

INNOVATION IN LAW PRACTICE

Committee of the Year

Heather S. White and John Rees, Chairs

Recognizing the technological advances and the changes in the way the practice of law has evolved in recent years, the Utah State Bar founded the Innovation in Law Practice Committee in 2015. The charge to the Innovation Committee was to lead Utah practitioners in serving their clients more effectively and efficiently. The Committee was also charged to provide a forum for exchange and exploration of innovative approaches to providing and pricing legal services, not only through new technologies but also through fresh approaches to marketing and business structures, to provide continuing legal education on these subjects at regular intervals throughout the year, to seek out partnerships with law technology vendors and providers, both to enhance the content of the education and defray the costs and to stay abreast of market-driven innovation in the practice of law, to coordinate its efforts and activities with other Bar sections and committees to the extent there are overlapping interests, and to provide a regular and ongoing assessment of the Bar organization's uses of innovation and technology in meeting its mission.

Since its inception, the Committee has sponsored multiple CLEs addressing technology and practice management tools, assisted in the development of the Bar's new website and practice portal, promoted technological competency rules for practitioners, prepared a detailed analysis of the ethics of cloud-based services, and written articles for the Bar Journal on practice and management tips and tools. The Committee is currently working to amend the MCLE rules to allow for an additional six hours of live CLE credit for webinars and other online presentations, development of content and management of the Bar's website, and implementing practice management programs for attorneys.

Currently, the Committee is under the direction of two Co-Chairs, Heather S. White and John Rees and Co-Chair Elect, Greg Hoole. Other Committee members include Judge David Nuffer, Utah State Bar President H. Dickson Burton, Preston Regehr, Naziol Scott, Curtis Anderson, Louisa Heiny, David Duncan, J.D. Lauritzen, Shantelle Argyle, Jamie Lund and Utah State Bar representatives Katie Cooper and Michelle Oldroyd.

Past Recipients – Committee of the Year

1986	Legislative Affairs Committee
1987	Law Related Education and Law Day Committee
1988	Continuing Legal Education Advisory Committee
1989	Bar Journal Committee
1990	Bar Examiner Committee
1992	Ethics and Discipline Committee
1993	Legislative Affairs Committee
1994	Ethics Advisory Opinion Committee
1995	Delivery of Legal Services Committee
1996	Needs of Children Committee
1997	Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee
1998	Courts and Judges Committee
1999	Client Security Fund Committee
2000	Admissions Committee
2002	Character and Fitness Committee
2003	Needs of the Elderly Committee
2004	Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee
2005	Governmental Relations Committee
2006	Ethics Advisory Opinion Committee
2007	Utah Bar Journal Committee
2008	Admissions Committee
2009	New Lawyer Training Program Committee
2010	Bar Examiner Committee
2011	Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee
2012	Pro Bono Commission
2013	Budget & Finance Committee
2014	Civics Education Committee
2015	Disaster Legal Response Committee
2016	Utah Leadership Academy
2017	Governmental Relations Committee

CYBERLAW SECTION

Section of the Year

Tsutomu Johnson, Preceding Chair (2016–17)

Randy Wood, Chair-Elect

Jeffrey Adams, Chair (2017–18)

Zaven Sargsian, Vice Chair-Elect

Steering Committee: Ben Holt, Elaina Maragakis, Derek Perry, Carl LeSueur, Jared Braithwaite

The Cyberlaw Section of the Utah State Bar is honored to be nominated as the 2018 Utah State Bar Section of the Year. Recent events such as the hackings of high-profile businesses and government entities, data breaches, the rise of cryptocurrency, and new international privacy regulations have made headlines world-wide and have forced lawyers to confront new and complex cyber-related challenges. Our section strives to provide worthwhile resources to help attorneys meet these challenges, and, as such, greatly appreciates the Bar Committee's kind recognition.

The Cyberlaw Section was formed to: (1) provide an opportunity and a forum for the interchange of ideas relating to cyberlaw, including e-commerce and communications, and continuing legal education; (2) initiate and implement common projects relating to cyberlaw; and (3) undertake other service, education, and other projects as may be of benefit to section members, the legal profession, and the public.

One of the ways our section tries to meet the purposes described above is by providing interesting and helpful continuing legal education opportunities wherein attorneys can find important information for today's ever-evolving tech-world. We do this through quarterly luncheons and our annual iSymposium held at the beautiful Adobe campus in Lehi, Utah. This year's iSymposium, held in April, included topics on GDPR compliance, data breach considerations from the law enforcement and in-house and outside counsel perspectives, and unique evidentiary issues that arise with technology. Our presenters joined us from around the country and we thank everyone who supported this fantastic event.

Our section is always looking for talented new individuals to join our steering committee or to present at our CLEs. If this is an area of interest to you, please reach out to us at any time!

To conclude, the Cyberlaw Section is appreciative of the section leaders who have built the organization since its founding over ten years ago. We are indebted to our steering committee members who have volunteered their time, ideas, and skills to become a resource for other attorneys in Utah. We also thank each member of the staff at the Utah State Bar for providing incredible support. We are, again, honored to be nominated as the 2018 Section of the Year and look forward to continuing to provide meaningful events and opportunities in the future!

Past Recipients – Section of the Year

1985	Securities Law Section
1987	Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section
1988	Administrative Law Section
1989	Young Lawyer Section
1990	Litigation Section
1991	Family Law Section
1993	Litigation Section
1995	Litigation Section
1997	Young Lawyers Division
1998	Legal Assistants Division
2001	Legal Assistants Division
2002	Young Lawyers Division
2003	Family Law Section
2004	Young Lawyers Division
2005	ADR Section
2006	Litigation Section
2007	Paralegal Division
2008	Young Lawyers Division
2009	Appellate Practice Section
2010	Military Law Section
2011	Young Lawyers Section Elder Law Section
2012	Estate Planning Section
2013	Solo, Small Firm & Rural Section
2014	Intellectual Property Section
2015	Young Lawyers Division
2016	Bankruptcy Section
2017	Limited Scope Section

JUDGE THOMAS M. HIGBEE



Judge of the Year

Judge Thomas M. Higbee just retired after serving for 17 years as a judge in the Fifth District Juvenile Court. The first half of his judicial career was in St. George, and the second half was in Cedar City and Beaver. His legal career began just over 38 years ago at a great Salt Lake City law firm, Ray, Quinney and Nebeker. After working there for a year or so, he and his family felt like they needed to move back home to Cedar City and so in January of 1981 Judge Higbee became an attorney with Hans Chamberlain's law firm, where he worked until he took the bench in 2001.

Away from work – which is every day these days – Judge Higbee enjoys lots of things, particularly anything outdoorsy. He plays golf, hikes, cycles, snow and water skis and works in his garden. He reads a wide variety of books, anything from history to spy novels. He is as involved as a judge is allowed to be in community affairs, and is particularly supportive of his alma mater, Southern Utah University. He and his wife Carolyn have been married for almost 46 years. They have five sons, four terrific daughters-in-law and 10 grandchildren, with number 11 due in November.

Tom and Carolyn leave on September 10th for an LDS mission in Rostov-na-Donu Russia. They look forward to seeing you all at the summer bar conference in 2020.

Past Recipients – Judge of the Year

1970	Hon. Charles G. Cowley	1990	Hon. Christine M. Durham
1971	Hon. Maurice H. Harding	1990	Hon. A. Lynn Payne
1972	Hon. Fred W. Keller	1990	Hon. David E. Roth
1972	Hon. D. Frank Wilkins	1990	Hon. David W. Sorenson
1973	Hon. Calvin Gould	1991	Hon. Cullen Y. Christensen
1974	Hon. David T. Lewis	1993	Hon. Bruce S. Jenkins
1975	Hon. Gordon R. Hall	1994	Hon. John A. Rokich
1976	Hon. Regnal W. Garff, Jr.	1995	Hon. J. Thomas Greene, Jr.
1977	Hon. A. Sherman Christensen	1996	Hon. Leslie A. Lewis
1978	Hon. Zachary T. Champlin	1997	Hon. W. Brent West
1978	Hon. David K. Winder	1998	Hon. Tyrone E. Medley
1979	Hon. James S. Sawaya	1999	Hon. Lynn W. Davis
1980	Hon. Aldon J. Anderson	1999	Hon. David Sam
1980	Hon. J. Allan Crockett	2000	Hon. Guy R. Burningham
1981	Hon. Richard J. Maughan	2001	Hon. Raymond M. Harding, Sr.
1982	Hon. Melvin H. Morris	2001	Hon. Sharon P. McCully
1983	Hon. J. Robert Bullock	2001	Hon. Anne M. Stirba
1984	Hon. John F. Larson	2002	Hon. Stephen H. Anderson
1984	Hon. Dallin H. Oaks	2002	Hon. Jeril B. Wilson
1985	Hon. Aldon J. Anderson	2003	Hon. Ronald N. Boyce
1986	Hon. Dean E. Conder	2004	Hon. William B. Bohling
1986	Hon. Sharon P. McCully	2005	Hon. Andrew Valdez
1986	Hon. A. John Ruggeri	2006	Hon. Gordon J. Low
1986	Hon. I. Daniel Stewart	2007	Hon. Sandra N. Peuler
1987	Hon. Venoy Christoffersen	2007	Hon. Gregory K. Orme
1987	Hon. Floyd H. Gowans	2008	Hon. Glenn K. Iwasaki
1987	Hon. Gordon R. Hall	2009	Hon. Judith S. Atherton
1987	Hon. Joseph E. Jackson	2010	Hon. Robert K. Hilder
1988	Hon. D. Dennis Frederick	2011	Hon. Dee V. Benson
1988	Hon. Michael L. Hutchings	2012	Hon. Royal I. Hansen
1988	Hon. Paul C. Keller	2013	Hon. Michael D. Lyon
1988	Hon. Michael D. Zimmerman	2014	Hon. James L. Shumate
1989	Hon. L. Kent Bachman	2015	Hon. Claudia Laycock
1989	Hon. Scott Daniels	2016	Hon. C. Dane Nolan
1989	Hon. Regnal W. Garff, Jr.	2017	Judge Stephen L. Roth
1989	Hon. W. Brent West		Judge J. Frederic Voros, Jr.

KARRA PORTER

Lawyer of the Year

Karra Porter has been practicing law for more than 30 years. She has been with Christensen & Jensen her entire career, from her first summer clerking for Dale Lambert and Robert Hilder. In 1998, Karra became one of the first female managing attorneys at a Salt Lake City law firm. She was re-elected annually to manage the firm for more than 20 years, until she passed the management baton in 2016.



Karra is widely known among the state's civil, criminal, and appellate bars. She has been lead counsel in more than 160 appeals, and has been asked several times by the Utah Supreme Court to argue cases at BYU, the University of Utah, and Weber State University. She has had dozens of trials in federal and state courts.

Karra has been lead counsel in many high profile cases, including most recently the Nurse Alex Wubbels case and the Salt Lake Tribune antitrust case. In 2015, the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union awarded Karra the Mickey Duncan Award for her efforts in supporting civil rights.

Karra does extensive pro bono work including the Debtor's Court project, in which she regularly appears in court on behalf of indigent debtors. She is a frequent speaker at Bar CLEs, and has served on Model Utah Jury Instruction committees and the Bar's Ethics Advisory Opinion Committee.

Karra engages in a number of charitable activities. As a volunteer with Community Nursing Services, she records Life Stories for persons receiving hospice care. She participates in the annual Point-In-Time Homeless Survey, a 3-day-all-night outing in freezing weather locating persons in need of homeless services. She hosts participants in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and the Bountiful-Davis Arts Council Annual Festival, is an organizer of a community garden in Layton, and previously volunteered with Voices for Utah Children and the Utah Animal Welfare Coalition.

In 2017, Karra co-founded the Utah Cold Case Coalition, which helps families of persons whose murder or disappearance is unsolved. Among other activities, she spearheaded legislation creating Utah's first statewide cold case database, and staffs a 24-hour Tip Line.

Karra is originally from Kansas, and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law in 1987.

Past Recipients – Lawyer of the Year

1970	Dean F. Brayton	1991	Herschel J. Saperstein
1970	Arthur B. Watkiss	1992	Hardin A. Whitney
1971	Harold P. Fabian	1993	William B. Bohling
1971	LeRoy B. Young	1994	Joseph Novak
1972	Samuel C. Powell	1995	Gordon L. Roberts
1973	Grant H. Bagley	1996	Dale A. Kimball
1973	Melvin C. Harris	1997	Gayle F. McKeachnie
1974	Calvin Behle	1998	Leonard J. Lewis
1975	Clifford L. Ashton	1999	Irene Warr
1976	Sam Cline	2000	D. Frank Wilkins
1977	George W. Latimer	2001	Alan L. Sullivan
1978	Ira A. Huggins	2002	L. Brent Hoggan
1979	F. Gerald Irvine	2003	Jay E. Jensen
1979	Calvin W. Rawlings	2003	Rodney G. Snow
1980	Rex J. Hanson	2004	George B. Handy
1980	Walter G. Mann	2005	James S. Jardine
1981	Ray R. Christensen	2006	Max D. Wheeler
1981	John H. Snow	2007	Oscar W. McConkie
1982	Rex E. Lee	2008	Charles R. Brown
1983	William G. Shelton	2009	Paul T. Moxley
1984	Harold G. Christensen	2010	Randy L. Dryer
1985	Edward W. Clyde	2011	Robert B. Sykes
1986	Stephen B. Nebeker	2012	Gary R. Crane
1987	Carman E. Kipp	2013	Peter Stirba
1988	James B. Lee	2014	Charlotte L. Miller
1988	Ellen M. Maycock	2015	Ronald J. Yengich
1989	Donald B. Holbrook	2016	Annette Jarvis Bruce A. Maak
1989	Randon W. Wilson	2017	Paul M. Simmons
1990	Brian R. Florence		
1990	Norman S. Johnson		