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SHAREHOLDER

Mr. Richards is chair of Kirton McConkie's First Amendment & Religious Organizations section. In addition to litigating cases, he provides general counsel services to clients, advising them on such diverse matters as regulatory compliance, contract management, records management, procurement and distribution, physical and information security, historical preservation, educational institutions, and media. He works collaborative with business leaders and faith communities to solve problems and achieve goals, informed by his an extensive background in appeals and complex litigation in both federal and state courts. He has particular expertise in domestic and international religious liberty issues and has published articles and presented at international conferences on those topics.

Mr. Richards has been recognized as one of Utah's Legal Elite and as a Super Lawyer in multiple practice areas.

EXPERIENCE

Significant litigation and appellate experience pursuing and defending complex commercial and First Amendment litigation in both federal and state courts.

Consults with clients concerning constitutional, civil rights, regulatory compliance, records management, religious land use, and governmental affairs issues.

Significant litigation and appellate experience pursuing and defending complex commercial and First Amendment litigation in both federal and state courts.

HONORS & AWARDS

Mountain States Super Lawyers: Business Litigation

Utah Legal Elite: Corporate

EDUCATION

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

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Lead Note and Comment Editor, BYU Law Review

Trial Advocacy Competition Team Scholarly Writing and Academic Achievement Awards

Brigham Young University, B.A., English

ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Utah, 1997

Other Admissions: United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2004, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1998, United State Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1999, United States District Court for the District of Utah, 1998, Utah Supreme Court, 1997

Affiliations: Utah State Bar, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religious Studies, Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law Society

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Oxford Conference on Law and Religion

Oxford University, Balliol College (June 8, 2010)

Proselytism and Religious Freedom in the 21st Century, Georgetown University, March 3, 2010

"Technology: 20 critical information security controls," *InsideCounsel*, April 26, 2013

"Transitioning from the firm to the corporation," *InsideCounsel*, April 12, 2013

"Corporate counsel's role in governing privacy and security risk," *InsideCounsel*, March 29, 2013

"Is there any real incentive for safeguarding data in the information age?" *InsideCounsel*, March 15, 2013

"4 practical tips for improving critical infrastructure cybersecurity," *InsideCounsel*, March 1, 2013

"GCs must strengthen their relationships with chief information security officers," *InsideCounsel*, February 15, 2013

"The Status and Threats to International Law on Freedom of Religion or Belief," *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges*, 2012

PRACTICE AREAS

GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

CORPORATE

FIRST AMENDMENT AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

COMPLEX COMMERCIAL LITIGATION