

BARBARA L. TOWNSEND



PRACTICE OF LAW

Admitted in Utah, 1989
Admitted in Colorado, 2000

EDUCATION

University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah
Juris Doctor 1989

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
Bachelor of Science Nursing

University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
Bachelor of Arts 1978

Mesa College, Grand Junction, Colorado
Associates Liberal Arts 1976

EMPLOYMENT

Utah State Bar Office of Professional Conduct
Assistant Counsel Jan. 2007 - present
Prosecution of formal discipline cases and reciprocal discipline cases in District Court, investigation and preparation of cases for the Screening Panels, intake and processing of Bar Complaints

Stirba & Associates
Salt Lake City, Utah Sept. 2005 - Dec. 2006
Municipality defense, civil rights, health law, defense of physicians in professional licensing matters, general law and mediation

Dewsnup, King & Olsen
Salt Lake City, Utah July 2001 - Sept. 2005
Wrongful death, personal injury, product liability, medical malpractice and insurance bad faith

Michael F. Richman & Associates
Salt Lake City, Utah March 1999 - June 2001
Medical malpractice & personal injury

McKay, Burton & Thurman
Salt Lake City, Utah December 1995 - March 1999
Personal injury, insurance law, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, Medicare & Medicaid appeals, health law, and family law

Office sharing
Solo practice September 1994 - December 1995
General litigation, domestic law, medical contracts and malpractice

Purser & Edwards

Salt Lake City, Utah September 1993 to August 1994

Medical malpractice, health care contract analysis, risk management consulting and insurance defense

Pioneer Valley Hospital May 1991 - September 1993

In-House Counsel/Risk Manager/Director of Quality and Utilization Management Department

Malpractice Claims management, regulatory compliance, Medicare & Medicaid Appeals, HMO/EPO contract analysis, quality management, utilization management and credentialing matters.

McKay, Burton & Thurman

Salt Lake City, Utah December 1989 - February 1991

Physician licensing matters, medical billing fraud, personal injury, insurance defense, securities fraud, and oil & gas matters

Registered Nurse

Holy Cross Hospital - Emergency Department

Salt Lake City, Utah July 1983 - July 1993

Registered Nurse

LDS Hospital - Emergency Department

Salt Lake City, Utah 1989-1991, 1993-1995

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PAST AND PRESENT

Member Supreme Court Committee - Utah Rules of Civil Procedure
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing Prelitigation Panel Chair
Third District Court Mediator
Third District Court Judge Pro Tem
Utah State Bar Ethics and Discipline Committee: Screening Panel Chair
Salt Lake County Bar Association: Member of Executive Committee
Utah Trial Lawyers Association: Member of Board of Governors
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Women Lawyers of Utah
The American Association of Nurse Attorneys
American Academy of Hospital Attorneys
Health Lawyers Association
Board of Directors Urgan Samten Ling Buddhist Temple
Board of Directors Wat Dhammagunaram Thai Buddhist Temple
Board of Directors Intermountain Therapy Animals