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Jeffrey Hunt practices in the area of commercial litigation, with particular emphasis on First Amendment, access, media, and intellectual property law. Mr. Hunt regularly represents national and local media companies in state and federal courts and counsels clients on defamation, privacy, First Amendment, and related issues. He has served as local counsel for two national television networks. Mr. Hunt is also a registered lobbyist in the State of Utah.

Mr. Hunt earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Iowa State University in 1983. During the four years following, he was a Copy Editor for *The Des Moines Register*, and a Reporter for the *Quad-City Times* and *Deseret News*.

Mr. Hunt is an adjunct professor at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and is a regular guest lecturer on First Amendment and Media Law at the University of Utah, Weber State University, and Brigham Young University. In 1992, he founded the Utah Freedom of Information Hotline at Parr Brown, which provides free legal assistance to the public and journalists. He is a two-time recipient of the Roy B. Gibson Freedom of Information Award from the Utah Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and received an Honorary Publisher award from the Utah Press Association. In 2004, Mr. Hunt received the Service to Journalism Award from the University of Utah Department of Communications.

Mr. Hunt was selected for the 2006-2011 editions of *Best Lawyers in America*, was recognized as one of Utah's Legal Elite for 2005-2008, 2010, and 2011 by *Utah Business* magazine and was listed in the 2007-2010 editions of *Mountain States Super Lawyers*. He was ranked as a top Utah lawyer for First Amendment and media litigation by *Chambers USA - America's Leading Business Lawyers* 2005-2011 editions and was recently recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* 2011 for achievements in First Amendment and Media Law.

In the news:

KSL 5 News investigates Utah's 4-day workweek

Publications & Presentations:

"Leaks, Leakers, and the Law," First Amendment Day Speech, Iowa State University, April 6, 2011.

H.B.477 and the Government Records Access & Management Act (GRAMA), save GRAMA Presentation, March 30, 2011.

What You Need to Know About Public Records and Open Meetings, Lorman Seminar, September 16, 2008.

Utah's Sunshine Laws: Understanding Your GRAMA and the Open Meetings Act, Association of Public Attorneys Conference, February, 2007.

Freedom of Information in a Post-911 World, Keynote speech at the Society of Professional Journalists Regional Conference, April 9, 2005.

Co-author, "Survey of Utah Employment Privacy Law," Media Law Resource Center, 2005.

Co-author, "Utah Anti-SLAPP Statute Applied to Dismiss Defamation Claim Against Newspaper," Media Law Resource Center, Media Law Letter, 2004.

Co-author, "Survey of Utah Law on Privacy and Related Claims Against the Media," Media Law Resource Center, 2011.

Utah Open Government Guide and Media Law Handbook, Utah Headliners Chapter Society of Professional Journalists and Utah Foundation for Open Government (Co-edited with Michael P. O'Brien) (2003)

Co-author, "Tapping Officials' Secrets: The Door to Open Government in Utah," Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 2011.

Specific Experience

Direct Marketing

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Appeals
Arbitrations
Class Actions
Contract Disputes
Federal & State Courts
Insurance Bad Faith
Intellectual Property Litigation
Internet
Media & First Amendment
Real Estate Litigation
Securities Litigation

Education

1990, J.D., University of Utah, Order of the Coif, Editor-in-Chief, Utah Law Review
1983, B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication, Iowa State University

Bar Admissions

1991, Utah Supreme Court
1991, United States District Court for the District of Utah
1992, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Professional Activities

Adjunct Professor, University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law
Past President, American Inns of Court, Sutherland Inn II
Past President, Salt Lake County Bar Association
Past President, Alumni Board of Trustees of the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law
Co-chair, Utah State Bar Mentor Training & Resource Committee
Media Law Resource Center, Defense Counsel Section
Judicial Council Study Committee on Communications Technology in the Courtroom
Utah State Bar Examiner Review Committee, Constitutional Law
American Bar Association, First Amendment and Media Litigation Committee
Society of Professional Journalists
Chair of the Utah Advisory Board of the Trust for Public Lands

Clerkships

1991, for the Honorable David K. Winder, U.S. District Court for the District of Utah



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