

J. MASON KJAR

Attorney / Of Counsel | Salt Lake City

Licensure: UT

Biography

Mr. Kjar (pronounced like "Care") practices law at the Salt Lake City, Utah office of Fabian VanCott. Leveraging a diverse background, he brings extensive experience to address a wide range of legal and practical challenges. With a seasoned background as a civil litigator, criminal prosecutor, and municipal attorney, he possesses a versatile skill set that spans multiple areas of law. His most notable expertise lies in representing government and government-affiliated clients, including municipalities, school districts, non-profits, and administrative agencies. He provides comprehensive advice and representation to these entities, navigating both litigation and administrative matters with proficiency and insight.

Mr. Kjar earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, with a Minor in Physics, from the University of Utah in 2003. For several years, he devoted himself to teaching high school math, physics, and personal finance while concurrently earning his Master of Arts in Education from Western Governors University in 2006.

In 2009, Mr. Kjar embarked on his legal journey, obtaining his J.D. in 2012 from the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law, where he graduated second in his class, Order of the Coif, with Highest Honors. During his time in law school, he served as the Executive Managing Editor for the Utah Law Review and garnered numerous accolades for his exceptional research and legal writing skills.

Mr. Kjar refined his legal acumen by serving as a judicial law clerk for Judge Tena Campbell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah and Judge Scott M. Matheson, Jr. of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Fluent in Spanish and licensed to practice in Utah, Mr. Kjar is well-prepared to navigate the complexities of legal matters and offer comprehensive support to his clients.

Practice Areas

SCHOOL REPRESENTATION AND
EDUCATION LAW

MUNICIPAL, INTERLOCAL & STATE
ENTITIES

GOVERNMENT & AGENCIES

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS &
LITIGATION

LITIGATION, TRIALS & APPEALS

REAL ESTATE

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT,
ACQUISITION, LEASING & LAND USE

WATER RIGHTS

BUSINESS & TRANSACTIONS

EMPLOYMENT & LABOR



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Education

J.D., University of Utah, S.J.
Quinney College of Law, 2012;
Graduated with Highest Honors,
Order of the Coif; Executive
Managing Editor of the Utah Law
Review; Recipient of the Traynor
Legal Writing Award

M.A., Education (Technology and
Learning), Western Governors
University, 2006

B.S., Mathematics, University of
Utah (Physics Minor), 2003

Professional History

- Board Member, Utah Supreme Court, Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, 2019 - Present
- Alumnus, Utah State Bar, Leadership Academy, Class of 2019
- Committee Member, Utah State Bar, Character and Fitness Committee, 2018 - Present
- Justice Court Judge Pro Tem, Davis County Justice Court, 2016 - Present

Community Service

- Commissioner, Centerville City Planning Commission, Jan. 2020 - Present
- Commissioner, Centerville City Landmarks Commission, 2019 - Present
- Volunteer, Utah State Bar, Tuesday Night Free Legal Clinic, 2016 - 2018
- Volunteer, VITA Program, Internal Revenue Service 2004 - 2015