

Litigation Section

Section of the Year

We are honored and humbled to receive the Section of the Year award this year. We'd like to thank the Bar for this honor, as well as the many lawyers who serve on our Executive Committee and volunteer dozens of hours of their valuable time to the Litigation Section each year. This award would not be possible without their dedication.

As the largest and most active section of the Bar, the Litigation Section offers and sponsors a variety of high caliber CLEs and other social and networking events throughout the year, including Rise-and-Shine Breakfasts, Quarterly Lunches, litigation-track CLEs at Bar conventions, co-sponsored events with other sections and organizations, judicial receptions, Golf & CLE, Cheese (or Chocolate) & CLE, the Trial Academy, and the Annual Judicial Excellence Awards in Moab.

Our Section is also dedicated to public service, community building, and healthy lifestyles. After receiving the necessary (and free!) CLE training through our Section, our members have provided volunteer legal services to tenants in landlord-tenant pro se clinics in Second and Third Districts, and to the homeless population in the wildly successful "Expungement Day" in Salt Lake City. We have sponsored Utah's Street Youth Legal Clinic, and each year, we contribute to "And Justice for All." We also sponsor CLEs and other events to support law students at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU. More recently, we created a subcommittee dedicated to healthy lifestyles for lawyers and now sponsor weekly yoga classes and a summer running group for our members.

The Litigation Section is also known for having created the well-known, comprehensive, and indispensable resource that is "Benchbooks" – a guide for litigators regarding the policies, procedures, and preferences of our state and federal court judges that the Executive Committee continuously updates and maintains.

And this year, for the first time ever, we are launching an international comparative law experience for our members. Details will be coming soon!

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