

*Rob Hughes specializes on large infrastructure projects, including water, sewer, power, telecommunications, transit and highways. He assists state and local government clients with the design, construction and operation of these critical systems.*



## Robert H. Hughes

Shareholder | Salt Lake City

### Biography

Rob Hughes advises state and local government clients on a wide range of issues associated with public infrastructure, including design and construction procurement, property acquisition, permitting and litigation. Previously, Rob spent several years as in-house counsel to the UTA, where he helped UTA construct 70 miles of new rail lines along the Wasatch Front.

Rob has served as an adjunct professor at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, where he taught Contract Drafting.

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### Capabilities

Energy & Utilities

Environmental & Natural Resources

### Licensed/Admitted

Utah

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Utah

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

### Experience

#### **Mouty v. Sandy City Recorder**

2005 UT 41 (holding that all zoning actions by a city council in a council/mayor form of government are subject to citizen referendum)

#### **Conatser v. Johnson**

2008 UT 48 (establishing the right of the public to walk on the beds of public water courses flowing over private lands)

#### **UDOT v. Dunfield et al**

Rob received a favorable jury verdict on behalf of UDOT and UTA on the valuation of severance damages arising from the closure of an access for the FrontRunner South commuter rail project.

#### **UDOT v. D&S North Temple**

Rob obtained trial court rulings limiting the applicability of Admiral Beverage, and secured a favorable verdict from the jury on the question of severance damages arising from the construction of the Airport TRAX extension.

**Architect of Five-Party Agreement**

Primary architect and drafter of a five-party Sugar House Streetcar Alliance Agreement between Utah Transit Authority, two municipalities, a design firm and a construction firm.

**Interlocal Agreements with Salt Lake City and a Railroad**

Negotiated and drafted Interlocal Agreements with Salt Lake City for the Airport TRAX extension, and with South Jordan City and Kennecott Land Company, for the Mid-Jordan TRAX extension.

**Interlocal Agreements with Salt Lake City and a Railroad**

Negotiated and drafted a Canal Relocation Agreement with Salt Lake City and Union Pacific Railroad, providing for the relocation of a historic canal in connection with the FrontRunner South commuter rail project.

**Jurisdictional Determination from FRA**

Obtained jurisdictional determination from the Federal Railroad Administration, confirming that FRA no longer had jurisdiction over the Draper TRAX railroad corridor.

**Extension and Expansion of Waiver**

Obtained from FRA an extension and expansion of UTA's Temporal Separation Shared Use Waiver.

**Agreements for Provo-Orem Bus Rapid Transit Project**

Negotiated and drafted Design-Build and Construction Manager/General Contractor agreements in connection with the Provo-Orem Bus Rapid Transit project.

**Agreement Between Two Utah Departments**

Negotiated and drafted a Partnering Agreement between the Utah Department of Transportation and Utah Transit Authority.

**12 Municipality Agreement**

Coordinated and drafted agreement between 12 municipalities in order for them to create a Federal Railroad Administration Quiet Zone for the FrontRunner South commuter rail project.

**Accomplishments****Professional**

"Utah Legal Elite" *Utah Business Magazine*, April 5, 2022

**Academic**

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., 2003)

- Order of the Coif
- Certificate in Environmental Law
- Utah Law Review, Articles Editor
- Environmental Moot Court
- Natural Resources Law Forum, President
- Marriner S. Eccles Graduate Research Fellowship in Political Economy
- West Group Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award
- College of Law Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Torts, State and Local Government, and Evidence
- Scott Woodland Merit Scholarship (2000)

Harvard University (A.B., 1995)

- Dean's List
- Harvard College Scholarship

## Associations

### Professional

Utah State Bar Association

## Presentations

“Bargaining for Development,” Utah Land Use Institute (Oct. 28, 2020)

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