

Sometimes a client's needs might not be best met through litigation. Mr. Bird can assist clients through counseling and representation to achieve a more efficient result using alternative legislative and regulatory processes.



David R. Bird

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Biography

David Bird is a shareholder in Parsons Behle & Latimer's Government Relations and Lobbying practice group where he serves as co-chair. Mr. Bird is involved in building coalitions, representing trade and professional associations, and lobbying for the interests of individual clients. He has been involved with a broad range of legislative issues for over 40 years.

Mr. Bird is a member of the Utah Mining Association Executive Committee. He is the chair of the Utah Manufacturers Legislative Committee and is the former chair of the Legislative Action Committee of the Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and of the Utah State Bar Legislative Affairs Committee. Mr. Bird is a past president of the Utah State Bar and served as the Bar representative on the Utah Judicial Conduct Commission and the Utah State Judicial Council. He taught environmental law at Brigham Young University.

Accomplishments

Professional

Energy & Natural Resources Young Lawyer of the Year, 1982

Utah Mining Association Patrick E. Conner Award for Distinguished Service, 2010

Best Lawyers in America 2012, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025 "Lawyer of the Year" for Government Relations Practice, Salt Lake City

Recognized in "*The Best Lawyers in America*"

Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rating

Utah Legal Elite, Energy & Natural Resources

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Capabilities

Governmental Relations
& Regulatory Law

Government Relations & Lobbying
Mining Water Rights

Licensed/Admitted

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

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

Utah

Academic

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

(J.D., 1977)

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*

J. Reuben Clark Scholar

Law Review 1975-77

Brigham Young University (B.S., 1973)

Honors: Cum Laude

Associations**Professional**

Utah State Bar

President

(2005 - 2006)

Utah State Bar Commission

Member

(2001 - 2007)

American Bar Association

Member

(1977 - Present)

Utah Judicial Conduct Commission

Member

(2001 - 2003)

Utah Judicial Council

Member

(2003 - 2006)

Utah State Bar, Energy & Natural Resources Section

Chairman, Section Officer

(1985 - 1989)

Utah State Bar, Water Committee

Chairman

(1981 - 1983)

Utah State Bar, Environmental Committee

Chairman

(1983 - 1985)

Community

Barrick Mercur Gold Mine Foundation

Trustee

(1990 - Present)

Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce,
Legislative Affairs Committee
Past Chair

Labor Commission,
Workers Compensation Advisory Council
Member
(1994 - 2017)

Utah Manufacturers Association
Board of Directors
(2006 - 2017)
Chair of Legislative Committee

Utah Foundation
Board Member
(1996 - 2019)

Utah Mining Association Board of Directors
Executive Committee
(1995 - 2020)
President
(2000 - 2001)
Chair of Legislative & Tax Committee
(1982 - Present)

Salt Lake Valley Health Department,
Environmental Advisory Council
Member
(1985 - 2010)