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Overview

Rodney Parker focuses his practice on civil and criminal appeals, family law, and general litigation. He has handled more than 100 appeals in federal and state courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Utah Supreme Court, the Utah Court of Appeals, and the Arizona Court of Appeals. Rodney has also served on the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Rodney is a recognized resource on First Amendment cases that involve freedom of religion. Rodney has represented the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in a number of challenges to the group's beliefs and practices and served as the group's media spokesman.

His family law practice often involves custody disputes that encompass religious beliefs. He also uses his business finance background to advise clients in the area of divorce, especially in situations involving division of significant marital estates and business assets.

Rodney is experienced in all aspects of litigation – including discovery, motion practice, evidentiary hearings, trial, and appeal. He has litigated cases involving a wide range of general and business disputes, including product liability, professional liability, employment, ERISA, and patent disputes. He offers broad experience in computerized litigation support.

Prior to private practice, Rodney served as Associate Deputy Attorney General on the immediate staff of the Deputy Attorney General of the U.S. in Washington, D.C. In that position, he exercised the DAG's oversight function for the Lands and Natural Resources Division and the Civil Division.

Education

- University of Utah College of Law, 1983 (J.D.)
- University of Utah, 1980 (B.A.), *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Utah

Court Admissions

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

Community Involvement

- Clark Planetarium Advisory Board

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2011-2027
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, Appellate
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite
- *Utah Law Review*, Former Member

Memberships

- Utah Bar Association
- Arizona Bar Association
- Salt Lake County Bar Association
- Utah State Rules of Appellate Procedure, Supreme Court Advisory Committee

Presentations and Publications

- "An Afternoon with The Utah Court of Appeals," S. J. Quinney College of Law, February 2016