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Biography

Adam works on a variety of tax issues at Fabian VanCott. He has experience in planning real estate and business transactions to maximize tax benefits, and in representing clients in audits and trials before the IRS and state tax agencies. Before coming to Fabian VanCott, Adam worked at the Office of Chief Counsel (SB/SE) of the IRS in Las Vegas, Nevada. While there, Adam tried six cases before the United States Tax Court and managed a caseload of over 100 tax court cases. He was also an intern at the Department of Justice, Tax Division, in Washington, D.C. At the DOJ he worked on several criminal appellate cases in various federal circuits and wrote an opposition to certiorari that was filed with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Adam attended Brigham Young University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience, with a minor in Business Management, going on to earn a master's degree in Physiology and Developmental Biology, and finally earning his law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School. Adam is admitted to practice in Utah and Nevada.

Practice Areas

BUSINESS & TRANSACTIONS

BUSINESS FORMATION
REORGANIZATION & EXITS

INCENTIVE EQUITY & COMPENSATION

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

TAX & ESTATE PLANNING

ESTATE PLANNING

QUALIFIED RETIREMENT BENEFITS
& DEFERRED COMPENSATION

TAX CONTROVERSIES

TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS
& CHARITABLE PLANNING

TRANSACTIONAL & BUSINESS
TAX PLANNING

Professional History

- Attorney with Fabian VanCott, Salt Lake City Office
- Attorney with the Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel (SB/SE), Las Vegas, Nevada
- Summer Law Intern, Department of Justice, Tax Division, Washington, DC
- Summer Law Clerk, Stirba, P.C., Salt Lake City, Utah
- Admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Utah, 2013



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Education

J.D., Magna Cum Laude, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, April 2013; Lead Note and Comment Editor, BYU Law Review

M.S., Physiology and Developmental Biology, Brigham Young University, December 2010

B.S., Neuroscience with minor in Business Management, Brigham Young University, April 2007

Professional History (con't)

- Admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Nevada, 2017

Publications and Presentations

- Panelist, "Innocent Spouse Protection, American Bar Association, Continuing Education Taxation, December 2015"
- Author, "United States v. Ruiz-Gaxiola: When Criminal Defendants Say No to Drugs", 2012 BYU Law Review, 477
- Thesis: "Role of AMPK in the Upregulation of Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory Protein in Zona Fasciculata of the Adrenal Cortex"
- Utah "Legal Elite," Utah Business Magazine, 2022