

Shawn Ferrin is the CEO and Board Chair of Parsons Behle & Latimer. In addition, Shawn represents clients in complex commercial real property transactions and in obtaining development entitlements and permits throughout resort and urban communities in the western U.S.



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Biography

Shawn Ferrin focuses his practice on complex commercial real property transactions with an emphasis on resort, urban, retail and community development; land-use planning and entitlements; office leases; and economic development incentives.

Shawn has served as lead counsel in representing Home Depot, Boyne Resorts, Walmart Stores, Vulcan, Inc., Varde Partners, Fidelity Investments, Barrick Gold Corporation, Dyno Nobel, and Micron Technology, Inc. in significant acquisition, development, financing and entitlement transactions. He also has lead a team of Parsons' attorneys in corporate headquarter relocations for Ancestry.com Inc., 1-800 Contacts, Inc., StorageCraft Technology Corporation and Neumont University. Local redevelopment agencies and national developers have engaged Shawn in all facets of urban redevelopment and rural entitlement projects, including structuring tax increment and assessment area financings. Shawn is also actively involved in representing conservation agencies and land owners in structuring, negotiating and enforcing conservation easements.

Shawn is an adjunct professor at the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, where he teaches real estate development and drafting. He is also a member of the Center for International Legal Studies and has been appointed as a visiting professor of law at Brest State University, Brest, Belarus and Iliria College, Pristina, Kosovo.

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Capabilities

Real Estate
Resorts & Recreation
Project Permitting & Compliance
Public Lands
Commercial Lending

Licensed/Admitted

Utah

Experience

Entitlement and Development of Mixed-use Project

Lead counsel on 89-acre mixed-use development in Summit County, including residential, workforce housing, office, retail and hotel space.

Ranch Acquisition

Represented Big Rock Capital, LLC in the acquisition of the Bar J Ranch, a 6,200 acre working ranch that is a private inholding in the Fish Lake National Forest with significant water rights, over 200 acres of irrigated farm land, eight miles of private fishing streams, elk, deer, bear and mountain lion habitat, and hunting privileges.

Environmental and Land Use Compliance

Lead land use, entitlement, water and environmental counsel for approval and operation of a 60-bed inpatient, adolescent therapeutic boarding school including negotiation of a Conditional Use Permit.

Sale of Large Office Building in Utah

Lead counsel in connection with the sale of a 42,000 square foot office building in West Valley City, Utah.

Entitlement and Development of Major Retail and Hotel Development

Lead counsel in the entitlement and development of an 89-acre mixed-use development in Park City and Deer Valley, Utah which includes a combined 1,086 units and 311,000 square feet of retail and hotel development.

Development and Sale of 459 Residences

Served as lead counsel in the entitlement, site development and sale of all development parcels of Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons Village, including Pendry Park City; Apex Park City; and YotelPAD – a combined 459 residences.

Accomplishments

Professional

The Best Lawyers in America, "Lawyer of the Year," Real Estate Law 2023

The Best Lawyers in America, "Best Lawyer," Real Estate Law 2007 - 2024

Chambers USA, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" (2003 - 2025)

Utah Business Magazine, "Utah Legal Elite," 2005 - 2012, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023

Super Lawyers, Mountain States Edition, 2007 - 2013

Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rating

Academic

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., 1986)

- Articles Editor, *Journal of Energy Law and Policy* (1986)

University of Utah (B.U.S., *cum laude*, 1982)

Associations

Professional

American Bar Association, Real Property Section, Member, 1986 - Present

Utah State Bar Association, Real Property, Banking & Finance, and Construction Sections, Member, (1986 - Present)

Urban Land Institute, Associate Member

International Council of Shopping Centers, Associate Member

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Real Estate Development and Drafting

Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria, Member

Brest State University, Brest, Belarus, Visiting Professor of Law

Iliria College, Pristina, Kosovo, Visiting Professor of Law

Community

Economic Development Corporation of Utah, Board of Trustees

Governor's Task Force on Economic Development and the Environment, Advisor

University of Utah, Young Alumni Association, Board of Directors

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