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SHAREHOLDER

Mr. Wright is a member of the firm's Property and Litigation sections. He represents clients on a wide variety of matters related to financing, leasing, development, acquisition, and zoning. He has substantial experience representing borrowers (including utilities), lenders, and underwriters on debt or equity financing between \$1 million and \$5 billion. He has represented over 100 charter schools collectively borrowing over \$1.1 billion to acquire, build, or expand their facilities through a variety of financing approaches, and is widely recognized as the most experienced charter school attorney in the Intermountain West. Mr. Wright also currently represents over 100 school districts in Utah and Idaho that are suing JUUL for creating the youth vaping epidemic in our public schools.

Mr. Wright was appointed by Utah's governor to serve on the Utah State Charter School Board and the Board of Regents. He was also elected to the Utah State School Board in 2014 and previously served on his local city council. He is recognized by his peers as one of Utah's Legal Elite and a Mountain States Super Lawyer.

EXPERIENCE

Represented over 70 schools in Utah, Arizona, California, and Idaho on the leasing, purchase, and/or financing of their facilities, raising \$700 million.

Substantial experience representing borrowers and lenders in a wide variety of financing for real estate and infrastructure projects.

Represents commercial landlords and tenants in a wide variety of leasing arrangements.

Represents borrowers, lenders, or underwriters on debt or equity financing, experience working on transactions between \$1 million and \$5 billion.

Served as General Counsel of a startup company that grew from 15 to 60 employees and raised multiple rounds of financing.

Substantial experience educating and working with local, state and federal officials on legislation, regulation and loan requests.

EDUCATION

New York University, J.D., 1999

Brigham Young University, B.A., Economic and Political Science, 1996

ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Utah, 2005; Washington D.C., 2011; New York, 2000

Affiliations: Secretary of the Education Section of the Utah Bar

Elected member of the Utah State Board of Education

HONORS & AWARDS

Mountain States Super Lawyers: Real Estate

Utah Legal Elite: Real Estate, Government

Appointed to the Utah State Charter School Board by Utah's Governor

Appointed to the Utah State Board of Regents by Utah's Governor

PRACTICE AREAS

LENDING AND FINANCE
REAL ESTATE
REAL ESTATE FINANCING

PRACTICE AREAS

SCHOOLS DISTRICTS/
SCHOOLS
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
GOVERNMENT & UTILITIES

LANGUAGES

PORTUGUESE