Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Environmental Litigation
Government Contracts
Trade Secrets and Non-Competes
Environmental
Zoning and Land Use
Government Investigations and White Collar Defense

EDUCATION

University of Utah College of Law, J.D., 1995
Order of the Coif
Utah Law Review, 1993-1994

University of Auburn, B.A., 1991
cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court, District of Utah
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

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Chris Hogle helps clients achieve successful outcomes for various business-related disputes.

Chris's commitment to providing optimal outcomes for his clients is underscored by his recognition in peer-reviewed publications, a testament to his credibility and experience in jury and bench trials, settlement negotiations, and pretrial case development.

Chris works closely with clients to understand their unique needs and business objectives, enabling him to provide sound, effective strategies to achieve successful results.

Chris also advises clients involved in real estate litigation matters, offering comprehensive legal representation to property owners, sellers, purchasers, lessors, lessees, lenders, borrowers, and lienholders.

Chris clerked for the Honorable Leonard H. Russon on the Utah Supreme Court (1995-1996).

EXPERIENCE

Business Litigation

- Business Disputes
- Business Torts
- Breach Of Contract
- Fiduciary Duty Claims
- Complex Litigation
- Early Dispute Resolution

Real Estate Litigation

- Real Estate Development
- Condemnation
- Land Use Conflicts
- Government Contract Procurement Claims
- Eminent Domain
- Public Procurement Litigation
- Title Disputes
- Landlord Tenant

Environmental Litigation

- Environmental Torts
- Environmental Permitting

Natural Resources Litigation

- The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

CLIENT RESULTS

Business Litigation

Represented our client against claims filed against several defendants by a startup fuel system technology company with allegations of misappropriation of technology and other violations, the claims were successfully dismissed.

Successfully defended corporate clients in an antitrust/tortious interference lawsuit initiated by a rock quarry and equipment lessor, leading to a dismissal of claims before discovery and an affirmed dismissal by the Utah Supreme Court.

Real Estate Litigation

Represented a retail property owner in a condemnation action against the Utah Department of Transportation, addressing severance damages and deed language after the construction of a freeway overpass obstructed the property's visibility.

Represented a client in a dispute over the ownership and control of a downtown Provo, Utah property, where they are constructing a $45 million apartment complex, with the case currently on appeal after an initial dismissal of the opposing party's claims to purchase the property.

Represented a tenant in landlord/tenant litigation with the owner of a downtown Salt Lake City property. The dispute involved the early termination of a lease, and the tenant sought declaratory relief. The financial stakes amount to approximately $7 million.

Represented multiple defendants and third-party plaintiffs in a case involving contractual and equitable indemnification claims related to highway construction project bonds.

Represented a mining company in a complex settlement resolving government claims of breached administrative agreements and significant financial disputes stemming from a removal action in Utah.

Defended a major pipeline company in a federal court trespass and quiet title action concerning the installation of crude oil pipelines on disputed property in Park City, Utah.

Successfully defended a major corporation against a claim by a building inspector alleging that the corporation completed a refinery improvement

project without necessary permits and inspections, resulting in financial losses for the inspector; the claims were dismissed on a motion to dismiss.

Represented our client in a case where the Utah Supreme Court reversed a District Court decision that had upheld a referendum ballot initiative challenging an ordinance rezoning a property for a development project, ultimately preserving the project's viability.

Environmental Litigation

Represented operator of tar sands mine against an environmental advocacy group before the Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining in a matter involving ground water, surface water, erosion control, and reclamation issues.

Represented operator of tar sands mine against an environmental advocacy group before the Utah Division of Environmental Quality in a matter involving ground water quality issues.

Represented industrial and municipal clients in condemnation matters involving pipelines, flood control, and other underground utility facilities.

Represented utilities in disputes over easements for underground utility facilities.

Represented a mining corporation in a federal court case involving the recovery and defense of historic contamination cleanup costs and contributions from prior owners or operators of a mining facility.

Represented a mining corporation in environmental litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Idaho, seeking to have another mining company contribute to significant water treatment costs.

Government Procurement Protests

Represented an incumbent communications company in Utah in two bid protests concerning the state-wide 911 emergency call system, ultimately securing a temporary restraining order to reinstate a stay on procurement proceedings, which led to a settlement and the agency's decision to cancel and reissue the RFPs.

Represented our client with a bid protest after their proposal was rejected in favor of a competitor in a Salt Lake County RFP for catering and concessions, citing the County's failure to contact their references and disqualifying conflicts of interest within the Evaluation Committee, which led to the County canceling the RFP with plans to re-issue it.

Commercial Litigation

Represented seller of waste coal-fired power plant in Carbon County, Utah in a representation and warranty dispute with the buyer, a large, mid-west electric utility.

Represented electric utility in a large, long-term coal contract dispute.

Represented pipeline manufacturer in a multi-million dollar breach of warranty dispute with owner of pipeline project and commercial general liability insurers.

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, 2014-2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2013-2024, 2026, 2027
- Legal 500 US City Elite - Salt Lake City, Commercial Disputes, 2026
- Martindale Hubbell, Distinguished Attorney, 2025
- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2008, 2010
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Civil Litigation; Litigation, General Commercial

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Salt Lake County Bar Association, Past President, 2018-2019
- Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, Member, 2011-present