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Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Bankruptcy
Complex Commercial Litigation
First Amendment and Religious Organizations
Healthcare Litigation
Litigation
Healthcare Regulatory and Compliance
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Matthew Ballard is a member of the firm's Litigation and First Amendment and Religious Organizations sections. He is involved in all aspects of litigation, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate practice for various corporate and individual clients, including government contractors, information technology and bioscience companies, hospitals and clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and individual healthcare practitioners. He has obtained successful results for clients in mediations, in administrative proceedings, and in state and federal court cases, and appeals.

Mr. Ballard defends practitioners against licensing actions by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. He helps clients to comply with subpoenas and other records requests and implement best practices in electronic data preservation and discovery. He frequently represents physicians, psychologists, pharmacists, and other practitioners in depositions, court appearances, licensing panel reviews and formal hearings. He assists healthcare organizations to protect against fraud and abuse exposure, helping them avoid overpayment liability, improper referrals, and patient inducements by complying with the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, and OIG Civil Monetary Penalties Law. He appeals medical bill payment denials by government and commercial insurance carriers, represents healthcare creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, and negotiates solutions to patient billing disputes or resolves them through litigation.

Experience

– Mr. Ballard spent five years working in-house for Intermountain Health, where he advised clinical programs, care providers and risk managers on preserving quality of care improvement privileges while addressing patient consent and liability issues. He also advised Revenue Cycle personnel on medical collections and payment, helping them protect against fraud and abuse exposure by ensuring appropriate billing and reimbursements. He appealed medical bill payment denials by government and commercial carriers; responded to payer audits; protected creditors' rights in bankruptcies; and litigated many kinds of collections disputes.

Clerkships

– Summer Associate, Kirton McConkie
– Law Clerk, Utah Attorney General's Office
– Law Clerk, Missouri Attorney General's Office

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Education

Washburn University School of Law, JD, with Dean's Honors, 2007
- Certificate in Advocacy
- Philip C. Pennington Law Scholarship
- Top Paper, Legal Analysis, Research and Writing
- Top Paper, Local Government Law
- Region IX Champion, National Moot Court Competition
- Best Respondent Brief & First Place Overall, Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition
- Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer Award (earned for excellence in appellate advocacy)
- John K. Kleinheksel Prize for Excellence in Oral Advocacy
- Student Editor, *Family Law Quarterly*

Brigham Young University, BA, International Studies, Law & Diplomacy Emphasis, minor in Latin American Studies

Admissions & Affiliations

Bar Admissions:
U.S. District Court for the District of Utah
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
Utah

Affiliations:
American Health Lawyers Association
Defense Research Institute
Utah State Bar
- Health Law Section, Member

J. Reuben Clark Law Society

Honors & Awards

- Utah Legal Elite: Healthcare (2021)

Community & Civic Involvement

- Board Member, Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association
- Board Member, Hyrum Smith Family Association
- Board Member, AAA Fair Credit Foundation