

# MELISSA L. REYNOLDS

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## Legal Experience

**Utah Attorney General's Office: Natural Resources Division;** Salt Lake City, Utah

*Assistant Attorney General;* January 2017 to October 2019

- Represent the State Engineer in litigation by filing answers, motions, and stipulated settlements; participating in court hearings; engaging in settlement negotiations with other parties; and conducting discovery.
- Act as general counsel to the State Engineer and his staff throughout the general adjudication process.

**Utah Attorney General's Office: Natural Resources Division;** Salt Lake City, Utah

*O'Hara Fellow, Assistant Attorney General;* May 2014 to August 2014; August 2015 to January 2017

- Presided over hunting and fishing license suspension hearings and issue decisions and orders based on those hearings (August 2015 to October 2016).
- Represented the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in enforcement matters before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining; negotiated on behalf of the Division with operators facing enforcement action.

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## Education

**University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law,** Salt Lake City, Utah

*Juris Doctor,* High Honors, 3.663 GPA, May 2015

- Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- *CALI Awards:* Environmental Crimes (Fall 2014); Mining Law (Spring 2015)
- *Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards:* Environmental Law (Fall 2013); Real Estate Drafting (Fall 2014); State and Local Government (Fall 2014); Natural Resources Law (Fall 2014)
- *Participant,* Environmental Clinic: Fall 2013 to Spring 2014
- *William H. Leary Scholar:* Fall 2013
- *Pace Environmental Moot Court Team Member:* Fall 2014 to Spring 2015
  - Best oralist: First round, third argument
  - Best environmental team brief

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

*Bachelor of Arts,* Environmental Studies, *summa cum laude,* May 2011

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## Community Involvement

- ABA SEER Water Resources Case Summary Editor – September 2018 to present
- Young Alumni Association for the S.J. Quinney College of Law: board member – August 2018 to July 2019; Vice President – July 2019 to present
- Young Lawyers Division: Social Activities Committee – August 2017 to July 2019; Fit2Practice Committee – July 2019 to present
- Women Lawyers of Utah: Career Advancement Committee – August 2016 to present

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## Admissions

- Utah State Bar
- United States District Court for the District of Utah
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit