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## Benjamin J. Mills

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## Main Bio

Benjamin Mills is an associate in the firm's commercial litigation practice group. During law school, Benjamin had a broad variety of learning opportunities, including most notably working with federal judges, gaining invaluable experience at a variety of law firms, and serving as a teacher's assistant in the then-fifth-ranked legal writing program in the nation. After law school, Benjamin had the privilege of clerking for two excellent jurists: the Honorable Judge David N. Mortensen at the Utah Court of Appeals and the Honorable Chief Judge David C. Nye at the United States District Court for the District of Idaho.

Since the completion of his judicial clerkships, Benjamin has had the privilege of representing clients in a broad variety of complex matters. Although he has a range of experience in different matters, Benjamin's practice involves an emphasis on property disputes, real estate litigation, and land use matters. Benjamin has represented clients in a broad variety of such disputes, including eminent domain, inverse condemnation, various easements, quiet title, lien disputes, permit disputes, landlord-tenant issues, REPC lawsuits, development disputes, trespass and nuisance claims, chain-of-title disputes, and land use disputes.

Benjamin draws from his diverse background of legal experience and his passion for every case to meet his clients' needs in a variety of contexts.

## Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2019)
  - Order of the Coif
  - National Order of Barristers
  - Highest Distinction of Pro Bono Service Award
  - CALI Award, Amateur Sports Law
  - Willard H. Pedrick Scholar
  - Arizona State Law Journal
- University of Utah (B.A., Economics & Certificate of Criminology, *cum laude*, 2016)
  - Rugby Team Captain
  - USA Rugby Collegiate All-American & Academic All-American

## Languages

- Spanish

## **Professional Memberships & Activities**

- Federal Bar Association, Utah Chapter
- Idaho State Bar
- Utah State Bar
  - Litigation Section
  - Appellate Section - Secretary/Treasurer of the Board

## **Representative Presentations & Publications**

- ["For Landlords and Tenants – Communication is Key,"](#) Co-Author, Western Real Estate Business (November 2023)

## **Professional Recognition & Awards**

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch,
  - Commercial Litigation (2024)

## **Previous Professional Experience**

- U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho, Law Clerk for the Honorable Chief Judge David C. Nye (2020-2021)
- Utah Court of Appeals, Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge David N. Mortensen (2019-2020)
- Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Teaching Assistant (2018-2019)
- Kutak Rock LLP, Summer Associate (2018)
- Napier, Coury & Baillie, PC; Paid Extern (2018)
- U.S. District Court of the District of Arizona, Extern for the Honorable Judge John Z. Boyle (2017)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Idaho
- Utah

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Idaho
- Supreme Court of Utah
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Idaho
- United States District Court, District of Utah