In addition to assisting clients with transactions, Scott is also a litigator with experience in many areas of real estate law including environmental contamination, construction defects, zoning and land use. He is a registered lobbyist and works on behalf of a number of local and national companies and associations. In complex cases, Scott is able to team with other Fabian VanCott attorneys with expertise in the firm's areas of core competency. He has served the legal profession as Commissioner for the Utah State Bar, Chair of the Real Property and Business Law Sections of the Bar and on the Utah Judicial Council. In the community, Scott served as Chairman of the Sandy City Planning Commission and on the city's Board of Adjustments. Scott is licensed to practice in Utah's state and federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professional

- A Selected by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year in 2022 for Government Relations Practice
- AV rated by Martindale-Hubble. Preeminent Peer Reviewed 5.0 out of 5.0.
- Chair Member, Governmental Relations Committee, 1997 - 2015
- Bar Commissioner for the Utah State Bar, 2004 - 2010
- Member, Judicial Council, 2006 - 2009
- Recognized as a "Legal Elite" in Real Estate, Utah Business Magazine, every year since 2006
- Member, Judicial Council, Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee, 2006 - 2009
- Bar Examiner, Real Property Question, 2001 - 2008, 2010 to present
- 2005 Amicus Curiae Award for service to the Courts
- Recipient, 2005 Distinguished Committee of the Year Award (Governmental Relations)
- Recipient, 2005 Real Property Practitioner of the Year Award
- Officer, Business Law Section, Served for four years; Chair, 2003 - 2004
- Needs of the Elderly Counseling, 2001 - 2004
- Officer, Real Property Section, served for four years; Chair, 1999 - 2000
- Third District ProTem Small Claims Judge; 1994 - present
- Member, Bar Commission, Executive Committee; served two terms
- Co-chair, Governmental Relations Committee; served for eight years
- Chair, Annual Bar Convention Committee
- Member, Mid-Year Bar Convention Committee
- Utah State Bar Lobbyist 1997 - 2015
- Organize, Host and Teach Bar Leadership Conference; served for two years
- Member, Fitness and Character Appeals Board; served for two years
- Member, Admissions Review Committee
- Member, Supreme Court Rules Committee, Sub-committee on Small Claims Rules and Procedures
- Member, Committee to Redesign Court Web Page
- Member, National 2012 General Merchandise Committee for Ducks Unlimited
- Admitted to Utah State Bar and U.S. District Court, District of Utah, 1993; U.S. Supreme Court 2000

Representative Projects

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT: International, national, and local companies in a variety of developments including: a 160 million dollar anchor shopping mall; 3 hotels; 2 office buildings; gas stations; numerous retail pads and sites; a large two anchor strip mall development; and a high-end resort condominium project at a local ski resort. Most from inception, through zoning, entitlements, construction and leasing.

Handled residential developments from two lots to multiphase 700 plus lot subdivisions. Assisted in the creation, development and eventual \$22 million dollar sale of a water company to a municipality.

REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT: Lease drafting, local and national tenant lease negotiations, landlord/tenant disputes and rent collection in large anchor malls for Fortune 500 real estate company and in smaller community malls.

Landlord/tenant lease negotiations, disputes, and litigations with national drugstore chains, hamburger franchises, video rental, national banks, gas stations and bulk-lot sales franchises.

Lease drafting, landlord/tenant disputes and rent collection in various strip malls.

Negotiate and draft build/lease agreements on out buildings and anchor spaces in shopping malls.

REAL ESTATE FINANCE: Represented a New York bank financing seven million dollar real estate development.

Application for 242HUD financing for the construction of a new critical access hospital.

REAL ESTATE LITIGATION: Involved in most aspects of real property litigation, including landlord/tenant, prescriptive easement, quiet title, boundary by acquiescence, zoning, and administrative representation of real estate companies/agents, title companies and general contractors before state administrative agencies.

Land use and zoning disputes both representing cities and developers.

Successfully defended clients against claims of \$80 million dollars and \$147 million dollars.

Foreclosure on a \$12 million dollar mining operation.

Federal Multidistrict Litigation

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES: Formerly licensed with the State of Utah as a title agent, Scott continues to represent title companies, lobby the State Department of Insurance and Division of Real Estate on behalf of the title industry, and teach continuing education classes to licensed escrow officers and real estate agents. Having worked as a licensed real estate agent and written legal articles for five years in the Salt Lake Board of Realtor's Magazine, Scott has come to represent a large number of real estate companies, of both a local and national franchise nature. He has assisted in the sale of a number of real estate companies, from simple mergers to acquisitions priced at over ten million dollars.

LOBBY WORK - Scott's clients have included the following associations, each of which is the largest one in the world in their respective industries:

- Film association
- Recording
- Video Game Software
- The largest supplemental insurance company in the U.S. and Japan
- The U.S. subsidiary of the largest beer maker in the world
- The world's largest online auction company and largest online payment system
- The Utah State Bar
- Regional trucking companies
- Local title and mortgage companies

Education

- J.D., Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, California, May 1993; Dean's Honor List; Chairman, Graduation Committee
- B.A., Humanities, Italian, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, May 1982
- Diploma di Profitto, Universita Degli Studi Di Firenze, Florence, Italy, August 1981

Publications and Presentations

Instructor, Justice Court Judges' Course, 2004 - present

Instructor, Small Claims Judges' Course, 2000 - present

Instructor NBI Classes on Zoning and Land Use Law 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Presenter, "Utah Mechanics' Lien Law Pre & Post 2011 HB115 and HB260," 2011

Instructor, Business Law Section CLE classes, 1999 - 2009

Instructor, Real Property Section CLE classes, 1996 - 2010

Program Conductor/Speaker, Attorney General's "SAFE AT HOME" presentations

Presenter, "Fundamentals in Real Estate Development in Utah," Lorman Seminar

Presenter, "Collecting on Small Claims Judgments," Lorman Seminar

Presenter, "Real Property Changes in Title Insurance Forms," NBI Seminar

Presenter, "Legislative Updates in Real Property," Attorney Title Guaranty Seminar

Presenter, "Common Problems in Representing Small Business Clients," Sterling Seminar

Brown v. Board of Education Presentations in High Schools

"We the People . . ." Presentations in High Schools

"Dialogue on Freedom" Presentations

Author, "Small Claims Judge Pro Tempore Bench Book," Administrative Office of the Courts

Co-author, "Small Claims Court: A Conversation with Scott Sabey and Tim Shea," Utah Bar Journal, 75th Anniversary Special Issue, 2006

Author, "Controlled Business Agreements," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, September 2003

Author, "Partner's Pointers - Joint Defense Agreements," Partner's Pointers, November 12, 2002

Author, "UAR Forms Are There to Protect You," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, April 2002

Author, "So When Do You Deposit the Earnest Money?" Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, October 2000

Author, "Why Worry About "Governmental Takings?" Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, November 1999

Author, "Basics of Contract Law," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, May 1998

Author, "Mechanic's Liens," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, April 1998

Author, "Referring an Affiliate," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, March 1998

Author, "New Year's Resolutions/Simple 'To Do' List to Avoid Common Problems," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, January 1998

Author, "Joint Tenancy and Tenancy-in-Common," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, October 1997

Author, "Real Estate History 101," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, September, 1997

Author, "Principal/Agency Relationships," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, August 1997

Author, "Understanding Commercial Leases," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, July 1997

Author, "Rights and Privileges of Real Estate Licensees," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, March 1997

Author, "Contract Deadlines/Coulter & Smith v. Russell," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, June 1997

Author, "The Benefits and Legal Burdens of Being a Professional," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, February 1997

Author, "Why Bother With Section 1.3 of the REPC?" Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, January 1997

Author, "Abrogation Clause/Maynard v. Wharton," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, November, 1996

Author, "Title Policies and ALTA Forms," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, March 1996

Author, "Environmental Hazards and Utah's Negligence Standard," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine, May 1995

Author, "The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend/Joint Defense Agreements," Utah State Bar Journal

Author, "Boundary by Acquiescence: Carter v. Hanrath" Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Water Rights," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Procuring Cause," Consolidated Realty, 930 P2d 268 FN8 Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "The Double Contract Rears Its Head Again," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Should You Accept That Invitation to Go Golfing?: RESPA Violations," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "When Does an Interest in Real Property Pass With a Real Estate Purchase Contract," Ciet v. Kaufman, 271 Utah Adv Rep. 5 Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Don't Be Caught Quakin' In Your Boots: Disclosure of Geologic Conditions," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Professionalism," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Does a 'Deed' by Any Other Name Still Smell as Sweet?" Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "The REPC's Abrogation Clause: Your Client's Potential Snake-in-the-Grass," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Real Estate 'Agent' of Whom?" Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Hatfields v. McCoys/Property Line Disputes," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "What Title Insurance Company Does My Client Need?/(or, "Who Did I Last Play Golf With")," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Property Disclosure," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Arbitration/Mediation, Costs & Differences," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Selling/Buying Real Estate in an Estate/Trust," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Selling/Buying Real Estate in a Divorce," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Conflicts," b/n Sec. 8.3 and 10.2 Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Dual Agency," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Forced Representation," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Professional Conduct, Licensing of Convicted Felons, Bankruptcy of Brokers," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Dangers for the FSBO," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Limited Agency Dangers," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "E&O Insurance," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Report to the Utah State Bar Commission of the Small Claims Task Force"

Author, "Protecting Your Clients From Identity Theft," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Partner's Pointers, The Three Prongs of Successful Rainmaking"

Author, "Professionalism," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Author, "Title Insurance Options," Salt Lake Board of Realtor Magazine

Community Service

Chairman, Sandy City Planning Commission, 2008 - 2018

Sandy City Board of Adjustment, 2007 - 2008

Chairman/Member, Duck's Unlimited (DU) Committee, 2003 - 2008

Committee on Law & Aging, Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2006 - 2007

Co-chair, Utah Access to Justice Planning Council, 2004 - 2007

Variety Club Tent of Utah, Chief Barker, 2005 - 2006

Member, Pheasants Forever Committee, 2002 - 2006

Volunteer, 2002 Winter Olympics

Camp Kostopulos, 1999 - 2006

Judge, Trial Advocacy/Moot Court Competitions, 1996 - 1998

Brought national "WebWiseKids" Program to 75 Utah Schools

Young Lawyer Division Mentoring Marathon

Volunteer, Attorney General's Regional Exchange Effort (AGREE) Committee

Volunteer, Legal Aid Society of Utah

Volunteer and Board Member, "Give Kids Their Dreams," a Non-Profit Utah Corporation

Volunteer, Needs of the Elderly

Fund raising for KCPW

Headed Salt Lake/Torino Sister City Application

Scout Merit Badge Counselor

Peer Recognition

