



I am an intellectual property attorney at Snell & Wilmer. I hold a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a J.D. from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University.

I want to help improve the Bar and make Utah an even better place to practice law. I would do this by promoting access to justice and regulatory reform and promoting the pro bono efforts of attorneys throughout the state. I also would like to “audit,” so to speak, the Bar, prompting a careful analysis of the various programs of the Bar, all to better streamline interactions between lawyers and the Bar.

I would help the Commission to carefully consider whether the goals of said programs are congruent with the results. For example, while the New Lawyer Training Program claims to “teach[] new attorneys to develop the habits, practical skills, and judgment necessary to the effective practice of law” the program may not be helpful for new attorneys working at firms that already have a similar mentoring program. I would also apply a similar analysis to any issue that came before the Commission. The skills I have learned at law school, as well as those learned earning a Ph.D., combined with my perspective from outside the established legal community, qualify me, I believe, to make such analyses.

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