

President-Elect and Bar Commission Election Results

The Utah State Bar is pleased to announce the results of the elections for President-Elect and Bar Commission seats for the upcoming fiscal year. **Erik Christiansen** was successful in his retention election as President-elect of the Utah State Bar. He will serve as President-elect for the 2022–2023 year and then become President for the 2023–2024 year. Congratulations to **Matt Hansen** who was elected in the Second Division; **Beth Kennedy** and **Cara Tangaro**, who were elected in the Third Division; and to **Tom Bayles**, who ran unopposed in the Fifth Division. Sincere appreciation goes to all of the candidates for their great campaigns and thoughtful involvement in the Bar and the profession.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

ERIK A. CHRISTIANSEN



Erik Christiansen is a commercial litigation trial attorney at Parsons Behle & Latimer and co-chair of the firm’s securities litigation practice group. He represents clients in a variety of commercial, financial, and securities litigation matters.

Erik is the past chair of the Utah State Securities Commission. He has also served as an expert witness in multiple securities litigation matters.

Prior to joining Parsons, Erik practiced in California, where he still maintains an active practice.

SECOND DIVISION

MATT HANSEN



Matt Hansen is a trial attorney with over twenty years of experience in civil and criminal law. He has represented national businesses, small businesses, as well as government entities.

He attended Brigham Young University and obtained a degree in Finance. Matt went on to obtain a Law Degree and a Master’s Degree in Business from the University of Utah.

Currently, Matt is a Deputy County Attorney for the Davis County Attorney’s Office. In this capacity, he prosecutes special victim cases and other general felony matters. Similarly, he has worked as a prosecutor for the Weber County Attorney’s Office and the Salt Lake County District Attorney’s Office.

When not working, Matt enjoys spending time watching his daughters dance, cheer, golf, and play basketball.

THIRD DIVISION

BETH KENNEDY



Beth Kennedy is an appellate attorney at Zimmerman Booher. Her previous experience includes being a judicial clerk to Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant at the Utah Supreme Court. Beth is a former President of the

Women Lawyers of Utah and a founding board member of the LGBT & Allied Lawyers of Utah. She currently serves as a member of the Utah Supreme Court Ethics and Discipline Committee and as an executive committee member of the Appellate Practice Section of the Utah State Bar.

CARA TANGARO



Cara Tangaro is a successful criminal defense attorney practicing for over twenty years in Utah. She practices in justice and district courts from Logan to St. George and from Tooele to Moab. Previously she was a

prosecutor for the Salt Lake County District Attorney's office.

Cara is a past president of Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a member of the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, and a member of Women's Lawyers of Utah.

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FIFTH DIVISION

TOM BAYLES



Tom Bayles is a long-time resident of St. George, where he has practiced law since 1998. Tom works at ProvenLaw, PLLC where his focus is estate planning, estate tax planning, real estate tax planning, and business succession planning. His

experience includes serving as president of the Southern Utah Estate Planning Council, the St. George Exchange Club, the Southern Utah Bar Association, and as co-chairman of the Utah State Bar Spring Convention.

Tom earned an associates degree from Dixie State College, a bachelor's degree in economics from Weber State University, a master's in business administration from Washburn University School of Business, and a juris doctor from Washburn University School of Law, along with a tax proficiency certificate.

In addition to his legal aspirations, Tom is a renowned barbeque aficionado with plans to become a judge certified by the Kansas City Barbeque Society.