

# Paul C. Burke

## *Lawyer of the Year*

Paul C. Burke is a shareholder, director, and general counsel of Ray Quinney & Nebeker P.C. Mr. Burke maintains a broad civil litigation practice with an emphasis in the realm of labor and employment law. He also advises other law firms on professional ethics and risk management and he defends lawyers accused of ethical misconduct or malpractice. In his capacity as the Firm's general counsel, Mr. Burke provides legal advice to his firm's management and coordinates the firm's legal affairs.



A native Utahn, Mr. Burke was raised in Salt Lake City and graduated from Judge Memorial High School. He attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts and Mansfield College at Oxford University. He is a graduate of the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. Mr. Burke first joined Ray Quinney & Nebeker as a law clerk in 1995. He became an associate attorney in 1997, was elected partner in 2003, and was appointed to serve as his firm's first general counsel in 2007.

Mr. Burke was honored by the Utah State Bar in 2012 as the "Pro Bono Attorney of the Year" for his service to the public and the legal community. He has provided pro bono services to a wide variety of community organizations and has advocated on behalf of military families, LGBT families, religious minorities, cyclists, and crime victims. His work defending the rights of an abused lesbian teenager was chronicled in both the book *Saving Alex* and a forthcoming Lifetime movie based on that title. Mr. Burke was recognized in 2015 as a "Utah Hero" for his public advocacy on behalf of Utah's LGBT citizens and is a member of the Board of Directors of Equality Utah.

Mr. Burke also served as the president of the Utah Youth Soccer Association from 2003 to 2005 and as the Chairman of the Rules Committee for the U.S. Soccer Federation from 2006 to 2018. In 2003, he was the co-chairman of the successful campaign for Salt Lake City Proposition No. 5, which authorized the development and construction of the Salt Lake Regional Athletic Complex, a 140 acre facility with 16 soccer/multipurpose fields. Mr. Burke currently serves as an independent director of the Utah Soccer Association and as the Chairman of the Professional League Standards Task Force of the U.S. Soccer Federation. Mr. Burke was inducted into the Utah Youth Soccer Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mr. Burke has served for more than a decade as a member and currently chairs the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Appellate Procedure. From 2017 to 2019 Mr. Burke also served on a subcommittee that developed a reciprocal admissions rule for the benefit of military families. Mr. Burke and his colleagues have also been frequent contributors to the *Salt Lake Tribune* of columns on legal issues.

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