

RUTH HACKFORD-PEER

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, May 2013

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law

Salt Lake City, UT

Academic Performance:

- *Order of the Coif*
- Highest Honors at Graduation
- Class Standing: 3/150; Cumulative GPA: 3.94
- CALI Awards (highest grade in a course) *Arbitration, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Health Law & Human Rights, Legal Methods II, Mediation & Advanced Negotiation, and Prepping, Examining, & Cross Examining Witnesses*
- College of Law Outstanding Achievement Awards (outstanding performance in a course) *Evidence, Legal Methods I, Legal Professions, Judicial Process, and Trial Advocacy*

Co-Curricular Experiences:

- Intern in Appellate Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Utah, Spring 2013
- Judicial Intern to Judge Ted Stewart, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, Fall 2012
- Judicial Intern to Judge Scott Matheson, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Spring 2012

Activities:

- Note & Comment Editor, *UTAH LAW REVIEW*, 2011–2013
- Invited Participant, Regional Mediation Team Competition, 2012–2013 (3rd place finish)
- Legal Methods Teaching Assistant, 2012–2013
- Outlaws Vice-President, 2011–2012
- Academic Success Program Teaching Assistant, 2011–2012
- Pro Bono Certificate of Service for 50+ hours of pro bono service during law school

University of Massachusetts

Amherst, MA

Master of Education, 4.0 GPA, *summa cum laude*, May 2000

Utah State University

Logan, UT

Bachelor of Science, English (minor in Psychology), 3.86 GPA, *magna cum laude*, June 1996

EXPERIENCE

U.S. District Court for the District of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

Law Clerk to Chief Magistrate Judge Brooke C. Wells, April 2016–present

- Review briefing filed with the court, conduct legal research, draft bench memoranda, and draft written decisions for a federal magistrate judge

Parsons Behle & Latimer

Salt Lake City, UT

Associate Attorney, September 2014–April 2016 (with offer to return after clerkship)

- Member of Commercial Litigation and Employment & Labor Divisions
- Draft pleadings, discovery requests, substantive motions, settlement agreements, and other litigation documents in state and federal court
- Appear before federal and state court judges for oral argument in discovery disputes and dispositive motions
- Research and draft internal memoranda on various complex issues in mass torts, labor & employment, qui tam litigation, complex commercial litigation, and internet law related litigation

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U.S. District Court for the District of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

Law Clerk to Chief Judge Ted Stewart, September 2013–August 2014

- Oversee hearings and trials: duties include prepare questioning for the judge, compose jury instructions, research and draft court responses to motions in limine, and respond to trial issues as they arise in both civil and criminal arena; conduce legal research, draft bench memoranda and written orders at the federal trial court level.

Hatch, James & Dodge, P.C.

Salt Lake City, UT

Law Clerk, March–August 2013

- Draft pleadings, pretrial motions, discovery requests, and other litigation documents under the direction of litigation attorneys

Perkins Coie

Phoenix, AZ

Summer Associate, Summer 2012 (extended offer in Commercial Litigation)

- Under the direction of litigation attorneys, draft internal memoranda on various issues including immigration law, election law, and civil procedural issues

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law

Salt Lake City, UT

Quinney Fellow, 2011-2012; Research Assistant, Summer 2011

Disability Law Center of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

Law Clerk, Summer 2011

- Maintained client caseload, conducted legal research and writing, met with clients and drafted legal documents on a variety of legal issues concerning advocacy for people with disabilities
- Primary focus on Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act; Secondary focus on Fair Labor Standards Act, Family Medical Leave Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

PUBLICATIONS

- *LGBT Attorneys in Utah Have Much To Celebrate*, Utah Bar Journal, Volume 29 No. 2, Mar/Apr. 2016.
- *Adar v. Smith: Penalizing Innocent Children for the “Sins” of the Parents*, 8 AM. U. MODERN AM. 35 (2012)
- *The Most Wanted Boys*, 2009 UTAH L. REV. 526; 11 J.L. & FAM. STUD. 478 (2009) (joint issue)
- Book Chapter, “Taking Away the Invisibility” published in *Out and About Campus*, Edited by Kim Howard and Annie Stevens, April 2000

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- CLE Chair (2015–2016), Secretary (2016–present) LGBT & Allied Lawyers of Utah
 - Coordinate quarterly CLE Presentations on areas of LGBT legal interest
- Member, David K. Watkiss-Sutherland II Inns of Court, 2012 (student member), 2013–present
 - Member of Program Writing Committee for 2015–2016
- Member, Women Lawyers of Utah, 2012 (student member), 2013–present
- Volunteer with Free Legal Clinics including Tuesday Night Bar and West Side Pro Bono