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SHAREHOLDER

Mr. Austin has chaired the firm's First Amendment & 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 United States 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 misconduct claims.

Conducted hundred of internal investigations relating to sexual misconduct throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

Guest lecturer, Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark School of Law.

Frequent lecturer on the topic of Handling and Preventing Sexual Misconduct Claims.

HONORS & AWARDS

Utah Legal Elite: Civil Litigation (2009-2011, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rated

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

EDUCATION

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

Executive Editor, BYU Law Review

Order of the Coif

Brigham Young University, B.S., *cum laude*, 1989

ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Utah, 1992

Other Admissions: United States District Court for the District of Utah, 1992

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1993

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1993

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2004

Affiliations: American Bar Association

TIPS Section Vice-Chair of Nonprofit Organizations Subcommittee

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Chair, Giving Committee, BYU Law School Alumni Association, 2006

PRACTICE AREAS

FIRST AMENDMENT
& RELIGIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS

PREVENTATIVE CHILD
ABUSE POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES

LITIGATION

APPELLATE

INDUSTRIES

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LANGUAGES

PORTUGUESE