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Practice Areas

First Amendment and Religious Organizations
Litigation

Languages

Portuguese

Randy Austin chairs the firm's First Amendment and Religious Organizations practice group. He serves as lead outside controversy and crisis counsel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has managed crises and litigated significant controversies in most states in the US and several foreign countries. His practice emphasizes internal investigations, crisis management, litigation with special emphasis on child protection, and abuse prevention and response.

Mr. Austin is recognized as one of Utah's Legal Elite for Litigation and is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Experience

- Successfully litigated and otherwise resolved hundreds of sexual misconduct claims
- Conducted hundreds of internal investigations relating to sexual misconduct throughout the United States and in many foreign countries
- Guest lecturer, Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School
- Frequent lecturer on the topic of handling and preventing sexual misconduct claims

Education

Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School, JD, *summa cum laude*, 1992

Executive Editor, *BYU Law Review*

Order of the Coif

Brigham Young University, BS, *cum laude*, 1989

Admissions & Affiliations

Bar Admissions: United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2004

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1993

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1993

United States District Court for the District of Utah, 1992

Utah, 1992

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Admissions & Affiliations Continued

Affiliations: Member, Trial Law Institute
Member, Diversity Law Institute
ABA
TIPS Section Vice-chair of the Nonprofit
Organizations Subcommittee, 2007-2008
Giving Committee Chair, BYU Law School Alumni
Association, 2006

Clerkships

– Judicial clerk to the late Charles Wiggins of the United States Court
of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Honors & Awards

– Utah Legal Elite: Civil Litigation (2009-2011, 2015, 2017-2021)
– AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
– Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America