

*Leah Schwartz is the managing shareholder of Parsons' offices in Jackson, Wyoming. She is a litigator and problem solver practicing in several areas including business litigation, land use, real property disputes, fiduciary and trust matters and employment. Leah also maintains an active appellate practice.*



## Leah C. Schwartz

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### Biography

Leah works with a broad range of corporate and individual clients to resolve civil disputes inside and outside the courtroom. She has extensive experience appearing before federal and state courts and administrative agencies at both the trial and appellate levels. Her clients include for- and non-profit businesses, landowners, employers and professionals. Leah's work extends across Wyoming and beyond.

Leah practiced with the Wyoming law firm of Davis & Cannon, LLP for several years before returning to her hometown of Jackson to manage her family's law firm Ranck & Schwartz, LLC until joining Parsons in January 2024. Leah is a fourth-generation Wyomingite.

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### Capabilities

Business & Commercial Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation  
Employment Litigation  
Employment & Labor  
Appeals

### Licensed/Admitted

Wyoming

Colorado

U.S. District Court, District of  
Wyoming

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

## Experience

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Gibson S. Peterson, Probate No. 21978A (Wyoming State Ct., Natrona County)**

Defended client beneficiary's interests in probate dispute as lead and first-chair trial counsel.

### **Kittleson et al v. Star Valley Ranch Ass'n, Civil Action No. 2018-115-DC (Wyoming State Ct., Lincoln County)**

Achieved merits ruling in favor of HOA client as lead and first-chair trial counsel.

### **Tozzi v. Moffett, 430 P.3d 754 (Wyo. 2018)**

Co-counsel in trial proceedings on summary judgment and subsequent appeal resolved in favor of client facing claims for breach of fiduciary duty.

### **HB Family Ltd. Partnership et al v. Teton County and Teton Raptor Center, 468 P.3d 1081 (Wyo. 2020)**

Defended variance permit challenge on behalf of non-profit client as co-counsel on appeal before Wyoming Supreme Court.

### **Four B Properties, LLC v. The Nature Conservancy, 458 P.3d 832 (Wyo. 2020)**

Argued successful dispositive motion and defended ruling upholding conservation easement as co-counsel on appeal before Wyoming Supreme Court.

### **HRH, LLC v. Teton County et al., Case No. 18-cv-00104-SWS (U.S. Dist. Ct., Wyoming)**

Achieved merits ruling in favor of client (a local unincorporated non-profit) following multi-day bench trial.

## Accomplishments

### Professional

Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming (Hon. Nancy D. Freudenthal)

Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (Hon. Gregory A. Phillips)

### Academic

University of Wyoming College of Law, J.D. (2012)

- Order of the Coif (Class Rank 1 of 74)
- Inaugural Clarence A. Brimmer Scholar
- Recipient of Public Service and Lloyd N. Hagood Scholarships
- Student Director of John M. Burman's Legal Services Clinic / Named 3L Outstanding Clinical Student
- High "A" grade in Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Civil Procedure, and Professional Responsibility
- Published case note with the Wyoming Law Review

Stanford University, B.A., English (2007)

## Associations

### Professional

Tenth Circuit Historical Society

- VP Elect, Past Wyoming State VP

Pro bono panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Honorary member of the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission

Wyoming State Bar Federal Practice Section (2018-present; past chair)

Wyoming Civil Jury Instruction Committee (2016-2021)

Ewing T. Kerr American Inns of Court (2015-2018; leadership 2015-2016)

Wyoming State Bar Association (member)

American Bar Association (member)

### Community

Equal Justice Wyoming Foundation

- Board member (past President)

## Presentations

“Tales from the Tenth Podcast” (host)