

Sandi Johnson

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy District Attorney, 2002-Present

Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, SLC, Utah

- Independently evaluated, analyzed, managed, developed, presented, and tried cases involving Homicides, Special Victims, Major Crashes, Organized Gangs, Narcotics, General Felonies, Misdemeanors, and Juveniles
- Advised attorneys and law enforcement officers on trial strategy, interpreted and applied statutes and case law for use in preparation of cases, interviewed police officers, victims and witnesses in preparation for hearings and trials, and negotiated plea agreements
- Created and lead the Major Crash Team, which screens and prosecutes all criminal deaths involving automobiles in Salt Lake County.
- Supervised and mentored law students participating in the 3rd Year Practice Criminal Clinic internship through the S.J. Quinney College of Law
- Researched and wrote memoranda in the areas of constitutional law, statutory interpretation, and administrative rules

Law Clerk, 2000-2002

Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, SLC, Utah

- Conducted legal research, prepared motions, legal memoranda, and discovery

EDUCATION

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, SLC, Utah

Juris Doctor, 2002

- National Moot Court Team

University of Utah, SLC, Utah, May 1998

- Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)
- Criminology Certificate

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Applying the Standards of Professionalism and Civility to the Practice of Criminal Law," Utah Bar Journal, January 2006
- 21st Annual Utah Gang Conference, Keynote Speaker, "Prosecuting Gang Involved Homicides," April 2011, Sandy, Utah
- 23rd Annual Utah Gang Conference, Instructor, "Investigating and Prosecuting Gang Cases," April 2013, Sandy, Utah
- 19th Annual Utah Gang Conference, Instructor, "Gang Investigations," April 2009, Sandy, Utah

TRAINER & INSTRUCTOR

- Presented useful and practical materials in an engaging manner, with top marks on evaluations and requests for additional presentations. Topics included case management trainings, child endangerment prosecutions, courtroom testimony, legislative and case law updates, Miranda, Search and Seizure, search warrants and search warrant writing, and major crash case studies
 - UPC Conferences and Basic Prosecutor Course
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office
 - Law School Mock Trial Classes
 - High School Classes
 - High School Mock Trial Team

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board member, which duties include budget oversight, making rule and policy changes as necessary for the efficient management of cases and the fiscal sustainability of the fund, ruling on appeals for restitution payments, and approving VOCA and VAWA grant requests as recommended by the screening and allocation committees (2013-Present)
- Salt Lake Valley Emergency Fund Board member, which duties include reviewing and approving applications from crime victim advocates or police agencies applying for emergency funds for crime victims (2015-Present)
- Advised, taught, and mentored new prosecutors as faculty for the Utah Prosecution Council's Basic Prosecutor Course, and helped plan course curriculum (2012-Present)
- Researched, analyzed, and prepared proposed jury instructions for criminal cases as a member of the Model Utah Jury Instructions Committee to be used in all district and justice courts throughout the State of Utah (2010 – Present)
- Member of the Regional Gang Reduction Workgroup and the Midvale Advancement Project Coordinating Body, which sought to integrate community resources and criminal justice approaches to gang prevention and prosecution, while utilizing evidence-based approaches (2012-2013)

AWARDS

- 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award, 23rd Annual Utah Gang Conference
- 2012 Attorney of the Year, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office
- 2010 Prosecutor of the Year, Utah Gang Investigators Association
- 2007 Prosecutor of the Year, Utah Gang Investigators Association
- 2007 Outstanding Achievement Award, 18th Annual Utah Gang Conference
- 2009 Utah Business Magazine Legal Elite Attorney – Criminal Law