

RACHEL S. ANDERSON

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Licensure: UT

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 (GRAMA)
- 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 adjudication, 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 admitted to practice in Utah and U.S. District Court for the District of Utah.



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Education

J.D., University of Utah S.J.
Quinney College of Law, 2009;
Graduated with High Honors

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

Practice Areas

ENERGY, NATURAL
RESOURCES &
ENVIRONMENTAL

LOCAL DISTRICTS, SPECIAL
DISTRICTS & SPECIAL
SERVICE DISTRICTS

WATER RIGHTS

GOVERNMENT & AGENCIES

MUNICIPAL, INTERLOCAL
& STATE ENTITIES

EMPLOYMENT & LABOR

REAL ESTATE

SCHOOL REPRESENTATION
& EDUCATION LAW

Professional History

- Chair, Women Lawyers Group, Fabian VanCott, 2016-2017, 2019-2022
- 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
- Member, CREW Utah (Commercial Real Estate Women), 2015 to Present
- Member, Utah Women of Water, 2016 to Present

Publications and Presentations

- 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

- 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)
- Co-editor of and Contributor to the SEER's annual Year in Review publication, 2013 to Present
- Speaker at the Annual Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD) "Leading and Serving with Excellence"; Topics: 2018 Legislative Update, Current Issues, (2018) "Building Public Trust through Engagement"; Topics: 2017 Legislative Update, New Travel/Per Diem Rules, Current Issues, (2017) "Navigating Uncertain Waters"; Topics: 2016 Legislative Update, (2016); Ensuring Proper and Effective Operations"; Topics: 2016 Legislative Update, and Personnel-Essentials of Having and Following Personnel Policies, (2015); "Ethics in Leadership"; Topic 2014 Legislative Update, (2014); "Proudly Serving districts for 25 Years!"; Topics: 2013 Legislative Update, and Customer Service Accountability, (2013)
- Speaker, Road and Easement Law from A-to-Z 2017, National Business Institute (NBI); Topic: Abandonment and Vacation Considerations, (2017)
- 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)
- 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

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- 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

- 2015-2020 Utah Legal Elite
- AVO Rating 10.0 Top Attorney