

# ROBERT H. HUGHES

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## EDUCATION

### University of Utah College of Law, J.D. (2003)

- Order of the Coif (2003); Certificate in Environmental Law (2003).
- Utah Law Review, Articles Editor; published Note: *That Was Then, But That's What Counts: Freezing the Law of R.S. 2477*, 2002 Utah L. Rev. 679.
- Marriner S. Eccles Graduate Research Fellowship in Political Economy (2002); West Group Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award (2001); Scott Woodland Merit Scholarship (2000).
- President, Natural Resources Law Forum (2002-03).

### Harvard University, A.B. (1995)

A.B. in Psychology, *cum laude*, June 1995. Dean's List, Harvard College Scholarship.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Senior Counsel – Utah Transit Authority

April 2007 – present

In-house counsel for public transit district. Provided legal advice to executives and staff regarding all aspects of the Transit 2015 program, which completed five rail transit projects in five years.

#### Practice areas:

- Real Property: negotiation and drafting of purchase and sale agreements; licensing third-party uses
- Railroads: compliance with FRA rules; purchase and sale of land grant rail corridors
- Construction: assisted with procurement of contractors and negotiation and drafting of complex design-build and construction manager/general contractor agreements
- Local Government: negotiation and drafting of interlocal agreements; dispute resolution
- Procurement: provide counsel to UTA purchasing division on all manner of local and federally-funded procurements
- Litigation: eminent domain, real estate; personal injury defense; grade crossing litigation

#### Presentations:

- Referendum Law: Utah Land Use Institute (Oct., 2013)

### Attorney - Parsons Behle & Latimer

May 2003 – April 2007

Associate in the Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources Department.

#### Practice areas:

- Real Property: easement and boundary disputes; eminent domain; trespass and nuisance actions; drafting access and easement agreements; title examination.
- Natural Resources: public land access issues; litigation and transactional matters for private water companies and special service districts; mine permitting; etc.
- Environmental: litigation; formal administrative adjudications; legislative drafting.
- Land Use & Zoning: securing entitlements; annexation; administrative appeals; litigation; drafting privatization agreements; water supply contracts.

#### Presentations:

- R.S. 2477: Utah Bar Annual Convention (July, 2006); Nevada Landman's Assoc. (March, 2006); Real Estate Section, Utah State Bar (2005).
- Public Rights in Waters: Water Law & Policy Seminars (March, 2007); Natural Resources Section, Utah State Bar (August, 2008)
- Roadless Rule: Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute (July, 2007)

### Freelance Writer

September 1998 – October 2000

Worked on a contract basis for various companies, creating website copy, sales literature, user manuals, etc.

### Journalist - The Daily Herald, Provo Utah

March 1997 – January 2000

Wrote "Manic Impressions," a weekly humor column, for eighteen months. Also did some reporting, editing.

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**Technical Writer** - CUSA Technologies, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

**April 1997 – August 1998**

Researched, wrote, and edited documentation for credit union data processing software.

## REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Mouty v. Sandy City Recorder*, 2005 UT 41 (holding that all actions by a city council in a council/mayor form of government are subject to referendum)
- *Conatser v. Johnson*, 2008 UT 48 (establishing right of public to walk on the beds of public water courses flowing over private property)

## PUBLIC SERVICE

**Board Chair, Board Member** - TreeUtah, Salt Lake City, Utah

**June 2003 - 2009**

Served on Board of TreeUtah, a local non-profit dedicated to promoting urban forestry. Board Chair 2006-2008.