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## **PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

Prior to forming Smith|Hartvigsen, PLLC, in 2002, Mr. Smith practiced with Nielsen and Senior and Wheatley and Ranquist of Salt Lake City. He is also a former assistant city attorney for Park City (1984 to 1988). He has more than 20 years of experience as an attorney in which he has successfully handled a number of complex water disputes, land use and takings claims. Mr. Smith has represented public and private parties in takings claims arising from land use decisions, represented numerous water users in successful settlement of instream flow claims on the San Rafael River, and won appeals for municipalities and water entities before the Utah and New Mexico Supreme Courts.

His most notable projects include securing the water rights for Duchesne City through an act of Congress, successfully entitling and securing water rights for a multimillion-dollar resort in Kane County, and creating the first municipal natural gas utility in Utah.

Mr. Smith also served as Law Clerk for the Hon. J. Robert Bullock, Fourth District Utah, 1983-1984 and was the Assistant City Attorney, Park City Utah, 1984-1988.

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Eminent Domain & Takings  
Land Use Law & Litigation

Redevelopment Law  
Water Law & Litigation

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Admitted to the following:

American Bar Association

2002 District of Columbia Circuit

2000 United States Supreme Court

1990 District of Columbia

1989 U.S. Claims Court

1983 Utah State Bar (Member, Sections on: Urban, State and Local Government Law; Natural Resources; Litigation)

## **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

- 2008 *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Energy and Natural Resources  
2004 *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Mr. Smith received one of the first honors when the Legal Elite was launched in 2004  
2004 Lawyer of the Year, Utah State Bar, Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law  
2000 Chair, Utah State Bar, Energy, Natural Resources & Environmental Law

AV Rating, Martindale Hubbell

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Basic Utah Water Law," Utah Bar Journal, Volume 7, Number 2, February 1994;  
"Ethics and the Government Lawyer," Utah Bar Journal, Volume 6, Number 2, February 1993;  
"Local Government Regulation and Bankruptcy: To Stay or Not to Stay," Urban Lawyer 151-176, Volume 21, Number 1, Winter, 1989; and  
"Bankruptcy and Development Regulations," Urban Land, April 1981

## **EDUCATION**

- Juris Doctorate, cum laude*, Brigham Young University, 1983  
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Brigham Young University, 1980  
Associates Degree, College of Eastern Utah, with high honors, 1978