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Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Burbridge Mitchell & Gross

Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen

Heiner Law Offices

Hoole & King

Kirton & McConkie

Ray Quinney & Nebeker

Stepan Lewis & Paxman

Strindberg & Scholnick

Recommended

Cook & Monahan

Hasenyager Summerill Wahlquist

Kesler & Rust

Prince Yeates & Geldzahler

Local litigation stars

Rod Andreason

Kirton & McConkie
Commercial Litigation, Securities

Sara Becker

Kirton & McConkie
Commercial Litigation

Richard Burbridge

Burbridge Mitchell & Gross
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

Stephen Cook

Cook & Monahan
Labor & Employment

Ralph Dewsnap

Dewsnap King & Olsen
Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury

Alexander Dushku

Kirton & McConkie
Civil Rights

David Eckersley

Prince Yeates & Geldzahler
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

Justin Elswick

Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen
Securities

Matthew Evans

Ray Quinney & Nebeker
Commercial Litigation, Securities

Jefferson Gross

Burbridge Mitchell & Gross
Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property,
Personal Injury

Ryan Hancey

Kesler & Rust
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

James Hasenyager

Hasenyager Summerill Wahlquist
Insurance

Edward Havas

Dewsnap King & Olsen
Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

Justin Heideman

Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen
Securities

Randall Heiner

Heiner Law Offices
Securities

Gregory Hoole

Hoole & King
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Wrongful
Death

Roger Hoole

Hoole & King
Civil Rights, Labor & Employment, Personal Injury,
Wrongful Death

Colin King

Dewsnap King & Olsen
Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

John Mackay

Ray Quinney & Nebeker
Antitrust, Securities

James McConkie III

Prince Yeates & Geldzahler
Commercial Litigation, Labor & Employment,
Personal injury

Roger McConkie

Prince Yeates & Geldzahler
Commercial Litigation, Labor & Employment,
Personal injury

Daniel McKay

Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Securities

Russell Monahan

Cook & Monahan
Civil Rights Litigation, Labor & Employment

David Olsen

Dewsnap King & Olsen
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

Sonny Olsen

Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Securities

Jared Parrish

Prince Yeates & Geldzahler
Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Securities

Isaac Paxman

Stepan Lewis & Paxman
Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Labor &
Employment

Lester Perry

Hoole & King
Class Actions, Commercial Litigation, Consumer
Protection

Mark Pugsley

Ray Quinney & Nebeker
Securities

Joseph Rust

Kesler & Rust
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

Leslie Schaar

Hoole & King
Civil Rights, Indian Law, Labor & Employment

Lauren Scholnick

Strindberg & Scholnick
Labor & Employment

Douglas Sheff

Sheff Law Offices
Medical Malpractice

Erik Strindberg

Strindberg & Scholnick
Labor & Employment

Peter Summerill

Hasenyager Summerill Wahlquist
Constitutional Litigation, Commercial Litigation

Todd Wahlquist

Hasenyager Summerill Wahlquist
Medical Malpractice



Utah

The state's established firms are seeing a steady flow of casework related to contract disputes, real estate, products liability, natural resources, class actions and personal injury claims along with intellectual property, energy and utilities matters. On the transactional side, many corporate practices are buzzing along with mergers, acquisitions and consolidation work as well.

Highly recommended firms

Burbidge Mitchell & Gross

Founded in 1976, the Salt Lake City firm of Burbidge Mitchell & Gross continues to prove itself to be a top Utah litigation boutique through its highly skilled litigation team led by distinguished trial attorney **Richard Burbidge**. Although smaller than several of its competitors, the five-lawyer firm handles high-stakes, multimillion-dollar business disputes and plaintiff class-action cases. As one peer summarizes, "They are a terrific firm, they are not a huge firm but they are very good at what they do."

Still considered by many competitors as "the best there is in town," Burbidge is praised for his broad commercial practice, which includes antitrust, contract disputes, mass torts, intellectual property, personal injury, securities fraud, and products liability matters. Admitted in both Utah and California, name partner **Jefferson Gross** is a widely accomplished Utah trial lawyer, who handles complex litigation ranging from patent infringement and personal injury to class actions. Along with its trial prowess, the overall firm is recognized for its antitrust and products liability strengths as demonstrated in its handling of significant tobacco and pharmaceutical litigation in multiple jurisdictions.

Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen

With offices in Provo, St George, Spanish Fork, Ephraim and Price, Heideman McKay Heugly & Olsen serves clients throughout the western Rocky Mountains. Attorneys at the firm speak several languages, including French, Spanish and Russian, and handle commercial, securities, personal injury and family law cases. The firm advocates the use of alternative dispute resolutions, while staying prepared to go to trial. **Justin Elswick** has represented musicians, artists and film production companies, but devotes half his practice to securities litigation. **Justin Heideman** previously won an \$8 million securities arbitration settlement on behalf of a client, at the time the largest ever awarded in a securities arbitration. **Daniel McKay** handles real estate, securities and commercial litigation.

Heiner Law Offices

Based in Salt Lake City, Heiner Law Offices

handles primarily represents investors who lost money due to broker misconduct. **Randall Heiner** has over 30 years of experience handling securities litigation, handling hundreds of cases for investors. Heiner is a former stockbroker and owned and operated three FINRA-member brokerage firms that specialized in stock recommendations to the public.

Hoole & King

Hoole & King handles a wide range of legal issues for clients, including class action, civil rights, consumer protection, employment, personal injury, wrongful death and real estate matters. **Gregory Hoole** worked in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and handles commercial, civil rights, personal injury and wrongful death matters. **Roger Hoole**, a former president of the Utah Employment Lawyers Association, handles personal injury, wrongful death, civil rights, employment discrimination, sexual harassment, breach of contract and wrongful termination cases. **Lester Perry** has handled banking, finance, real estate and commercial litigation for over 26 years. **Leslie Schaar** handles Indian law, civil rights, disability and employments litigation.

Kirton & McConkie

Founded in 1964, Kirton & McConkie is one of the largest firms in the state, with over 100 lawyers in Salt Lake City and Utah County. The firm represents The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its business division, Deseret Management Corporation. **Rod Andreason** handles commercial, leasing arrangement, securities and intellectual property disputes, with an emphasis on arbitration. **Sara Becker** handles business disputes. **Alexander Dushku** focuses his practice on constitutional and civil rights issues, including establishment clause and free exercise, free speech, free press, property rights and takings, equal protection, and due process matters.

Ray Quinney & Nebeker

With offices in Provo and Salt Lake City, and half of its 90 lawyers dedicated to litigation, Ray Quinney & Nebeker is uniformly praised as a solid player in Utah's legal market, with highly skilled attorneys providing counsel including antitrust,

construction law, intellectual property, personal injury, and securities law. The firm recently won a \$4.3 million FINRA settlement on behalf of investors suing Lincoln Financial Advisors, claiming it was negligent in not preventing a manager from using an outside business to raise money from investors. **Mark Pugsley**, who handled the Lincoln Financial case, chairs the firm's securities litigation group. **Matthew Evans** handles commercial, securities and tort litigation. **John Mackay** has handled several class-action matters, including shareholder dispute, shareholder derivative and securities litigation.

Stepan Lewis & Paxman

A four-lawyer firm, Stepan Lewis & Paxman handles tax, employment, real estate, commercial, family law, personal injury and insurance litigation. **Isaac Paxman** worked at the Department of Justice, litigating hundreds of cases, including tax and bankruptcy matters.

Strindberg & Scholnick

Founded in 2002, Strindberg & Scholnick specializes in labor and employment matters, representing both employers and employees. The firm recently represented an Indian-born man who was told by the Garfield School District that his teaching services were not needed, despite being well qualified. The Labor Commission found evidence of discrimination based on race, religion and perceived similarities to September 11 terrorists, as well as deception and a cover-up and ordered that he be placed on the substitute teacher list and used as often as others on the list.

Recommended firms

Cook & Monahan

Founded in Midvale in 1983, Cook & Monahan is a general practice litigation firm, particularly focused on labor and employment matters. The firm represents labor organization and non-conflicted employers and businesses. **Stephen Cook** has handled litigation involving wrongful dismissal actions, ERISA actions, Section 301 actions, Title VII actions, Section 1983 Civil Rights actions, FLSA actions and others. **Russell Monahan** focuses on labor, discrimination and civil rights cases.

Hasenyager Summerill Wahlquist

For over 50 years, Hasenyager Summerill Wahlquist has handled personal injury, medical malpractice, automobile accident, civil rights and wrongful death cases. The firm has won or settled several six- and seven-figure suits. With over 30 years of experience, **James Hasenyager** has tried numerous cases. **Peter Summerill** has taken important state constitutional issues before the Utah Supreme Court. **Todd Wahlquist** focuses on medical malpractice cases.

Kesler & Rust

Established in 1980, Kesler & Rust focuses on national and international commercial transactions and litigation, as well as personal injury plaintiffs and defense work. **Ryan Hancey** handles business, commercial, construction, real estate and personal injury cases. **Joseph Rust** has over 40 years of experience handling commercial, personal injury, products liability, construction and estate planning matters.

Prince Yeates & Geldzahler

Formed in 1971 by the merger of Mulliner Prince & Mangum and Owen Ward & Geldzahler, Prince Yeates & Geldzahler has over 30 lawyers working out of its Salt Lake City office. **James McConkie III** handles civil and commercial litigation, including winning a \$15 million class-action suit against a *Fortune 500* company. **Jared Parrish** worked as a securities analyst and prosecutor before joining the firm. **David Eckersley** handles trademark, unfair business and personal injury cases.

