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Areas of Practice:

Educational Institutions Defense
Employment Law
General Civil Litigation
Governmental Liability
Medical Liability & Health Care
Professional Liability

Industries Served:

Education
Government & Public Entities
Medical Service Providers
Professional Service Providers

Heather White has joined our JSH office in Utah, where she will be working on government and general liability matters. In addition, Heather devotes part of her practice to defending Utah hospitals, medical facilities, and providers, including EMS providers (both private and governmental) against malpractice claims, including catastrophic injuries and wrongful death claims.

Heather brings over 25 years of experience in defending government entities, and law enforcement officials in particular. Using negotiation and alternative dispute resolution, and litigation when necessary, she has successfully addressed complaints of premises liability, deprivation of civil rights, and personal injury. Heather has conducted multiple internal investigations involving alleged misconduct in police departments for various cities throughout the state of Utah. This included reviewing and assessing documents, conducting and assessing interviews, and analyzing policies and application of facts to them, and assessing controlling law, where appropriate. She has worked with and reported to various city and county councils, as well as their administrations, addressing policy issues related to their responsibilities to the public to help them in their decisions related to police officer and department issues. As part of her representation of officers, cities, and counties, she has come to be familiar with the various interests at play between officers, police administration, and city and county administrators, and city and county Council members, and has worked with them to try to harmonize and resolve their differences, wherever possible. Heather has further represented cities in employment related matters beginning with the administrative process and ultimately litigation where necessary.

Honored by organizations such as Martindale-Hubbell, Mountain States Super Lawyers, Utah Business Magazine, and others, Heather has shown herself to be an attorney of distinction.

In her spare time, Heather enjoys spending time with her family and her dogs, running, and watching sports.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, Adjunct Professor
- American Academy of Trial Attorneys
- Utah Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah, Local Rules Committee, 2008-2018
- Federal Bar Association, Utah Chapter, Past President, 2004-2005
- Model Utah Jury Instructions, Civil Rights Instructions Subcommittee, Chair
- Magistrate Merit Selection Panel, 2003
- Utah Defense Lawyers Association
- Utah Municipal Attorneys Association

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Discretionary Immunity – White Paper," Utah Local Government Trust, March 2022
- "The First Amendment in the Pandemic and Protest Era," Utah Local Governments Trust, September 2020
- "Protecting and Serving Those Who Protect and Serve," The Utah Peace Officer, Winter 2020
- "Governmental Immunity Statutory Revisions," Utah State Bar Seminar, Government and Administrative Law Section, May 2019

- “Debriefing of Officer Involved Critical Incidents,” Utah Municipal Attorneys Association Annual Conference, May 2019
- “Law Enforcement: Common Mistakes,” Utah Local Governments Trust, May 2019
- “Legislative Updates for Law Enforcement,” FBI National Academy Associates Spring Conference, Moab, Utah, April 2019
- “Tech Ethics – New Rules? New Guidance!” Utah State Bar Fall Forum, Little America Hotel, November 2017
- “Writing Police Reports,” Utah Local Governments Trust, April 2017
- “Case Law / Legislative Update,” September 2016
- “Transgender Restroom and Locker Room Issues,” Utah Risk Management Mutual Association, August 2016
- “Public Accommodations as They Relate to Transgender Individuals,” Utah Municipal Attorneys Association, May 2016

EDUCATION

University of Utah College of Law, J.D. 1996

University of Utah, B.A. *cum laude* 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Utah