

HILARY R. ADKINS

Attorney / Associate | Salt Lake City

Licensure: UT, MT

Biography

Hilary Adkins is a litigation associate at Fabian VanCott, where she represents clients in a broad range of civil and commercial disputes. Her practice focuses on civil and commercial litigation, real estate and construction disputes, and trust and estate litigation.

Before joining Fabian VanCott, Hilary practiced at a leading regional law firm, where she gained significant experience in complex business litigation, contract disputes, healthcare litigation, and administrative proceedings. She is admitted to practice in Utah and Montana.

As a former NCAA Division I water polo player, Hilary thrives in high-pressure situations—bringing the same discipline, resilience, and strategic mindset to litigation as she did in competition. She understands how to analyze challenges in real-time, think several moves ahead, and advocate aggressively for her clients.

Hilary earned her J.D. from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, graduating with High Honors. During law school, she served as President of the Student Bar Association, Executive Footnote Editor of the Utah Law Review, and was a Legal Writing Teaching Assistant. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Outside of work, Hilary enjoys golfing, crafting, fly fishing, traveling, and spending time with her bernedoodle, Hank. She also stays connected to her athletic roots as a coach for the University of Utah Club Women’s Water Polo Team.

Practice Areas

LITIGATION, TRIALS & APPEALS
REAL ESTATE LITIGATION
WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE & INVESTIGATIONS
TRIALS

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
TRUST & ESTATE LITIGATION
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS & LITIGATION
COMMERCIAL LEASING AND EVICTIONS



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Education

Juris Doctor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, High Honors, University of Utah, 2022

- Graduated with High Honors
- President, Student Bar Association
- Commencement Ceremony Speaker
- Outstanding Achievement Awards for Legal Methods (legal writing) and Legal Research
- Executive Footnote Editor, Utah Law Review
- Legal Methods Writing Course Teaching Assistant
- Human Trafficking Symposium Co-Chair, Social Justice Student Initiative

Professional History

Associate Attorney, Kirton McConkie, Salt Lake City, UT, August 2022 - February 2025

Summer Law Clerk, Kirton McConkie, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2020-August 2022

Legal Extern, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, 2021

Bar Admissions:

- Utah State Bar and U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, 2022
- Montana State Bar, 2023

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science,
American Government Concentration,
University of California, Berkeley, 2019

- Division 1 NCAA Water Polo Team
- Pi Beta Phi Sorority
- Founder and President, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance of Berkeley

Community Service

Vice-Chair and Board Member, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault,
December 2022 - December 2024

Board Member, Utah State Bar Young Lawyers Division, August 2021 - June 2024

Coach, University of Utah Club Women's Water Polo, September 2023 - Present