



August 8, 2021

Dear Mayor Wilson,

I am writing in request of your support to reappoint three Arts & Culture Advisory Board members. The current Board Members Maria Chumbita-Garcia (District 4,) Erik Christiansen (District 4,) Annastasia Kaessner (District 1) are each finishing their 1<sup>st</sup> term in the current 2021 year.

**JENNIFER WILSON**  
*Mayor*

**ERIN LITVACK**  
*Deputy Mayor &  
Chief Administrative Officer*

**HOLLY YOCOM**  
*Department Director  
Community Services*

**MATTHEW CASTILLO**  
*Division Director  
Arts & Culture*

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Arts & Culture would like to request their reappointment for one additional full term, extending their status through 2024. Our by-laws state that we may have 11-15 members. Retaining these members will keep our board at 12 which still allows us to recruit for additional members, preferably in District 2.

Maria Chumbita-Garcia is the Vice President of Engineering at Core Brace. Maria received recognition as a winner of the "30 Women to Watch 2018." She is of the Hispanic-Latino community, an underrepresented community on our board, and she is a supporter of the Arts who has offered great insight and opinion to the board in her first term.

Erik Christiansen is a Commercial Litigator at Parson Behle Latimer. Erik has 31-years' experience in commercial litigation, and he is the Chair of the Utah State Bar Litigation Section. Erik is also an avid supporter of the arts and has served on other artistic boards like UMOCA.

Annastasia Kaessner is the Director of Leasing at 'Industry.' Annastasia was appointed to CREW Utah's Board of Directors in 2019. She has also been an integral part of festivals like the Salt Lake City Arts Council's Living Traditions Festival, the Twilight Concert Series, Sundance Film Festival, and the Utah Arts Festival.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Matt Castillo,  
Director, Arts & Culture

Holly Yocom  
Dept. Director, Community Services

Attachments: Board Roster

# SALT LAKE COUNTY

## Board Member Nomination/Application

Board: Arts & Culture Advisory Board Date: 8/9/21

Nominated By (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name Annastasia Kaessner

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would applicant prefer work or home phone/address used as mailing address? Home

Salt Lake County Council District #: 1

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I prefer that my personal contact information remain private and protected  \_\_\_\_\_

Unique qualifications and/or perspectives you would bring to a Board or Commission:

Ms. Kaessner's work as a Director of Leasing helps to provide valuable insight into Arts & Culture functions managing leases for arts

organizations at County arts facilities. Additionally, Ms. Kaessner has extensive background working in operations and programming roles for many arts organizations, including Sundance Film Festival, Utah Arts Festival, and the Salt Lake City Arts Council.

This professional background allows Ms. Kaessner to provide valuable insight as Arts & Culture develops and improves programs and policies to support arts organizations.

### Board Coordinator Staff Section

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Is this a (check one):  reappointment  fill vacant seat  new seat added to board

If filling a vacant seat, why?

Term expired (expiration date: 8/9/21) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Resigned

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of board member being replaced: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a 3 year term. Term will begin August of 2021 and end August of 2024

Comments:

# SALT LAKE COUNTY

## Board Member Nomination/Application

Board: Arts & Culture Advisory Board Date: 8/9/21

Nominated By (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name Erik Christiansen

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: erikchristiansen@saltlakecounty.com

Would applicant prefer work or home phone/address used as mailing address? Home

Salt Lake County Council District #: 4

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Unique qualifications and/or perspectives you would bring to a Board or Commission:

Mr. Christiansen has extensive experience in nonprofit governance including past board service for Utah Film Center, KRCL,

Central Utah Art Center, Visit Salt Lake, and others. This experience, along with Mr. Christiansen's extensive experience practicing law provides valuable perspectives to Arts & Culture staff in developing and implementing programs and policies.

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# SALT LAKE COUNTY

## Board Member Nomination/Application

Board: Arts & Culture Advisory Board Date: 8/9/21

Nominated By (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name Maria Chumbita Garcia

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: maria.chumbita@gmail.com

Would applicant prefer work or home phone/address used as mailing address? Home

Salt Lake County Council District #: 4

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Unique qualifications and/or perspectives you would bring to a Board or Commission:

Ms. Chumbita has extensive experience as a structural engineer which provides valuable insight into Arts & Culture's capital project

planning and budgeting process. Further, Ms. Chumbita's interest in the arts community, specifically Arts & Culture resident organizations, as a non-artist provides valuable perspective in developing Arts & Culture programs and procedures.

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments:

# Annastasia Kaessner

## Summary

I am a passionate worker with a wide depth of knowledge in management and communication. My interpersonal skills and leadership background make it easy to relate to, manage, work with, and provide quality guidance. I learn quickly and have a determined attitude to succeed. I have over five years of experience working in a team environment as a leader and as a group member.

- Compassionate and active listener
- Experience as a role model
- Connecting with others is a priority
- Analytical thinker, good at problem solving
- Team Leadership and Managerial experience
- Training and presentation skills
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Ability to trouble-shoot and problem solve
- Mediation and Group skills
- Account management
- Project and event planning
- Organized and detailed
- Thrive under pressure
- Excellent written and communication skills

## Professional Experience

### **Q Factor**

Director of Leasing, Commercial Real Estate Agent- Position held September 2020-Present  
Specializing in Leasing and Acquisition for Q Factor Nationwide.

### **Colliers International**

Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Agent- Position held January 2019-September 2020  
Specializing in Office and Investment for tenants, landlords and acquisitions in the greater Salt Lake Area.

### **Cushman and Wakefield**

Associate Real Estate Agent- Position held April 2016-2019  
Specializing in Office and Investment for tenants, landlords and acquisitions in the greater Salt Lake Area.

### **Sundance Film Festival**

Ticketing Specialist- Position Held October 2015-February 2016

Worked as Assistant Coordinator/ Manager of Customer Service. Fielding and responding to patrons, customers and staff members about all things Sundance. Helped run Package and Ticket Sales, was in charge of 15 Ticket Agents, ran trainings, helped set up and run the Salt Lake City Box Office, ran volunteer and staff trainings, managed upset customers.

Assistant Box Office Coordinator- Festival 2015

- Managed all Ticket Agents and Volunteers
- Helped coordinate construction and arrangement of SLC Box Office

Assistant for Pass/ Package- Festival 2012

Park City Box Office Ticket Agent- Festival 2013 and Festival 2014

### **Helping Recovery Inc.**

Marketing and Outreach Coordinator- Position held August 2015- November 2015

In charge of promoting and outreach for Helping Recovery, which is a company that helps individuals in need of drug or alcohol treatment find a place for recovery. I also work with developing relationships with different treatment centers.

### **Eva Carlston Academy (ECA)**

Shift Lead- Position Held August 2015

Worked as direct care staff for an all-girls adolescent therapeutic boarding school. Worked with the unique issues and problems that the girls had. I helped problem solve, was in charge of the schedule of the day and organizing all staff during my shift. Promoted to this position.

Family Teacher- Position held March 2015-August 2015

Direct care staff at ECA.

### **Salt Lake City Arts Council (SLCAC)**

Programs Coordinator Assistant (All Programs) – Position held (Jan/2014-June 2015)

Worked with a team of individuals to coordinated and setup positions and programs for the Arts Council's Twilight Concert Series as well as Brown Bag, Gallery Shows and Public Art. Work as an assistant to the Executive Director and Program Director to lay the groundwork for all the council's programs. I helped the SLCAC through an important transition, taking on any role or job that was needed to help the organization run smoothly.

- Sponsorship research and development
- Worked with Arts Council to get the spring and summer programs running
- Volunteer coordination and program design
- Design of applications and information for food market and craft vendors
- Merchandise allocations
- Marketing material
- Main accountant for SLCAC; writing and paying invoices using Quickbooks
- Administration work: ordering office supplies, answering phones and email responses
- Created sponsor agreements and documentation

Twilight Concert Series and Living Traditions Festival (with SLCAC)

Head Accountant- Position held (2013 & 2011, seasonal)

- In charge of the beverage sales revenue for the Festival and Concert Series
- Projected incoming and outgoing funds for beer, wine, and soda sales
- Trained volunteers and assistants
- Created tracking and spreadsheets, adjusted quantities based on earnings
- Closed out bands

Assistant Accountant- Position held (2010, and 2012, seasonal)

### **Centered City Yoga**

2010 – 2016

#### **21st Yoga**

2016- Present

Yoga Instructor; I have my own LLC. I am one of the only certified Forrest Yoga teacher in the State of Utah.

- Design and teach 4-8 yoga classes per week
- Work with a variety of students, all ages and abilities (kids- seniors)

- Trained in working with trauma and abuse through yoga
- Teacher for INBody Academy's Teacher Certification program

### **Utah Arts Festival**

06/2014, 06/2013, 06/2012, 06/2011, 06/2010, and 06/2009

Assistant Coordinator, Art Yard

In charge of the Children's Art Yard for the Utah Arts Festival

- Aided in theme design
- Assisted with Staff management
- Worked with a group to setup and deconstruct the Art Yard
- Trained and coordinated volunteers
- Helped kids and adults with art/ educational projects

### **Education**

B.A. Eco-Gastronomy: **University of Redlands** 2010

(Biology and Environmental Sciences emphasizing in Nutritional Studies)

- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society
- University of Redlands Outdoor Programs Trip Leader of Semester Fall 2007 and Fall 2009

### **Community and Personal**

Personal:

I love to help people. I am passionate about teaching yoga and helping people learn to heal their bodies. Over the past four years I have completed four yoga trainings, and continue to grow in that arena, leading retreats and assisting internationally renowned teachers. I love the outdoors no matter where I am. I enjoy hiking in the mountains, biking, running and climbing.

#### **CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Utah:**

Board of Directors, 2019- present

Liaison for Rising Leaders, Events and Business to Business

In alignment with CREW Network, CREW Utah's focus is to enhance the field of commercial real estate by furthering the influence of women in the industry. This year I am the Board Liaison for the above three committees helping to organize events and networking to men and women in the commercial real estate industry. In 2018 I was the Chair for Women Run the City, a 5-K run/walk through downtown Salt Lake City to empower women and girls. This event raises funds for CREW Utah and Girls on the Run.

2018 Women Run the City, Chair

2018 Rising Leaders, Co-chair

This committee creates an environment for women and men starting out in the commercial real estate industry focusing on support, networking and access to Leaders in the industry. This group meets quarterly.

#### **Utah Business Magazine**

40 Under 40 Award, 2020

#### **Salt Lake County Arts and Culture Advisory Board**

Advisory Board, 2018- Present

Community Service:

Center for Women and Children Yoga Instructor 7/2010-03/2011

University of Redlands Community Yoga Teacher 01/2009- 2010  
Franklin Elementary Volunteer 09/2009- 06/2010  
Three Sisters Farm Volunteer 03/2009-06/2010  
University of Redlands Rock Climbing Club 2009-2010  
University of Redlands Outdoor Programs Trip Leader 01/2007-06/2010  
Candlelighters Camp Counselor 08/2008  
Girl Scouts of Utah Twilight Camp Counselor 08/2008  
Invisible Children's Club 2006-2007  
Utah Firebirds Assistant Soccer Coach 05/2007-08/2007

Other:

Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Certification 2011  
University of Redlands Ultimate Frisbee Team 2006-2010  
University of Redlands Women's Soccer Team 2006-2008

**ERIK ANTHONY CHRISTIANSEN**



**PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER**

Shareholder & Co-Chair of Securities Litigation Practice Group  
Resident in Salt Lake City  
February 1996 to Present  
Commercial litigation and securities litigation

One Utah Center  
201 South Main Street, Suite 1800  
P.O. Box 45898  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0898

**STROOCK & STROOCK & LAVAN**

Associate - November 1993 to December 1995  
2029 Century Park East  
Suite 1800  
Los Angeles, California 90067-3086  
Banking and securities litigation

**MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY & McCLOY**

Associate - October 1990 to November 1993  
Summer Associate, Summer 1989  
601 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
Banking and securities litigation

**EDUCATION**

**University of Utah College Of Law**

Juris Doctor Degree, May 1990

Articles Editor and Member of Editorial Board, Utah Law Review, 1989-90

**University of Utah College of Humanities**

M.A. English Candidate, August 1986-December 1989

**University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

B.A. Political Science, August 1987

Minor: Philosophy

**University of Utah College of Humanities**

B.A. English, June 1986

**LEGAL SERVICE**

<p><b>Utah State Bar</b></p>	<p>Delegate, ABA House of Delegates, appointed by Utah Bar Commission, 2017-19; reappointed 2019-present.</p>
	<p>Ex Officio Member of Utah Bar Commission, 2018-present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Chair Public Member Committee (2018-19)</li> <li>• Co-Chair Regulatory Reform Committee (2019-present)</li> <li>• Member, Utah State Bar Executive Director Search Committee (2021)</li> </ul>
	<p>Founder and Chair, Utah State Bar Exploratory Committee seeking to start a Utah Chapter of the ABA’s Judicial Opportunity Intern Program, 2020-Present</p>
	<p>Utah State Bar, Litigation Section, Executive Committee, 2015-Present</p> <p>(Immediate Past-Chair 2021-present)</p> <p>(Chair, 2020-21)</p> <p>(Chair Elect, 2019-20)</p> <p>(Treasurer 2018-19)</p> <p>(Secretary, 2017-18)</p>
	<p>Practitioner of the Year, Business Law Section, Utah State Bar, 2018</p>
	<p>Member, Convention Committee, Utah State Bar Annual Convention (2001, 2018 and 2020).</p>

	Chair, Utah State Bar Securities Section, 2005-06 (Executive Committee 2002-06)
	Member, Executive Committee, Utah State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 1996 - 1998
	Co-Chair, Utah Bar Journal Committee, Utah State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 1996 - 1997
	Co-Chair, Membership Support Network, Utah State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 1997 - 1998

<b>Legal Recognition</b>	Chambers USA Rated, General Commercial Litigation, 2020-present
	Alumnus of the Year, 2019, honored by the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah
	Lawyer of the Year in Securities/Capital Markets Law, Best Lawyers in America, 2020.
	Lawyer of the Year in Litigation-Securities, Best Lawyers of America, 2013
	Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating
	Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, Securities Litigation, since 2010
	Recognized in Mountain States Super lawyers, Securities Litigation, since 2009
	Recognized in Legal Elite, Utah Business magazine, various years.

<b>American Bar Association</b>	Appointed as Member of the ABA Standing Committee on Membership by ABA President-Elect Reginald M. Turner, for a three-year term, August 2021-present
	Appointed as Cochair-Utah, ABA's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, for the 2021-22 bar year, by Litigation Section Chair Beth Kaufman.
	Appointed as Team Editor for the ABA Litigation Section's Litigation News, for the 2021-22 bar year, by Litigation Section Chair Beth Kaufman.
	Appointed as Member of the ABA Litigation Section Membership & Marketing Committee, 2020-present
	ABA Utah State Membership Chair, appointed by ABA President Judy Perry Martinez, September 2019-present
	Founder, Utah State Bar Committee to start an expansion into Utah of the ABA Litigation Section's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, 2020-present
	Volunteer, ABA Immigration Justice Project, August 19-23, 2019 in San Diego, California, assisting with legal representation for asylum seekers at the California border.
	Utah Bar Delegate, ABA House of Delegates, selected by Utah Bar Commission, 2017-19; reappointed 2019-present (State Bar Reps serve two-year terms).
	Team Editor, <i>Litigation News</i> , published by American Bar Association (May 2012-present)
	Associate Editor, <i>Litigation News</i> , published by American Bar Association (July 2019-21)
	Contributing Editor, <i>Litigation News</i> , published by American Bar Association (Oct. 2017-19)

	Alternate Utah State Bar Delegate, ABA House of Delegates, selected by the Utah Bar Commission, ABA Annual Meeting, August 2017.
	Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2015-present)  Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2019-present)
	Editor-in-Chief, <i>Coverage</i> magazine, published by the ABA's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, in the Litigation Section, 2007 to 2015
	Managing Editor, <i>Coverage</i> magazine, published by the ABA's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, in the Litigation Section, 2004-07.
	Co-Chair, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association, 2007 CLE Seminar.
	Regional Representative, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association, 2003-2004.
	Co-Chair, Bad Faith Subcommittee of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, 2002-2004.
	Delegate to Young Lawyers House of Delegates, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Young Lawyers Division, August 1997.

<b>Federal Bar Association</b>	Chair, Utah Chapter, Federal Bar Association, 2008-09
	Member, Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee of the National Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, 2006-09

<b>Teaching</b>	Adjunct Professor of Law, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah,
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching Business Organizations Law 7050-001: (i) Spring 2016; (ii) Spring 2017; (iii) Fall 2018; (v) Fall 2019; and (vi) Spring 2021; and (vii) Fall 2021 (a 4-hour credit hour class).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching Procuring and Managing Legal Services, Masters of Legal Services program, (i) Spring 2019 and (ii) Summer 2020 (a 4-credit hour class).</li> </ul>
	Legal Writing Instructor, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, 1989-90
	Teaching Assistant, Professor Edwin Firmage, 1989-90
	Tutor, Property Law, Nontraditional Student Assistance Program, 1989-90

<b>Political Appointments</b>	Chair of the Utah State Securities Commission, 2009 to 2017 (appointed by Gov. Huntsman in 2009 and re-appointed by Gov. Herbert in 2013).
	Member, Salt Lake County Arts & Culture Advisory Board, 2018-present (appointed by Salt Lake County Mayor, Ben McAdams and confirmed by the County Council).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair (2019) and Member (2019-Present), Salt Lake County, Fine Art Collection Committee, 2018-present</li> </ul>
	Member, Convention Center Hotel Selection Committee, 2015-18 (appointed by Salt Lake County Mayor, Ben McAdams).

<b>University of Utah</b>	Alumnus of the Year, 2019, honored by the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah
	Chair, University of Utah Board of Advisors for Undergraduate Education, 2009-11
	Chair, University of Utah Young Alumni Board, 2000-02
	Member, University of Utah College of Law, Board of Trustees, 1996-99

<b>Other Interesting Community Legal Projects</b>	Represented USA swimming coach in litigation arising out of an alleged improper relationship between another USA swimming coach and an alleged underage athlete, 2017-18
	Represented Sandis Prusis and the Latvian Olympic Committee in a case before the Court of Arbitration for Sport against the International Olympic Committee, where I overturned the decision of the IOC and was able to get Mr. Prusis reinstated so that he was able to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.
	Represented Marie-Reine Le Gougne, the French Judge involved in the Pairs Figure Skating controversy during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, in her disciplinary proceeding before the International Skating Union in Lausanne, Switzerland.
	Selected as Olympic Pro Bono Counsel to represent athletes during the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games in February 2002 before the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the United States Olympic Committee.
	Volunteer Special Counsel to the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games ("SLOC") in

	connection with media requests by <i>City Weekly</i> reporter Lynn Packer under SLOC's Open Records Policy.
	Staff Attorney on the Webster Commission, which was charged by the Los Angeles Police Commission with investigating the LAPD's response to the 1991 civil disturbance in Los Angeles.
	Board of Trustees, Utah Legal Aid Society, 2003-07

**EXPERT WITNESS MATTERS**

<b><u>Case</u></b>	<b><u>Work</u></b>
<i>Cypress Management, LLC v. Jones Waldo Holbrook &amp; McDonough, P.C.</i>	Hired by Jones Waldo in legal malpractice case concerning securities law issues.
<i>State of Utah v Jeril Winget and Mark Winget</i>	Hired by the State of Utah in criminal prosecution. Expert witness for the State of Utah on securities issues. Issued an expert report. Case resolved before trial.
<i>Robert Wing v. Woodbury &amp; Kesler (In re Vescor)</i>	Hired by Woodbury & Kesler <u><i>Robert Wing v. Woodbury &amp; Kesler, P.C.</i></u> Expert witness for law firm on securities issues. Issued expert report and was deposed. Case resolved before trial.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, Utah Film Center, 2017-Present

Member, KRCL Community Advisory Board, 2015-current

Member, Central Utah Art Center (CUAC) Board of Trustees, 2015-2017

Chair, Board of Trustees, Visit Salt Lake, 2013-14

- Ex Officio Legal Advisor (2019-present)
- Member of Search Committee for New President and CEO (2019-20)
- Board Member (2009-present)
- Executive Committee (2011-19)

Chair, University of Utah Board of Advisors for Undergraduate Education, 2009-11

Member, KRCL Board of Trustees, 2006-11

Member, Board of Trustees, International Sculpture Center, 2006-11

Chair, Board of Trustees, UMOCA, 2006-09

Gala Committee, Utah Arthritis Foundation, 2002 and 2003

Chair, University of Utah Young Alumni Board, 2000-02

Member, Friends of the University of Utah English Department Committee, 1997 – 1998

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Admitted to practice to the State Bar of California (1990) and to the State Bar of Utah (1996), as well as to the United States District Courts for the Central District of California, the Eastern District of California, the Southern District of California, the Northern District of California, the United States Court of Appeals For The Ninth Circuit, the United States Court Of Appeals For The Tenth Circuit, the District of Arizona, the District of Utah and the United States Supreme Court. Member of the Salt Lake County Bar Association, the American Bar Association (Litigation, Administrative Law and Securities Litigation Sections) and the Securities and Litigation Sections of the Utah State Bar.

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

Author, Class Action Representation: Everyone Is on the Same Team, ABA's *Litigation News*, print edition, Vol. 46 No. 3 at 4 (Spring 2021).

Author, Breach of Duty Results in Forfeiture of \$7.5 Million Contingency Fee, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, December 7, 2020.

Author, Did Time Run Out on Employee's Noncompete?, ABA's *Litigation News*, Vol. 46, No. 1, at 14 (Fall 2020) and web version published on March 3, 2021.

Author, Snap Removal: A New Tool for Out-of-State Defendants, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, August 31, 2020.

Author, Discovery Cannot Be Used to Find a Class Action Plaintiff, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, June 8, 2020.

Author, #MeToo Sparks New Protections in 15 States, cover story, ABA's *Litigation News*, Vol. 45, No. 2 at 10 (Winter 2020)

Author, Federal Court Asserts Jurisdiction Over State Securities Case, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, February 3, 2020.

Author, Misbehaving, *Litigation*, the Journal of the ABA Section of Litigation, vol. 46, No. 2 at 51 (Winter 2020).

Author, New Federal Rules Modernize Appellate Practice, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, October 9, 2019.

Author, Jurors Names and Addresses Must Be Disclosed after Trial, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, August 29, 2019 and print version Vol. 45, No. 2, at 8, Winter 2020.

Author, Family Members Can Recover For Asbestos Exposure At Home, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, August 1, 2019; and print version Vol. 45, No. 1, at 23 (Fall 2019).

Author, Preliminary Injunctions: Live or Die on Powerful Evidence of Wrongdoing, *Litigation*, the Journal of the ABA Section of Litigation, Vol. 45, No. 2, Winter 2019, at 14.

Author, Circuit Split Widens In Tolling False Claims Act Cases, ABA's *Litigation News*, web version, January 29, 2019.

Author, Supreme Court ALJ Appointment Procedure at SEC Unconstitutional, ABA's *Litigation News*, Volume 44 Number 1, Fall 2018, at 22.

Author, New Materiality Standard for Civil False Claims, ABA's *Litigation News*, Volume 43 Number 4, Summer 2018, at 24.

Author, Chapter on Common State and Federal Securities Law Violations, Utah Business Law for Entrepreneurs & Managers (Read, Dumke, Bartholomew and Clayton, Editors) and member of editorial board (book published by the Business Law Section of the Utah State Bar).

Utah Chapter, Insurance Bad Faith; A Compendium of State Law, published by the DRI Defense Library Series, in May 2004 and May 2011.

*Technicolor Hats: The Dangers of Relying Solely on D&O Insurance to Protect In-House Counsel in Securities Litigation*, January/February 2006, Coverage magazine, Vol. 16, No. 1.

*Constitutional Limitations on Litigating Bad Faith Claims After State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. v. Campbell*, May/June issue of the American Bar Association's Coverage magazine (Vol. 13, No. 3). Coverage magazine is published by the ABA's Committee On Insurance Coverage Litigation.

*Notable Rulings*, Federal Bar Association Utah Chapter Newsletter, Vol. 4, Issue 2 (Oct. 2003).

### **SPEECHES**

Speaker, "Regulatory Reform, Part Deux: Reports from Utah, Arizona and California," at the 46<sup>th</sup> ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, June 3, 2021.

Speaker, "A Discussion about Diversity and Inclusion with ABA President Refo and distinguished guests from the Utah State Bar," virtual town hall presentation, given by the Utah State Bar Litigation Section, February 2, 2021.

Speaker, Utah State Bar Litigation Skills Series "Yes You Can Do a Virtual Jury Trial!," virtual webinar presentation, given by the Utah State Bar Litigation Section, January 28, 2021.

Speaker, "The High Stakes Risks for Companies Doing Business Overseas," virtual webinar, given at the Utah World Trade Center, December 3, 2020.

Speaker, "Recent Developments in Federal and State Securities Litigation in 2020," virtual webinar given at the Utah State Bar Virtual Securities Section Annual CLE meeting, November 18, 2020.

Moderator, "Preserving the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment in the Face of COVID-19: Perspectives from the Bench and Trial Lawyers," virtual webinar CLE presentation for the Utah State Bar Litigation Section, June 11, 2020.

Speaker, “Social Distance Litigation: Best Practices for Advocates in the New Normal,” Utah State Bar Litigation Section, virtual webinar CLE, May 18, 2020.

Speaker, “Regulatory Updates – Practicing in Utah Under A Proposed Regulatory Reform,” Utah State Bar Litigation Section, U.S. District Court Jury Assembly Room, February 27, 2020.

Speaker, “Update On Recent Significant Securities Decisions,” November 7, 2019, at the Utah State Bar Annual Securities Law Workshop, Little America Hotel.

Speaker, “Faster, Higher, Stronger: Complex Legal Issues in the Multi-Billion Dollar Sports Industry,” with the Honorable Mayor Jackie M. Biskupski, Sam Harkness, the General Counsel for the Larry H. Miller Sports & Entertainment, and Onye Ikwaakor, Associate General Counsel of the United States Olympic Committee, at the ABA Section of Litigation, 2019 Spring Council and Planning Meeting, June 14, 2019 at the Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City, Utah.

Speaker, “Conducting an Effective Internal Investigation – One Chance to Get it Right” at the ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, March 28, 2019.

Speaker, “Law School to Lawyer: Insights from Hiring Partners,” Utah State Bar Young Lawyer’s Division, Adobe Campus, January 9, 2019.

Speaker, “What to Do When Your Key Employee Walks Out the Door With Your Company’s Trade Secrets,” presented at Silicon Slopes, December 6, 2018.

Speaker, “Practical Ethical Concerns for Securities Regulators” at the North American State Securities Administrators’ Annual Training Conference, Deer Valley, Utah, July 18, 2018.

Speaker, “When the Government Comes Knocking . . . How to Respond to Governmental Investigations,” Utah State Bar Litigation and Corporate Counsel Sections, June 20, 2018.

Speaker, “The Future of the Legal Profession” at the Utah State Bar Innovation & Law Committee Conference, May 31, 2018.

Speaker, “What to Do When Your Key Employee Walks Out the Door With Your Company’s Trade Secrets,” presented at the Parsons Behle & Latimer 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Employment Law Seminar, at the Grand America Hotel, May 22, 2018.

Speaker & Faculty, Utah State Bar Litigation Section Trial Academy, March 22, 2018, at S.J. Quinney College of Law.

Speaker, “Home Alone and the Death of Mass Torts: Recent Developments in General and Specific Jurisdiction,” with Justice Paige Peterson and Judge Diana Hagen, at the Utah State Bar Spring Convention in St. George, Utah on March 9, 2018.

Speaker, “Did the SEC’s Recent Ratification of ALJ Appointments End The Constitutional Question of Agency ALJ Appointments,” at the Utah State Bar Securities and Business Law Joint CLE, February 7, 2018.

Speaker, “Whither the ALJs? Will the SEC’s Recent Ratification of ALJs End The Constitutional Question of SEC ALJ Appointments?” at the ABA’s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Institute on Securities Fraud, January 11, 2018.

Speaker, “How to Develop Clients Starting Now: Tips for Lifelong Client Development And The Myriad of Career Opportunities for Business Law Lawyers” at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, Business Law Society, October 3, 2017.

Speaker, “Securities Litigation Update” at the Securities Section Annual Conference of the Securities Section of the Utah State Bar, at Little America, August 4, 2017.

Speaker, “A Carrot, A Stick & A Choice: Federal v. State Trade Secret Litigation,” at the Utah Law & Justice Center, for the Utah State Bar Labor & Employment Section, May 25, 2017.

Speaker, What to Do With Big, Complex Cases? The New Third District Court Pilot Program for Tier 3 Cases, with Judges Ryan M. Harris, Barry G. Lawrence, and Andrew H. Stone at the Federal Courthouse, Utah State Bar Litigation Section, September 20, 2016.

Speaker, Shh! Don’t Tell! The Federal Defend Trade Secrets Act, USA Power, and Other Major Developments in Trade Secret Law, with Timothy Conde and James Magleby, at the Federal Courthouse, Utah State Bar Litigation Section, August 3, 2016.

Speaker, To Compete or Not Compete. . . . That Is The Question, Utah State Bar Litigation Section Breakfast Briefing, May 26, 2016.

Speaker, Update on Securities Litigation, Utah State Bar Securities Section Annual CLE, August 7, 2015.

Speaker, Trial Skills Academy, Faculty, Utah State Bar, Utah State Bar Litigation Section, May 26-27, 2015

Speaker, Ethical Considerations in Securities Enforcement, Utah State Bar Business Law Seminar, May 22, 2015

Speaker, Trial Academy, Faculty, Utah State Bar, Fall Forum, November 21, 2014

Speaker, Modern Securities Litigation and Halliburton, S.J. Quinney College of Law, March 17, 2014

Speaker, Securities Litigation Update, Utah State Bar Securities Section, February 21, 2014

Speaker, Best and Worst Discovery Practices, Utah State Bar, Litigation Section, October 7, 2011

Speaker, Update on Recent Significant Securities Decisions, Utah State Bar Securities Law Section, May 7, 2011

Speaker, Generating Content and Soliciting Authors, ABA Editor's Symposium, October 1, 2010

Speaker, Update on Recent Significant Securities Decisions, Utah State Bar Securities law Section, August 20, 2010.

Speaker, Common Markers of Fraud, Fraud College, June 30, 2010.

Speaker, Developments in Federal Securities Fraud Litigation, Federal Bar Association, Southern Utah Event, October 23, 2009

Speaker, Pro Bono Service in the Federal Courts, Federal Bar Association's Tri-State Conference, October 10, 2009

Speaker, Recent Developments in Securities Litigation, Utah State Bar Securities Section, August 15, 2009

Speaker, Spoliation of Evidence in the Electronic World, Intermountain eDiscovery Conference, May 28, 2009

Speaker, Update on Recent Significant Securities Decisions, Utah State Bar, August 22, 2008

Speaker, Spoliation of Evidence, Lorman seminar, May 16, 2008

Speaker, Do's and Don'ts of Deals in Utah, Mountain West Capital Network lunch, December 13, 2007

Speaker, Discovery in Bad Faith Cases, Ethical Issues and the Tripartite Relationship, Lorman, September 19, 2007

Speaker, Private Securities Litigation in Utah, Utah State Bar, August 11, 2007

Speaker, Update on Recent Significant Securities Decisions, Utah State Bar, August 25, 2006

Speaker, First Party Bad Faith Claims, Lorman seminar, February 23, 2006

Speaker, D&O Coverage for In-House Counsel of Issuers of Securities, Utah State Bar, May 5, 2005

Speaker, Mold & Bad Faith Litigation, at the A.B.A.'s 2005 Insurance Coverage Litigation CLE Seminar in Tucson, Arizona on March 4, 2005.

Speaker, To Restate or Not to Restate: Handing A Disclosure Crisis, at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Securities Law Workshop of the Utah State Bar Association's Securities Section in Sun Valley, Idaho, on August 21, 2004.

Speaker, Ten Things I Love & Hate About Insurance Companies and Insureds: The Latest On Coverage Dynamics, at the A.B.A. Section of Litigation's Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on May 7, 2004.

Speaker, Bad Faith Claims And ERISA: What's Next?, at the A.B.A.'s Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee's annual CLE Seminar in Tucson, Arizona on March 6, 2004.

Tool Box Lunch Discussion Leader, Bad Faith Claims, at the A.B.A.'s Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Program at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, February 20, 2004, in Santa Monica, California.

Speaker, The Basics of Federal And State Securities Litigation, New Lawyer CLE, Utah State Bar Law & Justice Center, October 30, 2003.

Speaker, Recent Developments in Securities Litigation in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Circuits, Utah State Bar Securities Section Annual Meeting, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, August 16, 2003.

Panelist, Plenary Session: Bad Faith Litigation After Campbell vs. State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance, presented at the American Bar Association's 2003 Insurance Coverage Litigation CLE Seminar in Tucson, Arizona on March 7, 2003.

Discussion Leader, Punitive Damages After White vs. Ford Motor Company, presented at the American Bar Association's 2003 Insurance Coverage Litigation CLE Seminar in Tucson, Arizona on March 7, 2003.

The Document Retention Requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, presented to 1100 people at the National Meeting of Iron Mountain Incorporated on February 6, 2003 in Orlando, Florida.

The Document Retention Requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, presented at the "Best of the West" regional meeting of Iron Mountain Records Management Corporation, a division of Iron Mountain Incorporated, on November 19, 2002 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Recent Developments in Securities Class Action Litigation in the United States – Western Region, at the Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria, October 11, 2002.

Legal Ethics of Olympic Proportion: Athlete Arbitrations at the Salt Lake 2002 Olympics, at Utah Valley State College on September 24, 2002.

Recent Developments In Securities Litigation In the Ninth and Tenth Circuits, Utah State Bar Securities Section Annual Meeting, Sun Valley, Idaho, August 2002.

D&O Lawsuits: Stories from the Trenches, T2M Technology To Market Summit 2001 Conference held at the Chateaux at Silver Lake at Deer Valley Ski Resort on December 6, 2001.

Recent Developments In Securities Litigation In the Ninth and Tenth Circuits, Utah State Bar Securities Section Annual Meeting, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, August 2001.

Recent Developments In Securities Litigation In the Ninth and Tenth Circuits, Utah State Bar Securities Section Annual Meeting, Sun Valley, Idaho, August 2000.

### **PERSONAL**

Born July 31, 1963 in Iwakuni, Japan. Married to Christina Marie Jepson. Daughters, Adison Marie Christiansen (22), Kyra Marie Schmutz (22), Cate Olivia Christiansen (19), and Morgan Alexa Schmutz (11). Chevalier, Chaine Des Rotisseurs, Utah Chapter. Member, Beta Theta Pi fraternity in college.



# MARIA E. CHUMBITA, P.E.

Driven leader, combining highly analytical skills with an action oriented approach to decision making. Effective communicator. Passionate about technical knowledge, business growth, and innovation. Avid student of human nature, motivated by continuous improvement and excellence.

## CREDENTIALS

Professional Engineer, Civil

*California (C80170); Washington (55192); Oregon (92725); South Carolina (35294); Nevada (025296); Arkansas (19231); Virginia (402063438)*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

40 Under 40 (2020)

*Utah Business Magazine*

30 Women to Watch (2018)

*Utah Business Magazine*

Tomas Furth Scholarship (2008)

*Fulbright Commission*

Best Graduate of UCA School of Engineering (2006)

*Argentina National Academy of Engineering*

Honors Diploma (2006)

*Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina*

## LANGUAGES

English

*Bilingual Proficiency*

Spanish

*Native*

## CONTACT

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### CoreBrace, LLC - Vice President of Engineering (2019 – Present)

- Member of the original executive team that determines business direction, goals and strategy and grew the company from \$1M to \$100M in revenue in less than ten years.
- Evaluates and selects new R&D, partnerships, and expansion opportunities. Analyzes modifications to production capacity and updates to operation and QC/QA systems.
- Organizes team efforts to take new lines of developments to market and decide on the best course of commercialization for different audiences and geographic regions.
- Performs international and domestic Business Development with a proven record of clientele building and retention. Selects marketing opportunities and develops content for advertisement and exhibitions. Participates in trade missions and specialty panels. Presents at international events.
- Negotiates international contracts, taking into account technical, financial, legal, and logistic considerations. Establishes relationships of local representation. Directs and coordinates activities with business partners in LATAM.
- Actively involved in culture building. Recruits and selects new members of the team. Organizes group events and activities. Encourages an environment of collaboration and out of the box thinking, with an emphasis on respect, appreciation and belonging which results in extremely low turnover.
- Leads ten engineers in the Engineering Department in the design and production of documents for the fabrication of the specialty structural elements known as Buckling-Restrained Braces (BRBs). Oversees all contractual work to meet budget and schedule, and to provide a constant flow of input for manufacturing.
- Responsible for the day to day general department operations. Approves PTO requests, travel requisitions and expense reports. Conducts PIPs and PRs and prepares subsequent compensation adjustment recommendations.

### CoreBrace, LLC – Chief Engineer (2016 – 2019)

- Reviewed engineering design, submittals and fabrication packages to ensure technical adequacy and compliance with contract documents and internal standards.
- Produced internal guidelines and training tools. Distributed workload and made critical project decisions. Assisted in the mentoring of new and current employees.

### CoreBrace, LLC – Senior / Project Development Engineer (2011 – 2016)

- Design and R&D for BRBs. Collaborated in setting up full-scale testing of specimens. Developed software input for non-linear modeling based on test results.
- Project management. Provided design assist to EORs. Coordinated work with steel fabricators, detailers and erectors during all stages of projects.
- Bidding and estimating. Analyzed project bidding documents and conducted preliminary designs to prepare pricing and submit proposals.
- Sales and Marketing. Visited offices for technical presentations. Arranged participation in events and advertising. Generated marketing material, technical literature, cost studies and design examples for national publications.

### Catena Consulting Engineers – Design Engineer (2009 – 2011)

- Designed structures, components and foundations for multiple purposes including healthcare and educational facilities, stadiums, and parking garages.
- Worked with the current state of the art codes in the design with the major engineering materials and evaluation of existing structures.

### Techint E&C – Junior Steel Structures Engineer (2006 – 2008)

- Designed crane runway girders and equipment support structures in seismic areas.

## EDUCATION

University of Utah – SLC, UT (2017 – 2017)

*Women's Leadership Certificate*

SLC Community College – SLC, UT (2013 – 2013)

*Executive Certificate in Global Business Management*

Trine University – Angola, IN (2008 – 2009)

*Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering*

Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina – Bs. As., Argentina (2001 – 2006)

*Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering*

## Salt Lake County Arts &amp; Culture

## Current Advisory Board Roster

<b>Arts &amp; Culture Advisory Board Member</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Info</b>
Bing Fang	4	2017-2020 2021-2023	Background in finance, marketing, management, ethics and business strategy; Off-Broadway Theater board member; NHMU board chair; Asian/Pacific Islander community
Daphne Williams	4	2017-2020 2021-2023	Visual art expert
Gordon Wolf	3	2017-2020 2021-2023	Taylorsville Arts Council; Mid Valley Performing Art Center design committee member
Maria Chumbita-Garcia	4	2018-2021	Engineer; Hispanic/Latino community; young professional
Annastasia Kaessner	1	2018-2021	Downtown commercial real estate broker; young professional
Erik Christiansen	4	2018-2021	Lawyer; huge arts supporter; board experience
Brian Van Ausdal	4	2019-2022	IT Business Analyst and huge arts supporter.
Don Tingey	5	2019-2022	Director of Strategic Services for City of South Jordan
Ryan Riches	5	2019 - 2022	Ryan is a retired project manager from Lockheed Martin and a member of the Beehive Statesmen Barbershop Chorus and Stayin Alive Quartet.
Jordan Brun	3	2019 - 2022	Artist, actor and arts educator at Brighton High School.
Megan West	1	2020-2023	Involved in the mental health/substance abuse industry. Meghan background in budget management, event production
Emily Emmer	6	2020-2023	Marketing strategist with 15+ years experience. Practicing artist, musician, and patron of the arts