

As a member of Parsons energy, environment, and natural resources practice group, Sean Robison advises clients on securing, managing, and protecting water resources through permitting, adjudication, compliance, and strategic planning.



Sean Robison

Associate | Salt Lake City

Biography

Sean Robison is an experienced water rights attorney who guides his clients through the acquisition, protection, and administration of water rights and the development of water projects. He advises landowners, agricultural producers, non-profit water companies, developers, and public water suppliers on navigating complex water rights issues with an emphasis on long-term resource planning and regulatory compliance. Sean holds a water rights certification from the Rural Water Association of Utah and the Utah Division of Water Rights.

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Capabilities

Water Rights, Quality & Infrastructure
Project Permitting & Compliance
Environmental & Natural Resources
Energy & Utilities

Sean assists clients through the process of buying and selling water rights throughout Utah. He represents clients in water adjudications, permitting and change applications, enforcement actions, and water-related litigation before both administrative agencies and state courts. Sean focuses on closely collaborating with clients to develop practical solutions to challenging water issues with real world impacts.

Licensed/Admitted

Utah

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Accomplishments

Professional

Utah Water Rights Certification – Rural Water Association of Utah

Academic

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law (J.D. 2022, with high honors)

- Graduate Certificate – Environmental & Natural Resources Law
- CALI Award in Mining Law
- Outstanding Achievement Award in Water Law
- Behle Research Fellow – Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources & the Environment

Brigham Young University (B.S., Wildlife & Wildlands Conservation, 2018)

Associations

Professional

Member, Utah State Bar-Energy

Salt Lake County Bar Association

American Bar Association-Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

The Foundation for Natural Resources & Energy Law (formerly Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation)

Articles

“Red Paddle-Blue Paddle: Clean Water Act Ping Pong,” (March 9, 2021)

The Advocate (Idaho State Bar), Vol. 64, No. 3

Clean Water Act Case Review: Glaser and the Future of the Irrigation Return Flow Exemption,” (October 1, 2020)

The Advocate (Idaho State Bar), Vol. 63, No. 10

Presentations

Co-Speaker, National Business Institute CLE: “Water is For Drinking and Fighting: Transactional Touchpoints,” March 6, 2025

Co-Speaker, Idaho State Bar CLE: “Case Studies: Colorado & Utah – Legal and Administrative Issues with Domestic Water Use and What We Wished We Would Have Known,” Sept. 14, 2022

“A Deep Look into Idaho’s Domestic Well Exemption,” Sept. 14, 2022, Idaho Bar CLE Workshop

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