

*Alan Mouritsen leads the firm's appellate practice group. His practice focuses on civil and criminal appeals in state and federal appellate courts. He also assists clients with all aspects of appellate preservation, including drafting and arguing motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment and trial-related motions.*



## Alan S. Mouritsen

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### Biography

Alan Mouritsen is a member of the firm's litigation practice group and concentrates his practice on appeals, constitutional law, administrative law and securities litigation.

As part of his appellate practice, Mr. Mouritsen has written briefs in the Tenth Circuit, the Ninth Circuit, the Eighth Circuit, the Sixth Circuit, the Second Circuit, the Utah Supreme Court and the Utah Court of Appeals. He has argued before the Tenth Circuit, the Utah Supreme Court and the Utah Court of Appeals. He served two terms as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure and is a member of the CJA panel for the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Mr. Mouritsen grew up in, and recently returned to, Grantsville, Utah, where he currently serves as a member of the Tooele County Board of Education. He received his bachelor's degree cum laude from Pomona College. He graduated with distinction from Stanford Law School, where he was an articles editor on the Stanford Law Review and a member of the Stanford Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Following graduation, Mr. Mouritsen clerked for Judge Jay S. Bybee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

### Experience

#### **Medical Malpractice Insurance Defense**

Defending a plastic surgeon client in a punitive damages claim against his medical malpractice insurer.

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### Capabilities

Appeals

Business & Commercial Litigation

Insurance Litigation

Securities Litigation

### Licensed/Admitted

Utah

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

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

## Represented Doctor Before Utah Supreme Court on Cross-Appeal in Medical Malpractice Insurer Dispute

Parsons attorneys won a bad-faith verdict for their medical doctor client against his malpractice carrier. When the insurer appealed the verdict, they cross-appealed because the district court had dismissed their punitive damages claim. The Utah Supreme Court ruled entirely for Parsons' client, including a new jury who would determine whether and how much to award the doctor in punitive damages.

## Nichols v. Jacobsen Construction Co., 2016 UT 9, 374 P.3d 3

On an issue of first impression in Utah, persuaded Utah Supreme Court in Nichols v. Jacobsen Construction Co., 2016 UT 9, 374 P.3d 3, that general contractor's contractor-controlled insurance program entitled the contractor to immunity from injured worker's tort suit under Utah law.

## Accomplishments

### Professional

Mountain States Super Lawyers Rising Star, Appellate, 2019-2021

Utah Legal Elite: Civil Litigation, 2021; Up & Coming, 2020

### Academic

Stanford Law School (2009)

- Articles Editor, *Stanford Law Review*

Pomona College (2006)

- Phi Beta Kappa

Conversant in Russian

## Associations

### Professional

Tooele County Board of Education

Member

Advisory Committee for the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure

Member

American Bar Association

Salt Lake County Bar Association