

MARK H. ANDERSON

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Licensure: UT

Biography

Mark H. Anderson has over 48 years of experience in a practice centering on local districts and special service districts. He is general counsel for the Utah Association of Special Districts and represents a number of special districts and special service districts in various parts of the state.

His experience includes representing districts in construction projects, issuing bonds, obtaining easements through negotiation and eminent domain actions, appearing before state regulatory and administrative agencies and lobbying and drafting Bill language for the Utah Legislature to consider on behalf of clients.

Mark’s practice has allowed him to develop expertise in the areas of real property, business transactions, water rights and natural resources. In complex cases, Mark is able to team with Fabian VanCott attorneys with expertise in the firm’s areas of core competency.

In the community, he has been active in Rotary Clubs. Mark received his law degree with honors from the University of Utah where he was a member of the Law Review and earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Utah State University, majoring in agricultural economics. He clerked for judges in the Utah U.S. District Court and the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He is admitted to practice in Utah and California, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court.

Practice Areas

- EMPLOYEE POLICIES & PROCEDURES
- EMPLOYMENT & TERMINATION AGREEMENTS
- SPECIAL DISTRICTS & SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICTS
- REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS & LITIGATION
- PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, LEASING & LAND USE

- PURCHASE, SALE, SUPPLY & SERVICE AGREEMENTS
- WATER RIGHTS
- GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING
- LOBBYING & LEGISLATION
- MUNICIPAL, INTERLOCAL & STATE ENTITIES
- CONDEMNATION, EMINENT DOMAIN & TAKINGS



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Education

J.D., University of Utah, 1975; Order of the Coif (Ranked second in the class, 3.83 grade point average on a 4.0 scale); Member and Associate Editor, Utah Law Review; Chief Justice, ASUU Judiciary; Society of Bar & Gavel

M.Sc., Utah State University 1974

B.Sc., Utah State University College of Agriculture, 1971 Valedictorian, Agricultural Economics Major, Business Minor; ASUSU Financial Vice President

Professional History

Significant case – Sanders v. Sharp, 818 P.2d 574 (Utah Ct. App. 1991)

Significant case – 50 West Broadway Assoc. v. Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City, 784 P.2d 1162 (Utah 1989)

Member, Utah State Bar Association, 1976 – present; Government/Administrative Law (former Chair Government), Real Property, Environmental Law, and Construction Law Sections; Utah State Bar Examiner (Real Property)

Member, California State Bar, 1975 – present

Member, American Bar Association, 1978 – 1990; Public Contract Law Section (former Chair for Utah), 1992 – 2000

Admitted to Practice in all State and Federal Courts in the State of Utah and the United States Supreme Court.

Educational Highlights

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ASUSU Financial Vice President

Recognition and Awards

Utah Business Magazine, Utah's Elite Lawyers

Publications and Presentations

Co-Author, Basic Real Estate Law in Utah, National Business Institute, Inc., 1989

Co-Author of manuals and participant in other continuing legal education seminars including such titles as Tax Considerations in Real Estate Foreclosures, 1987

Author, State Condemnation Proceedings and the Loss of Saleable Water Assets – State Road Commission v. Tanner, 1974 Utah Law Review 92

Author, The Demand and Supply for Agricultural Water in Utah, a Linear Programming Approach, Utah State University, Master's Thesis, 1974

Co-Authored several publications of the Utah Water Research Lab, Including The Demand for Agricultural Water In Utah, September 1973 (Utah Water Research Lab. Pub. No. PRWG 100-4)

Community Service

Utah Procurement Policy Board: Member since 2011

Rotary: District Governor Area Representative (1993 – 1994), Club President (1988 – 90 – Foothill Rotary Club, 2000 – 2001 – Salt Lake Sunrise Rotary Club, 2010 – 2011 – Murray Rotary Club), Paul Harris Fellow

Utah State University Extension State-Wide Advisory and Support Council Member/Vice President, 2001 – 2011

Ute Football Conference (junior football league); Conference Vice President/Executive Board Member (2001 – 2009); District Treasurer and Board Member (1989 – 1991, 1993 – 1997)

Sandy Pony/WBBA (little league baseball); Manager (Head Coach) (1988 – 1995), Treasurer, League Commissioner, or Equipment Manager (1991 – 1995)

Sweetwater Golf Course Homeowners Association: Board Member 2008 – 2021 (President 2019 – 2021)

Chairman's Award, Utah Assoc. of Special Districts, 1999

Vernon B. Carr Lifetime Service Award, Utah Association of Special Districts, 2017