

MICHELE M. CHRISTIANSEN

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

July 2010-present

UTAH COURT OF APPEALS, STATE OF UTAH

Intermediate-level state appellate judge; review for correctness trial, juvenile and administrative court decisions. Issue written decisions based upon review of lower court records, written briefs and oral arguments.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

May 2007-June 2010

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF UTAH

State court trial judge in court of general jurisdiction; caseload consisted of 85% criminal cases and 15% civil cases and presided over a weekly mental health court; regularly conducted criminal and civil jury and bench trials; presided over preliminary, evidentiary and sentencing hearings, regularly drafted written orders and rulings.

GENERAL COUNSEL

July 2006-May 2007

UTAH GOVERNOR JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.

Legal counsel and advisor to Governor on all Executive Branch legal matters, including litigation involving the State of Utah and state executive agencies, executive appointments, budget preparations, legislative bill review, and constituent contacts; consulted and coordinated with members of the Utah Attorney General's Office and members of the Legislative Branch on legal matters involving the State of Utah.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 2005-July 2006

UTAH COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

Directed and administered the statutory duties of the 20-member Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to promote communication between and coordination among the criminal and juvenile justice agencies in Utah; served as Governor Huntsman's criminal justice policy advisor and assisted in developing major criminal and juvenile justice agency policy at all levels of state government.

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

March 1998-January 2005

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF UTAH

Member of the Violent Crimes Section; prosecuted Child Exploitation and Firearms cases which required regular appearances in Federal District Court for the District of Utah and the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; prosecuted more than 600 criminal cases; successfully tried fifteen cases before federal juries; submitted several appellate briefs and participated in numerous motion and evidentiary hearings.

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY CONT.:

ASSOCIATE

September 1996-February 1998

PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER

Summers 1993 & 1994, June 1995-August 1995

Member of the Natural Resources and Litigation Departments; performed various legal tasks including drafting pleadings and motions filed with Utah federal and state courts, researching legal issues and drafting legal memoranda, document review, and due diligence for the purchase of environmental entities in Lima, Peru.

JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

August 1995-September 1996

HONORABLE TENA CAMPBELL, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

Performed various legal tasks for Judge Campbell including research, preparing bench memorandum, draft opinions, and jury instructions, attended court hearings on a daily basis to assist judge.

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH COLLEGE OF LAW, Salt Lake City, Utah

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE, May 1995

Staff Member, *Utah Law Review*, 1993-94

Publication: Development, *Utah Redevelopment Amendments*, 1993 Utah L. Rev. 493

Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing and Research, 1994-95

Legal Writing and Research Tutor, 1994-1995

Research Assistant, Professor Karen Engle, 1994-95

Judicial Intern, Honorable Judge Judith Billings, Utah Court of Appeals, 1994

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, Appleton, Wisconsin

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY, June 1992

Graduated *Cum Laude*

Dean's List 1990-1992

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Utah State Bar's Pro Bono Commission, Co-chair, 2012-present

Utah Judicial Council's Commissioner Conduct Committee, Chair, 2011-present

National Association of Women Judges' Domestic Violence Committee, Co-chair, 2011-present

Social Media Subcommittee, Utah Judicial Council's Judicial Outreach Comm., 2011-present

Utah Judicial Council's Ethics Advisory Committee, 2011-present

Discovery Gateway Children's Museum Board of Directors, 2011-present
Utah Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Education, 2010-present

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PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE CONT.:

Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure, 2008-present

Access to Justice Council, Member, 2007-present

Salt Lake County Bar Association Executive Committee, 2006-present

State Advisory Board on Children's Justice, District Court Judge member, 2009-2010

Utah Methamphetamine Joint Task Force, Co-Chair, 2006-2007

Utah Sexual Violence Council, Chair, 2005-2007

Guardian *Ad Litem* Oversight Panel, 2005-2007

Initiative on Utah Children in Foster Care, Member, 2005-2007

Utah Sentencing Commission, Member of Executive Committee, 2005-2006

Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council, Member, 2005-2006

Governor's Violence Against Women and Families Cabinet Council, Member, 2005-2006

University of Utah Young Alumni Association, Board Member, 2004-2007

Utah State Bar, Ethics and Discipline Committee, 2004-2005

Moot Court Judge, University of Utah College of Law, 2003, 2004, 2005

Judge Protempore, Salt Lake City Justice Court, small claims division, 2002-2005

Volunteer Guardian *Ad Litem*, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1996-2006

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Utah Bar Association

Salt Lake County Bar Association

National Association of Women Judges

Women Lawyers of Utah

David K. Watkiss-Sutherland II Inn of Court