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**JESS M. KRANNICH**  
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**SUMMARY**

Attorney with substantial litigation and arbitration experience in multiple practice areas, including complex commercial disputes, business fraud, securities class action and shareholder derivative matters, professional malpractice (accountant liability), bankruptcy, products liability and intellectual property.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar, LLC, Salt Lake City, UT**

*Partner, 2012 - Present*

- Trial counsel to largest international fast-food franchising corporation in case involving allegations of breach of contract, fraud, unjust enrichment, and other claims. Five-week jury trial scheduled in San Francisco in 2012.
- Litigation counsel to medical device manufacturer and supplier in preliminary injunction proceeding regarding alleged breach of contract and trade secrets violations.
- Trial counsel to nutritional supplement manufacturer in New Jersey class action involving allegations of consumer fraud related to various advertisements.
- Trial counsel in shareholder dispute between shareholders and officers of Delaware corporation involving allegations of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty regarding purchase of stock in various intellectual property portfolio companies.

**Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, IL**

*Associate, 2005 - 2006, 2007 - 2011; Partner, 2011 - 2012*

- Arbitration counsel to international accounting firm in suit alleging professional malpractice and breach of contract brought by former client involved in international jewelry manufacturing and sales. Obtained award of no liability and zero damages following four-week arbitration.
- Counsel to Fortune 500 technology company in multiple class action securities fraud and related shareholder derivative actions. Successfully moved to dismiss several cases with prejudice following amendments to operative complaints. Negotiated highly favorable settlement in securities fraud action alleging \$1.3 billion in damages on eve of trial.
- Defense counsel to Fortune 500 telecommunications corporation in lawsuit involving allegations of patent infringement, correction of inventorship, breach of contract and fraud. Successfully moved to dismiss primary claims in nineteen-count complaint.
- Trial counsel to Big Four accounting firm in action involving alleged improper valuation of healthcare conglomerate purchased by plaintiff. Successfully moved for summary judgment on some claims and prevailed on remaining claims following jury trial, resulting in verdict of zero liability.

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- Lead litigation counsel for international automotive parts manufacturer in various post-bankruptcy actions. Successfully obtained dismissal of multiple actions in state and federal court against both pre- and post-bankruptcy entities.
- Appointed by Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals as lead counsel to represent pro bono clients in two appeals involving significant issues of constitutional and criminal law.
- Member of Recruiting Committee, responsible for on-campus interviewing and committee decisions regarding law student and lateral hiring.

**Judge Joan B. Gottschall, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL**  
*Law Clerk, 2006-07*

- Drafted orders and opinions in both civil and criminal cases.
- Assisted with preparation for all aspects of civil and criminal trials and hearings, including voir dire, motion arguments, evidentiary hearings, and sentencing.
- Responsible for managing docket, both generally and for individual cases.

**Chief Justice Christine M. Durham, Utah Supreme Court, Salt Lake City, UT**  
*Law Clerk, 2006*

- Drafted majority and dissenting opinions in various areas of civil and criminal law.
- Assisted with preparation for oral argument.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, UT**  
*Juris Doctor, 2005*

- Top 5%, class of 2005; Order of the Coif.
- UTAH LAW REVIEW, Articles Editor.
- National Moot Court Competition: Region XI Champion and National Finalist team.
- Traynor Moot Court Competition: First Place; Best Brief; Best Oralist.
- CALI Awards (highest grade in course): Lawyering Skills and Corporate Theory.
- College of Law Outstanding Achievement Awards: Contracts, History of the Law, Land Use Control, and Federal Income Tax.
- S.J. Quinney College Council Student Representative: 2002-2005.

**University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT**

*Bachelor of Science, Political Science, with Honors, 2002*

- Four-year Recipient of the Honors Program Scholarship (full tuition).
- Presidential Scholar's Award; National Dean's List; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society; Golden Key National Honor Society.

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**PUBLICATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- Jess M. Krannich, *In Dedication to Chief Justice Christine M. Durham*, 75 U. Albany L. Rev. 101 (2012).
- Jess M. Krannich, James R. Holbrook & Julie McAdams, *Beyond “Thinking Like a Lawyer” and the Traditional Legal Paradigm: Toward a Comprehensive View of Legal Education*, 86 DEN. U. L. REV. 381 (2009).
- Guest Lecturer, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law: Lawyering Skills (Spring 2008); Effective Interviewing and Counseling (Fall 2005).
- Jess M. Krannich, *A Modern Disaster: Agricultural Land, Urban Growth, and the Need for a Federally Organized Comprehensive Land Use Planning Model*, 16 CORNELL J. L. & PUB. POL’Y 57 (2006).
- Guest Lecturer, Loyola University Chicago School of Law: The Theory of Corporate Constitutional Rights (Spring 2006).
- Jess M. Krannich, *The Corporate “Person”: A New Analytical Approach to a Flawed Method of Constitutional Interpretation*, 37 LOYOLA UNIV. CHICAGO L. J. 61 (2005).
- Jess M. Krannich, *A Defendant Has a Right to Seek Capital Punishment*, 2004 UTAH L. REV. 173 (2004).

**ADMISSIONS**

- Utah State Bar, admission pending.
- Illinois State Bar, 2005 - present.
- United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit.
- United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit.
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois.
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.
- Illinois Supreme Court.

**OTHER DISTINCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Recipient, Kirkland & Ellis LLP Pro Bono Service Award (2009, 2010, 2011).
- UTAH LAW REVIEW Alumni Board, 2006 - present.
- Public Interest Law Initiative (Chicago) Fellow, Summer 2005.