

*Matt Ekins has an experienced real estate and business practice focusing on development and landowner's rights and serves clients to find meaningful solutions to complex issues in transactions or in state and federal courts.*



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### Capabilities

Real Estate

Real Estate Litigation

Business & Commercial Litigation

Water Rights, Quality & Infrastructure

Trusts, Wills & Estates

### Licensed/Admitted

Utah

Nevada

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

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. Of Nevada

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit

## Matthew D. Ekins

Office Managing Shareholder | St. George

### Biography

Matthew D. Ekins is a seasoned attorney with a focused practice for individuals, small businesses and landowners. Communication with the client, loyalty and dedicated service are his practicing trademarks. Work and case load primarily focuses in three areas of the law: real estate; business and corporate; estate planning and probate. He has practiced law since 2008 and is admitted to Utah and Nevada. Mr. Ekins is the current office managing shareholder for Parsons' St. George office.

Prior to the practice of law, Mr. Ekins worked in the title industry for nearly four years. In 2015, Mr. Ekins served as the Southern Utah Bar president; from 2012-2013 as the Southern Utah Estate Planning council director; is a member of the Intermountain Health St. George Regional Professional Advisory Council; and is a member of the Switchpoint Legacy Council. As legal counsel he enjoys working with the business owner, the widow and the elderly to ensure their rights and interests are protected.

Mr. Ekins presents educational topics to these groups and participates in reduced fee or pro bono activities for these clients.

He is the author of "Large-Scale Disasters Attacking the American Dream: How to Protect and Empower Homeowners and Lenders," Western New England Law Review, Volume 30, Number 2, 2008. Mr. Ekins is fluent in Portuguese.

### Experience

Successfully aided a master planned community developer and landowners for Utah County real estate to challenge

private transfer fees recorded against their property. Over 2,000 acres entitled for development were clouded by a declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions asserting payment for private transfer fees upon the sale of land. Problems continued when Covenant Clearinghouse, LLC recorded notices of private transfer fees after the declaration. Strategic efforts, use of Utah Code Ann. § 57-1-47 and sound development of legal arguments in the lawsuit against Covenant Clearinghouse, LLC resolved the dispute timely.

## Accomplishments

### Professional

Southern Utah Bar Association President, 2015

Southern Utah Bar Association Board Member, 2012 to 2014

### Academic

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, 2008

- Dean's Tutorial Society Fellow
- Labor Law Scholarship Recipient
- Published law review article, 2008

Utah Tech University Institute of Continued Learning Presenter, 2012-2014

Utah State University, 2003

## Associations

### Professional

Utah Bar

Nevada Bar

### Community

Southern Utah Bar Association

Southern Utah Estate Planning Council

## Articles

“Large-Scale Disasters Attacking the American Dream: How to Protect and Empower Homeowners and Lenders,” *Western New England Law Review*, Volume 30, Number 2, 2008