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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**BYU Law School** **2023 – Present**

*Head of Legal Technology Education*

- Oversee and develop the Law School’s legal technology curriculum, including the Legal Tech Initiative, LawX Labs, and the AI Law & Policy Academy.
- Collaborate with and support faculty members in their research.
- Oversee *Future of Law* speaker series.

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Clarion AI Partners** **2025 – Present**

*AI Strategist*

- Advise organizations on AI risk and strategy.
- Provide training to law schools on AI use and strategy.

**FractionalGC** **2022 – Present**

*Partner*

- Represent small businesses and startups in transactional legal matters.
- Participated in Chicago Bar Foundation’s Justice Entrepreneurs Project.

**Kirkland & Ellis LLP** **2019 – 2022**

*Associate*

- Drafted pleadings, memoranda, and other documents in chapter 11 cases.
- Represented private equity firms in multimillion-dollar transactions.

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## EDUCATION

**J.D., J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University** **2019**

**B.A., Middle East Studies/Arabic, Brigham Young University** **2016**

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## SERVICE

**Pro Bono Work** **2018 – Present**

- Provided pro bono services in immigration, consumer debt, elections, small business, nonprofits, arts, and veterans’ benefits.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** **2010 – 2012**

*Full-time missionary – Jakarta, Indonesia*

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## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Admissions: Illinois (2019 – present), Utah (2024 – present)
- Languages: Indonesian (advanced), Arabic (intermediate)

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**BYU LAW SCHOOL & LAW LIBRARY SERVICE****Law School**

- AI Committee, chair (2025 – present)
- Technology Committee, member (2023 – present)

**Law Library**

- Legal Tech Initiative Committee, chair (2023 – present)
- Library Website & IT Committee, member (2023 – present)
- Library Administrative Council, member (2023 – present)
- Faculty Services Committee, member (2023 – present)

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES****Utah Supreme Court**

- Utah Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Regulatory Reform, AI and Legal Technology Work Group (2025 – present)
- Utah Supreme Court Legal Services Innovation Committee, vice-chair (2023 – present)

**Utah State Bar**

- Utah State Bar AI Committee, co-chair (2025 – present)
- Utah State Bar Innovation in Law Practice Committee, co-chair (2024 – present)

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Association of Law Libraries: LIT-SIS, WestPac, ALL-SIS, AI caucus, (2023 – present)
- Utah Bar No. 19148 (2024 – present)
- Illinois Bar No. 6332764 (2019 – present)

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**TEACHING**

- Legal Tech Initiative workshops (Fall 2023 – present)
- Artificial Intelligence & Law (Winter 2026, Fall 2025, Winter 2024)
- AI Law & Policy Academy (Winter 2026, Winter 2025)
- LawX Incubator (Winter 2026, Fall 2025, Winter 2025, Fall 2024, Winter 2024)
- Guest Lecturer: Criminal Pretrial Skills, Transactional Legal Drafting, Business Organizations Skills Lab

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**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS****Technology & Innovation in Legal Practice**

- [BYU Law's Legal Tech Initiative](#), The BYU Advocate at 34 (2025)
- [Legal Technology Tip: Legal-Specific AI Tools](#), The BYU Advocate at 34 (2024)
- [Talking Tech: Design Thinking and A2J](#), 28 AALL Spectrum 6, 48–51 (July/Aug. 2024)

- [From Competence to Excellence: How Utah’s Law Schools are Training Tomorrow’s AI-Savvy Lawyers](#), 37 Utah Bar Journal 4, 50–53 (July/Aug. 2024)
- [What Law Students Should Know About Generative AI Before Their Summer Jobs](#), Law.com (Apr. 30, 2024)
- [Legal Tech Resources for Students and Faculty](#), BYU Law Library Guides (Mar. 6, 2024)

### **Technology Law & Policy**

- [AI Chatbots and Product Liability, Explained](#), The Dispatch (June 5, 2025)
- [The Supreme Court’s Upcoming Transgender Treatment Case, Explained](#), The Dispatch (Aug. 13, 2024)
- [The Antitrust Case Against Google’s Ad Business, Explained](#), The Dispatch (Oct. 3, 2024)
- [Florida’s New Social Media Law, Explained](#), The Dispatch (Apr. 11, 2024)
- [A New Legal Challenge to the Administrative State, Explained](#), The Dispatch (Jan. 17, 2024)
- [Purdue Pharma’s Bankruptcy Case, Explained](#), The Dispatch (Dec. 4, 2023)

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### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Technology & Innovation in Legal Practice**

- Redesigning Legal Services for “Them of the Last Wagon” (poster), BYU For the Benefit of the World Conference (Nov. 14, 2025)
- Law Schools & GenAI: Essential Updates for Busy Professionals, WestPac 2025 Annual Meeting (Oct. 10, 2025)
- AI & Tools for Expanding Access to Justice (panelist), Utah Bar Commission’s 7th Annual Access to Justice Summit (Oct. 3, 2025)
- AI & Ethics Deep Dive (CLE), Utah Attorney General’s Office Annual CLE (Sep. 29, 2025)
- AI in Legal Research: Measuring What Matters with Benchmarks and Rubrics (panelist), AALL Annual Meeting & Conference (July 20, 2025)
- Future-Proofing Law Students: Practical Simulations, Tech Fluency, and Adaptive Skills, CALICon 2025 (June 6, 2025)
- Teaching Smarter: Leveraging AI for Classroom Preparation, Instruction, and Assessment, CALICon 2025 (June 6, 2025)
- The Problem with Benchmarking (panelist), CALICon 2025 (June 5, 2025)
- Law Libraries: Future-Proofing Tomorrow’s Lawyers for AI Disruption, Consortium of Church Libraries and Archives Spring Conference (May 8, 2025)
- Legal Education Innovation Showcase (panelist), Suffolk LIT Con (Apr. 7, 2025)
- Access to Good-Enough Justice: Scaling Legal Services through Technology and Innovation (CLE), Improving Access to Justice: Data-Driven Innovation Using Emerging Technologies University of Nebraska-Lincoln Symposium (Feb. 7, 2025)
- Teaching Technology by Not Teaching Technology: Rethinking Essential Skills in Legal Tech Courses (panelist), AALL Annual Meeting & Conference (July 20, 2024)
- What Lawyers Should Know About Generative AI (CLE), West LegalEdcenter (June 10, 2024)

- AI & Libraries (panelist), Consortium of Church Libraries and Archives Spring Conference (May 15, 2024)
- Generative AI & Legal Research (CLE), 42nd Annual State & Local Government Conference (Mar. 15, 2024)
- Collaborating to Bridge the Justice Gap with Legal Technology (panelist), ABA TECHSHOW (Feb. 15, 2024)

### **Technology & Teaching**

- Using AI as an Instructional Tool, BYU Adjunct Faculty Seminar, BYU Center for Teaching and Learning (April 17, 2025)

### **Technology Law & Policy**

- Balancing Innovation and Responsibility: Navigating the Landscape of AI Companions, 2025 Utah AI Summit (Dec. 2, 2025)
- AI + Law, BYU Law School World of Law lecture series (Nov. 12, 2025)

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### **FEATURED IN**

#### **Technology & Innovation in Legal Practice**

- [Teaching LegalTech and Building a Subscription Practice with Nick Hafen](#), Law Subscribed Podcast (Oct. 4, 2024)
- John Roemer, [Fake Cases, Real Consequences: Will Generative AI Ever Fix Its Hallucination Problem?](#), ABA Journal 13 (Oct./Nov. 2024)
- [AI and the Future of Law School \(Nick Hafen\)](#), Thinking LSAT Podcast (Apr. 29, 2024)
- Bob Ambrogi, [Law Students in BYU Law's LawX Program Develop Two Applications Targeting Access to Justice](#), LawSites (Apr. 12, 2024) (see also [TechBuzz, Law360](#))
- John Roemer, [How Fisher Phillips helped test and then implement Casetext's CoCounsel into its practice](#), ABA Journal (Nov. 29, 2023)

#### **Technology Law & Policy**

- Addy Baird, ['The algorithms are just destroying us': Can you sue a social media company for harm?](#), Salt Lake Tribune (Nov. 20, 2025)
- [Jeff Caplan's Afternoon News](#), KSL (Jan. 10, 2025)
- Luke Howard, [Utah Steps Forward with Simpler, Light-Touch AI Legislation](#), TechBuzz (Apr. 16, 2024)