

Charles Thronson is the senior active shareholder and senior litigator with 48 years of experience at Parsons Behle & Latimer. His practice centers around representing seriously injured or deceased individuals in birth injury, medical malpractice and defective products cases. He also routinely handles auto/semi-truck collisions and whistleblower/corporate fraud cases.



Charles H. Thronson

Senior Shareholder | Salt Lake City

Biography

Charles Thronson is the senior active shareholder at Parsons Behle & Latimer and head of the Personal Injury/Medical Malpractice Division. He has over 48 years of experience and practices throughout the United States in the areas of medical malpractice (especially [birth injury cases](#)), whistleblower (Qui Tam), personal injury, sexual assault and products liability cases. Mr. Thronson has been involved in a number of cases for personal injury and medical malpractice clients that have generated some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the region.

Major verdicts include the largest personal injury/medical malpractice verdict in the state's history (2015 - \$11,268,178) in a medical malpractice brain injury case.

He has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the S.J. Quinney School of Law at the University of Utah, an Adjunct Professor at Westminster College, a long-time member of the Utah Association for Justice (president, 2009-2010) and a frequent lecturer. He is listed in the Top 100 Lawyers in Utah, Mountain States Super Lawyers and he has been recognized since 1995 in The Best Lawyers in America (2012, 2016 and 2024 Plaintiffs' Lawyer of the Year -- Medical Malpractice (Salt Lake City); 2019 Lawyer of the Year -- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs (Salt Lake City)). He was named 2020 Best Lawyers in America "Best of the Best" and 2021 National Alliance of Attorneys - Attorney of the Year - Personal Injury.

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Capabilities

Plaintiffs Personal Injury

Plaintiffs Litigation

Birth Injuries and Severe Injuries
Involving Children

Whistleblower (Qui Tam)

Environmental Property Damage

Mass Tort

Medical Malpractice and Hospital
Negligence

Trucking Collisions

Licensed/Admitted

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

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

Utah

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Accomplishments

Professional

Listed in [Best Lawyers in America](#) (1995 - present) in Medical Malpractice, Litigation, and Personal Injury Litigation

Selected as a 2020 Top Rated Lawyer in Medical Malpractice Law by Corporate Counsel & The American Lawyer Magazines

Selected to Association of American Trial Lawyers' (AOATL) Top 100 attorneys in Utah

Selected in 2025, 2023 and 2015 as a member of the Nation's Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel

Named ACQ Law Awards Utah Leading Lawyer of the Year, 2013 - 2020, U.S. Leading Lawyer of the Year, 2019 and 2020, Personal Injury

CV Magazine's 2019 Corporate Excellence Awards, Most Influential Personal Injury Lawyer of 2019 - Utah

Named [Best Lawyers'](#) 2012, 2016 and 2024 Plaintiffs' Lawyer of the Year for Salt Lake City in Medical Malpractice Law

Named [Best Lawyers'](#) 2019 Plaintiffs' Lawyer of the Year for Salt Lake City in Personal Injury

Named [Best Lawyers'](#) 2020 "Best of the Best"

National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys Top 10 Attorney Award (Utah 2015)

Named 2021 National Alliance of Attorneys - Attorney of the Year - Personal Injury

Listed as one of the Top Lawyers Named by Their Peers, 2012

Listed in [Mountain States Super Lawyers](#)

Listed in [Top 100 Lawyers in Utah](#)

Listed in Utah's Legal Elite

[Martindale-Hubbell](#) AV® Preeminent™ Rating

Listed in "10 Best Attorneys," 2019 and 2021 for Utah, American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys

Selected as a 2020 Top Rated Litigation Lawyer by ALM Media and Martindale-Hubbell

Selected to Lawyers of Distinction, 2021-2024

National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers in Utah, 2021-2024

Top Lawyers, 2022

Elite Lawyer, 2022, 2023

Named Gamechangers Global Awards Utah Leading Lawyer of the Year - Personal Injury, 2021

Top Rated Litigator by The American Lawyer and the National Law Journal, 2022, 2023

2022 Elite Attorney - National Trial Lawyers

2022 Top 25 Products Liability Trial Lawyer - National Trial Lawyers

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Recognized in Top Lawyers of Mountain States, 2023

Academic

Harvard University - Post Graduate (Fundamentals of Neuroscience, 2021)

Creighton University (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1977) (ranked 3rd in class of 172)

Editorial Staff, *Creighton University Law Review*

University of Washington (B.A., 1972)

Major: Business Administration

Athletics: Freshman and Varsity Crew

Adjunct Professor, Advanced Torts Practice, University of Utah, College of Law, 1999 – 2003

Adjunct Professor, Westminster College, 1986 - 1988

Associations

Professional

Utah Association for Justice

Board of Governors

(2004 - present)

President

(2009 - 2010)

American Bar Foundation

Fellow

Alpha Sigma Nu National Academic Honor Society

National Association of Distinguished Counsel

Litigation Counsel of America

Founding Fellow

Utah State Bar

Bar Examiner

(1986 - 2009)

Utah State Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing,

Prelitigation Task Force

(1995 - 1997)

American Association for Justice

Member

Salt Lake County Bar Association

Member

American Bar Association

Member

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Judge Memorial High School
Board of Directors
(2007 - 2014)

Utah State Bar: Litigation Section
Member

Community

388th Fighter Squadron F-16 Viper, Hill Air Force Base, Utah

Honorary Vice-Wing Commander

Articles

“Child or Chattel? Minor’s Claims for Medical Expenses,” *Utah Trial Journal*, Apr. 4, 2018

Co-author: “*Condemarin v. University Hospital*, a 24-Year Retrospective,” *Utah Trial Journal*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Spring/Summer 2013) Oct. 30, 2013

Co-author: “Admissibility of Post-Injury Conduct - Subsequent Remedial Measures and Punitive Damages,” *Utah Trial Journal*, Vol. 35, No. 2, Jan. 1, 2012

“The Real Bogeyman,” *Utah Trial Journal*, Dec. 1, 2010

“Just Lucky,” *Utah Trial Journal*, June 1, 2010

“Discoverability and Admissibility of Immigration Status,” *Utah Trial Journal*, June 1, 2010

“In Praise of Regulation,” *Utah Trial Journal*, Mar. 1, 2010

“The Wrongful Death Guarantee, Part II,” *Utah Trial Journal*, Mar. 1, 2006

“Health Courts: Not So Fair and Equitable,” *Utah Trial Journal*

Presentations

Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit, Combined Grand Rounds, University of Utah Medical Center, Apr. 29, 2016

Trial Fundamentals, Utah Association for Justice, Apr. 6, 2015

Big Verdict - Small Town, Utah State Bar, Salt Lake City, Nov. 4, 2013

The Big Verdict, Utah Association of Justice, Salt Lake City, Jan. 15, 2013

Recent Trial Victories and Strategy, Utah Association of Justice, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2012

Medical Malpractice in Utah, Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2009

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2007

Prelitigation Practice, Association of Nurse Life Care Planners, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2007

Crafting the Closing Argument, Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2007

Hospital Liens, Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City Jan. 1, 2006

Prelitigation Practice, Association of Nurse Life Care Planners, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2005

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Discovery, Deposition and Motion Practice in the Complex Plaintiff's Case, Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2005

Medical Malpractice, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 1, 2004

Medical Malpractice – The State of The Law, Intermountain Healthcare Park City Nursing Conference, Park City, Utah, Jan. 1, 2004

The Practice of Personal Injury Law: A Two-Case Study, Arizona State University School of Law, Phoenix, Arizona, Jan. 1, 2003

Perinatal Legal Issues, Annual Northern Perinatal Outreach Conference, Jackson, Wyoming, Jan. 1, 2002

Medical Malpractice in Utah, Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City, Jan. 1, 2002

Obstetrical Malpractice, Intermountain Health Care, Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 1, 2001

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