

MATTHEW L. ANDERSON

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Biography

Matthew L. Anderson has built a commercial practice focused on real property, representing clients in leasing, development, land-use, and lending transactions, as well as related dispute resolution. Matt also works on cases involving title, commercial evictions, and conveyances. In handling complex cases, Matt is able to deftly draw upon his broad experience and combine it with the expertise of other Fabian VanCott attorneys skilled in the firm's core competency areas. Matt continues to serve as the chair of the firm's Real Property Practice Group.

Before practicing law, Matt worked as Area Director on Mike Leavitt's campaign for Governor of Utah and then as Director of Constituent Affairs for the Governor's Office. He has stayed involved in the political realm by chairing his city's Planning Commission. Matt has been active in the Utah State Bar as a past chair of the Real Property Section, the Government Relations Committee, and the Member Benefits Committee. He graduated with honors from the University of Utah and earned his law degree at Columbia, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. After law school, he clerked for the Utah Supreme Court.

Practice Areas

BUSINESS & TRANSACTIONS

REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS,
TITLE & DILIGENCE

REAL ESTATE LITIGATION

COMMERCIAL LEASING & EVICTIONS

LAND USE, ZONING CONSTRUCTION
& DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL DISTRICTS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS
& SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICTS

WATER RIGHTS

Professional History

- Chair of Real Property Practice Group, Fabian VanCott
- Past Chair, Utah State Bar Real Property Section
- Past Co-Chair, Utah State Bar Legislative Relations Committee
- Past Chair, Member Benefits Committee, Utah State Bar
- Recognized as one of Utah's "Legal Elite," Utah Business Magazine
- Certified Public Mediator, Columbia Law School Mediation Clinic, New York City



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Education

Columbia Law School, J.D., 1996;
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 1996

University of Utah, B. A. Honors,
Cum Laude, 1991; English major,
Japanese minor; Honors at
Entrance Scholarship (four-year
full tuition scholarship), Robert
H. Hinckley Graduate Scholar
(Graduate School Scholarship),
Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa
Phi; Host and Director, Weekly
Campus-Wide Forum, Hinckley
Institute of Politics

Professional History (con't)

- Judicial Clerk, Justice Leonard H. Russon, Supreme Court of Utah, 1997; drafted and researched many opinions for submission and publication
- Admitted to Utah State Bar and U.S. District Court, District of Utah, 1996
- Summer Clerk, Sakura Kyodo Law Offices, Tokyo, Japan, 1994; assisted Japanese and American lawyers on international and U.S. law-related issues
- Director of Constituent Affairs, Utah Governor's Office, 1992-1993; liaison for the Governor to the public and other governmental entities
- Area Director, Mike Leavitt Gubernatorial Campaign, Utah, 1991-1992; first staff member on successful gubernatorial campaign, traveled with candidate across state, responsible for grass-roots campaign in area representing 45 percent of constituency and represented the candidate at a primary election debate and other events
- Intern, Committee for Education Funding, Washington D.C., January-June, 1990; Researched, wrote and disseminated reports, legislative tracking and budget analysis; lobbied for federal education funding

Representative Projects

Matt has both breadth and depth when it comes experience in real property transactions. He has zealously represented local landlords, national tenants, and government entities in commercial leasing matters. With respect to acquisitions, Matt represents sellers, buyers, and lenders in drafting contracts, assisting with seller disclosures, and buyer due diligence. He brings valuable expertise to bear in addressing difficult title and entitlement issues for owners and developers. In construction contracts, Matt has represented the owner as well as the contractor in many commercial and residential construction projects. As a former (but now reformed) litigator, Matt is an expert negotiator, relying on his knowledge of the law and his inter-personal

skills to protect his clients' best interests in such a way to anticipate and avoid the need for future litigation. That said, if an unavoidable dispute arises that cannot reasonably be settled, Matt will deftly transition the matter to a full-time litigator at the firm.

Matt's focus is on learning the client's interest, knowing the law, and understanding the market to best advise clients and get the deal done.

Publications and Presentations

- Author, "International Peacemaking and Peacekeeping Activities in the Post-Cold War World and Its Relationship to Domestic Implementation of International Obligations: A Summary," Trilateral Perspectives on International Legal Issues
- Head Notes Editor, Environmental Law Journal

Community Service

- Past Chair of Kaysville Planning Commission,
- Past member of Board of Directors and Big Brother, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah
- Past member, Governor Leavitt's Transition Team, Department of Environmental Quality
- Volunteer, 2002 Olympic Games, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Volunteer Representative, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tokyo, Japan
- Family time, road trips, music, literature, bicycling, hiking, golf, basketball, little league coach, member of National Champion Highland High Rugby Club, and so on.