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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation Commercial Real Estate Construction
- Contracts
- Intellectual Property Litigation Real Estate

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark School of Law, cum laude, 2001
- B.A., Brigham Young University, Dean's List Scholar, 1998

## ADMISSION

- Utah State Bar
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah

## ABOUT

Jason Hawkins, president of the firm, has over 20 years of extensive and complex experience as a Utah commercial litigation lawyer. He has handled business and commercial litigation cases involving a wide variety of civil litigation claims, including breach of contract, fraud, intellectual property, real property, commercial torts, and professional liability claims, among others.

Jason has represented clients in state and federal courts, including trials, arbitrations, temporary restraining orders, injunctions, actions for declaratory relief, appeals, and settlements. His clients range from individuals to small and medium-sized businesses, large corporations, and governmental entities.

As part of his commercial litigation practice, Jason recently represented a commercial general contractor and its president in a five-week jury trial involving a series of contractual and commercial claims asserted by a competitor. His clients were held not liable under each of the claims brought by the competitor, and the jury awarded an excess of \$13 million, including \$5 million in punitive damages.

Jason also represented hundreds of the victims of the 2012 Wood Hollow Fire in Central Utah (which destroyed dozens of homes, recreational properties, agricultural businesses, and more), recovering significant amounts on behalf of his clients. In addition to his litigation practice, Jason counsels individuals and business entities in corporate, real estate, and contract law.

## HONORS / AWARDS / UNIQUE RECOGNITION

- Recognized as Utah Legal Elite by Utah Business Magazine
- Recognized as a Utah Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine
- Unique Recognition - Education, Law School: Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark School of Law, 2001
- Dean's List Scholar

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Utah Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Salt Lake County Bar Association
- Sherman A. Christensen, American Inn of Courts

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- SIRQ, Inc. v. The Layton Companies, Inc., 2016 UT 30.
- Utah Dept. of Transp. v. Admiral Beverage Corp., 2011 UT 62.

- Strawberry Water Users Ass'n v. United States, 576 F.3d 1133 (10th Cir. 2009).
- Barnard v. Mansell, 221 P.3d 874 (Utah Ct. App. 2009).
- Alpha Partners, Inc. v. Transamerica Inv. Mgmt., L.L.C., 153 P.3d 714 (Utah Ct. App. 2006).
- Cache County v. Beus, 128 P.3d 63 (Utah Ct. App. 2005).
- Haymond v. Bonneville Billing & Collections, Inc., 89 P.3d 171 (Utah 2004).

## **TRIALS**

- Commercial Litigation – Successfully defended against the contract, trade secret, and other tort claims asserted against former president of the company and his subsequent employer. Successfully asserted business tort and contract counterclaims. After a five-week trial, the jury returned with a multi-million dollar verdict in favor of the firm's clients.
- Commercial Litigation – Represented a manufacturing company in a dispute over commissions allegedly owed to a former salesperson, which involved a week-long jury trial.

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

- Author, Utah Businesses Show Increased Interest in Force Majeure Provisions in Light of the Coronavirus, firm blog, July 2020
- Speaker, Lessons Learned From the Wood Hollow Fire Case, Construction Defect and Dispute Conference, Feb 2019