

Liz is a litigator and mediator practicing in several areas including complex business litigation, intellectual property litigation, natural resource litigation and competitive employment issues in both Utah and California.



Liz Butler

Litigation Practice Area Co-Chairperson
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Biography

Liz is a member of Parsons' Litigation practice team and serves as counsel in numerous matters involving complex commercial litigation, employment and labor issues, and shareholder and partnership disputes involving entities of various types and sizes. These include recognized outdoor apparel and equipment manufacturers, electronic manufacturing companies, and family real estate businesses.

In addition, Liz is an experienced litigator of intellectual property matters requiring interpretation of complex patents as well as cases in the realm of copyright, trade dress and trademark law.

Liz has litigated a case of first impression in Utah jurisprudence involving interpretation of Utah's constitution and common law doctrine related to access to and use of waters flowing over private property in the State of Utah.

Liz has extensive experience litigating competitive issues including both enforcement and defense of restrictive covenants. In addition, she counsels and represents public and private employers on labor and employment matters including, but not limited to, collective bargaining, grievances, arbitration, labor litigation and related matters.

As an active community member both personally and professionally, Liz has dedicated her time and skill to multiple causes including serving as a board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah, the Utah Rape Recovery Center and Utah Clean Energy. She is the chair of 1999 Collective and is a member of Salt Lake County Search and Rescue. Most recently, Liz has dedicated her time to the S.J. Quinney College of Law as an adjunct professor where she has created

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Capabilities

Business & Commercial Litigation

Patent Litigation

Trade Secret Litigation

Trademark and Trade Dress Litigation

Public Lands

Employment Litigation

Employment & Labor

Appeals

Antitrust & Competition

Licensed/Admitted

Utah

California

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and taught a class called Advanced Discovery. Liz has also served as a board member for the S.J. Quinney Young Alumni Association.

Prior to joining Parsons Behle & Latimer, Liz served as chair of Jones Waldo's Board of Directors, chair of the Jones Waldo Women Lawyers Group, and chair of the Associate Recruiting Committee. Outside of the office, Liz enjoys exploring the Wasatch Mountains with her husband and two dogs. Liz is an avid ultra-runner and finisher of the Wasatch 100.

Experience

Access Coalition v. VR Acquisitions, LLC, et al., Civil No. 100500558

Representing client in defending the constitutionality of the Public Waters Access Act that permits private landowners in the state to restrict access to the privately-owned streambeds across the state of Utah.

Accomplishments

Professional

2014 – 2022 Super Lawyers Rising Star in Intellectual Property Litigation

Utah Legal Elite, Civil Litigation, 2021, 2022

Utah Dispute Resolution, Basic Mediation Training, 2021

Best Lawyers in America “One to Watch,” Commercial Litigation

Academic

S. J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, J.D. with Highest Honors 2011. 5th highest cumulative G.P.A. in class

Order of the Coif

William H. Leary Scholar, Quinney Award

Associate Editor, *Utah Law Review*

CALI Award for the highest grade in eight law school courses including Current Issues in Law & Biosciences, Criminal Procedure, Administrative Law, Legal Methods, Constitutional Law, and Property

Hamilton College, B.A., Psychology, B.A., Economics (2004)

Associations

Professional

S.J. Quinney College of Law, adjunct professor 2026 – present

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, Young Alumni Association, Board Member

Intern, for the Honorable Dee Benson, United States District Court for the District of Utah, Spring, 2010, Clerkship, Utah Attorney General, Environmental Division, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2009-2010

Community

1999 Collective, Chair

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Utah Clean Energy, Board Member (2023-present)

Salt Lake County Search & Rescue Team, Member

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah, Board Member (2013-2016)

Utah Rape Recovery Center, Board Member (2015-2020)

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