

Kevin West is a shareholder and chairperson of the firm's health law department. He is a trusted attorney who represents healthcare providers in a broad variety of legal matters such as audits, investigations, regulatory compliance and licensure discipline. He also is experienced in employment matters and litigation.



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Capabilities

Healthcare
Business & Commercial Litigation
Employment Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Employment & Labor

Licensed/Admitted

Idaho
Utah
Washington
Washington
U.S. Dist. Court, Eastern Dist. of Washington
U.S. Dist. Court, Western Dist. of Washington
U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit U.S. Dist. Court, Central Dist. of Illinois
Utah Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

J. Kevin West

Healthcare Practice Area Chairperson | Shareholder | Boise

Biography

Kevin West is a senior healthcare attorney with extensive experience representing healthcare providers. He has been a trusted advocate for providers in more than 1,000 cases involving audits, investigations, medical malpractice and licensure board disciplinary matters. Kevin's practice also emphasizes employment law as well as trial work, particularly in the areas of employment, commercial litigation, professional malpractice, personal injury and insurance litigation. Mr. West also advises and represents companies regarding business and employment matters.

In 1981, Mr. West graduated with honors from Brigham Young University with a B.A. in English. In 1984, he graduated from the BYU Law School with honors. During law school, Mr. West served as Editor-in-Chief of the *BYU Journal of Legal Studies*. He authored "Utah Products Liability Law" in the *BYU Journal of Legal Studies*.

Following law school, Mr. West had the privilege of serving as a law clerk for Chief Judge Marion J. Callister, U.S. District Judge for the District of Idaho. Mr. West began practicing law in 1986 after completing this two-year clerkship with the federal trial bench.

Mr. West is a member of the Idaho, Utah and Washington State Bar Associations and is admitted to practice before all state courts in those states as well as in federal courts in Idaho and Utah. He is also admitted to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. West is a frequent lecturer on healthcare and employment matters. He has been a presenter in numerous seminars directed toward both non-lawyer and lawyer groups on both a

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local and national level. Mr. West is the author of four nationally marketed publications in the healthcare field: *Medicare Compliance: A Training Program for Podiatrists and Their Staff* (2002), published by Data Trace Publishing; *The APMA HIPAA Privacy Manual* (2002) and *The APMA HIPAA Security Manual* (2003), both published by the American Podiatric Medical Association; and *HIPAA Training, Forms and Policies* (2003, co-author), published by Data Trace Publishing.

Experience

National expert on HIPAA, Medicare audits and investigations

Consultant to the United States' largest insurer of podiatrists on HIPAA, Medicare audit and investigations; supervise defense attorneys hired by the insurer in hundreds of cases.

Obtained a Jury verdict for McDonald's Corporation in hot coffee spill case

Defended McDonald's in the only other hot coffee jury trial since the Stella Lybeck case. Opposing counsel was the attorney who had won a large verdict against McDonald's in the Lybeck case. The jury ruled in favor of McDonald's. Parsons' attorney J. Kevin West was invited to make a presentation to all of McDonald's defense counsel at a national meeting in Chicago.

Taco Bell restaurant acquisition

Represented Taco Bell franchisee in the acquisition of 30 Taco Bell restaurants from Taco Bell Corp. in \$30 million transaction spanning 6 months; transaction involved real estate, physical and intangible assets and personnel.

Expert regarding the Medicare Secondary Payer Act (MSPA)

National consultant and advisor to insurance companies regarding their compliance with the Medicare Secondary Payer Act; author of articles and national speaker on the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.

Accomplishments

Professional

Best Lawyers in America, 2010-2025 edition, in the specialties of health care law, insurance law, commercial litigation, litigation - labor and employment

Best Lawyers in America 2017 "Lawyer of the Year," Healthcare Law, Boise

Best Lawyers in America 2021 "Lawyer of the Year," Insurance Law, Boise

Best Lawyers in America 2022 "Lawyer of the Year," Insurance Law, Boise

Best Lawyers in America 2026 "Lawyer of the Year," Healthcare Law, Boise

Mountain States Super Lawyers, Healthcare, 2019-present

Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent™ rated

Chambers USA, Labor & Employment Law, 2012 - 2023

Author of over 40 articles in the fields of health care law and employment law

Speaker in over 175 programs and seminars in the fields of health care law and employment law

Adjunct Faculty, Boise State University, Health Care Law and Ethics

Academic

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Graduated *cum laude*

Associations

Professional

Idaho Association of Defense Counsel – President - (2005 - 2006)
Idaho Health Law Section – Chair - (2009 - 2011)

Community

Rotary International - Rotarian and Board Member - (1993 - Present)
Women's and Children's Alliance - Board of Directors - (2001 - 2010)
Idaho Shakespeare Festival - Board of Directors - (2016 - present)

Articles

“Healthcare Providers: Are You Meeting Section 1557’s Language Access Requirements? (July 30, 2025)

Practical Guidance for Healthcare Providers: Heed the OIG’s Guidelines to Prevent Punitive Actions for Federal Health Law Violations,” (March 26, 2025)

“The Risks of AI in Healthcare,” (January 29, 2025)

“The New Information Blocking Rule: What it Means for Healthcare Providers,” (August 10, 2021)
Parsons Behle & Latimer Healthcare Law Update

“The Reprieve for Healthcare Providers Is Over: CMS to Resume Medicare Audits,” (July 22, 2020)
Parsons Behle & Latimer Healthcare Law Update

“Relief Fund Payments to Healthcare Providers Under the CARES Act,” (April 23, 2020)
APMA HIPAA Privacy Manual and APMA HIPAA Security Manual
American Podiatric Medical Association

Presentations

“The Uses, Risks, and Benefits of AI for HR Managers,” (April 8, 2025)
Parsons Behle & Latimer/SHRM 2025 Salt Lake City Employment Law Symposium

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“I Have a Note From My Doctor” – Engaging with Employees’ Medical Providers on ADA Accommodation and Fitness for Duty Issues (October 23, 2024)
Parsons Behle & Latimer 2024 Idaho Employment Law Seminar

“I Have a Note From My Doctor”: Engaging with Employees’ Medical Providers on ADA Accommodation and Fitness for Duty Issues (May 14, 2024)
Parsons Behle & Latimer/SHRM 2024 Salt Lake City Employment Law Seminar

Medicare Audits, June 10, 2023
Utah Optometric Association

HIPAA, June 10, 2023
Utah Optometric Association

“The ADA and Bosses Behaving Badly,” (October 5, 2022)
Parsons Behle & Latimer 10th Annual Idaho Employment Law Seminar

“The ADA and Bosses Behaving Badly,” (June 16, 2022)
34th Annual Parsons Behle & Latimer Employment Law Seminar

“Medical Billing and Revenue - Fundamentals in Healthcare Law,” (June 15, 2022)
Fundamentals in Healthcare Law Webinar Series

“Medicaid in Idaho - Fundamentals in Healthcare Law,” (April 20, 2022)
Fundamentals in Healthcare Law Webinar Series

“Medicare Basics - Fundamentals in Healthcare Law,” (March 16, 2022)
Fundamentals in Healthcare Law Webinar Series

“Medicaid in Idaho - Fundamentals in Healthcare Law,” (April 20, 2022)
Fundamentals in Healthcare Law Webinar Series

“HIPAA Privacy and Security - Fundamentals in Healthcare Law,” (January 19, 2022 | 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.)
Fundamentals in Healthcare Law Webinar Series

“ADA Issues Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic,” (October 27, 2021)
33rd Annual Parsons Behle & Latimer Employment Law Seminar

“ADA Issues Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic,” (September 22, 2021)
Parsons Behle & Latimer Ninth Annual Boise Employment Law Seminar

“Patient Care - Fundamentals in Healthcare Law,” (September 15, 2021)
Fundamentals in Healthcare Law Webinar Series

“Mental Health Accommodations: A Growing ADA Problem,” (November 10, 2020)
32nd Annual Parsons Behle & Latimer Employment Law Seminar - Virtual

“Medicare Secondary Payer Update,” (May 27, 2020)
Parsons Behle & Latimer Webinar

“Strings Attached: What Doctors Need to Know About the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Payments,”
(May 13, 2020) Parsons Behle & Latimer Webinar