

Sarah Jenkins Dewey is a skilled litigator, appellate attorney and legal strategist whose practice focuses on complex commercial, business and environmental litigation in state and federal courts. Sarah empowers clients by providing a comprehensive legal analysis of the risks and strengths of their cases, ensuring they understand the laws at play, then mapping a strategic path to create an optimal outcome.



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Capabilities

Appeals

Business & Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Environmental Litigation & Administrative Appeals

Licensed/Admitted

Utah

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

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

Sarah Jenkins Dewey Of Counsel | Salt Lake City

Biography

Sarah Jenkins Dewey is of counsel and member of Parsons Behle & Latimer's litigation practice team, where she maintains a strong motion practice, representing clients primarily in business and commercial matters. She has also represented clients in conservatorship proceedings, section 1983 claims, personal injury cases and construction litigation.

Sarah uses her extensive background in writing, research, rhetoric and editing to craft robust arguments for her clients at all stages of litigation, from pre-litigation talks to appeals. Sarah has worked with and learned from some of Utah's best legal writers, including as a clerk for Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant of the Utah Supreme Court and Judge J. Frederic Voros, Jr. of the Utah Court of Appeals.

During law school, Sarah was editor-in-chief of the BYU Law Review, clerked for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Utah Attorney General's Office and interned for Judge Marian Blank Horn on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. She also holds graduate degrees in literature and writing and has taught college-level classes in writing and rhetoric.

Experience

Misappropriation of Trade Secrets, Unfair Competition

Representing client in Utah federal court for misappropriation of trade secrets, statutory and common laws, unfair competition, trademark infringement, embezzlement, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference and conspiracy.

Public Records Access Motion for Summary Judgment

Parsons' client The Salt Lake Tribune asked for copies of officer interviews from the City of West Jordan, as part of a project assembling a database of Utah police involved shootings. The city refused to release the records, and The Tribune challenged that access denial in an appeal to the district court. The court issued a ruling granting the Tribune's Motion for Summary Judgment and ordered West Jordan to turn over those records, with minimal redactions.

Accomplishments

Professional

Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2023-present

Law Clerk to Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant, Utah Supreme Court, 2017

Law Clerk to Judge J. Frederic Voros, Jr., Utah Court of Appeals, 2015–2016

Law Clerk for the Criminal Appeal Division of the Utah Attorney General's Office, 2014 – 2015

Judicial Intern, Judge Miriam Blank Horn, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2013

Academic

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, 2015 (*cum laude*)

- Editor-in-chief, *BYU Law Review*
- J. Reuben Clark Award for Academic Excellence, Integrity, & Service, 2014 & 2015

Master of Fine Arts (poetry), Northwestern University, 2011

- Distinguished Thesis Award

Master of Arts (English literature), Brigham Young University, 2008

B.A. English, Brigham Young University, 2005

Associations

Professional

Fellow, Utah Leadership Academy, 2024

Member, Utah Supreme Court Standing Committee on Appellate Representation, 2024 - present

Member, Utah Supreme Court Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, 2022 – present

Member, Utah State Bar Character & Fitness Committee, 2022 – present

J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Executive Secretary, 2019 – 2021