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Overview

Robert Keller works closely with a wide range of municipal government clients throughout Utah in land use litigation, including land use consulting, vested rights, zoning issues, impact and other fees, and condemnation. An experienced litigator, he has over 30 reported appellate decisions.

Robert's land use practice often includes defending municipalities against claims filed by developers who disagree with local regulations or their application, or against claims by neighbors or others who oppose municipal decisions. A significant part of his land use practice also involves assisting local governments with the use of eminent domain to acquire private property that is needed for public projects. Robert previously served on the committee that established the Model Utah Jury Instructions to be used in condemnation actions.

Robert's practice has also included the defense of municipalities against impact fee challenges and challenges to sign ordinances. His philosophy of practice is to use listening and logical reasoning skills and experience to de-escalate contentious interactions and reach the best possible outcome for all parties through negotiation and, if necessary, litigation.

Education

- University of Utah College of Law, 1986 (J.D.)
- Brigham Young University, 1981 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Utah

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Distinctions

- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, Personal Injury – Products: Defense
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent

Presentations and Publications

- "Persuasive Communication from the Inside Out," Annual Government Civil Practice Conference, St. George, Utah, October 2017