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SHAREHOLDER

James Burton is a trial attorney with extensive experience litigating intellectual property matters, including patent, trademark, copyright, false advertising, Lanham Act, and trade secret claims. Acting as a lead counsel, Mr. Burton has handled intellectual property cases in federal courts throughout the United States. Mr. Burton has experience in appellate matters, having obtained successful results in multiple federal and state courts of appeal.

Mr. Burton leads the firm's healthcare litigation team, defending hospitals, healthcare facilities, physicians, and other healthcare providers, including the two largest hospital systems in Utah. He also represents hospitals in corrective action proceedings and fair hearing matters.

Mr. Burton serves on the firm's Board of Directors and as the chair of the Litigation section. He previously served as the chair of the firm's Intellectual Property section.

In 2014, Mr. Burton was appointed by Joachim Gauck, president of the Federal Republic of Germany, to serve as German Honorary Consul in Utah.

EXPERIENCE

Judicial extern, Florida First District Court of Appeals, clerkship

EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School, LLM, with highest honors, 2006

Highest grade, mediation and alternative dispute resolution

Highest grade, ethics in adjudication and settlement

The Florida State University College of Law, JD, 2005

Dean's academic honor list

Highest grade, advanced legal research

Blank-Miller Scholarship recipient

Research assistant, Donald J. Weidner, dean, Florida State University College of Law

Student ambassador

Founder, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Florida State University Chapter

Pro bono volunteer, Legal Services of North Florida

Extern, Florida First District Court of Appeals

Utah State University, BA, *cum laude*, 2002

Dean's academic honor list

Volunteer peer tutor

Legal intern, Utah First Judicial District Court

PRACTICE AREAS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LITIGATION

LITIGATION

HEALTHCARE LITIGATION

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

INDUSTRIES

HEALTHCARE

LANGUAGES

GERMAN

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ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Utah, 2008,
Nevada, 2007
Virginia, 2006 (inactive)

Other Admissions: U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, DC Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
Utah State and Federal Courts
United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Affiliations: American Intellectual Property Law Association
Master of the Bench, American Inn of Court
J. Reuben Clark Law Society

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers: Intellectual Property Litigation (2019-2022, 2024)
Utah Legal Elite: Civil Litigation (2021)
Mountain State Super Lawyers: Intellectual Property Litigation (2021-2022)
Utah Legal Elite: Intellectual Property (2017-2020)
Mountain States Super Lawyer: Rising Star for Intellectual Property Litigation (2012-2018)
2017, honored by Utah Business magazine as a Forty Under 40 Rising Star
Most Dedicated New Senior Attorney, Trial By Peers Pro Bono Youth-Offender Diversion Program (2007)

COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Honorary Consul, Federal Republic of Germany (2014-present)
President, Utah Consular Corps
German-American Society
Executive committee and board member, Christkindlmarkt SLC
Salt Lake Rotary Club (Club 24)
2020 Friend of the Profession Award, Utah Foreign Language Association
Kaysville City, volunteer of the month, January 2016
Volunteer coach for multiple little league teams (basketball, football, baseball, and soccer)
Former adjunct professor, Utah Valley University
Former board member, Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy
Former board member, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Salt Lake City Chapter
Former Bar Examination Committee member, Utah State Bar
Former high school varsity basketball referee
Former Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate