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Derek effectively represents clients, guiding them through the complexities of civil litigation cases before state and federal courts and in securities enforcement actions before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition to his practice representing auditors, Derek also has significant experience in virtually all aspects of litigation before state and federal courts throughout the country.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Derek was an associate at Howrey LLP, where he represented one of the Big Four accounting firms in professional negligence actions, securities class actions, and securities enforcement actions and investigations. He also played a key role on a trial team that successfully represented an audit partner of a large accounting firm before an administrative law judge, resulting in the dismissal of all charges.

PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Government Investigations and White Collar Defense
Stakeholder Disputes

EDUCATION

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, J.D., 2005
Managing Editor of Articles, Managing Board, *BYU Journal of Public Law*

Brigham Young University, B.S., 2001
Economics and Russian

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

PUBLICATIONS

"Utah's New Commercial Email Act: A Warning to Businesses Engaged in Internet Marketing," *Holland & Hart Legal Update*, July 25, 2023

"The Supreme Court Adopts Narrow Definition of Autodialers Under the TCPA," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 04/06/2021

"FCC Rules Peer-to-Peer Text Messaging Platform Does Not Violate the TCPA," *Holland & Hart News Update*, 07/30/2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Best Practices to Ensure Healthcare Organizations Comply with the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in Their Communications," 06/16/2022

"Ethics and Civility," *Holland & Hart's 2019 Utah Employment Law Seminar, Panelist*, 10/24/2019

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2020-2024
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2018, 2019
- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Securities Litigation, 2008, 2015-2016; Business Litigation, 2017
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Future Star, 2018-2024

- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Civil Litigation, 2015, 2016, 2020-2022

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Utah Chapter Federal Bar Association, Board Member
- Utah State Bar, Member
Litigation Section
Young Lawyers Division Community Service Committee 2006-2007
- Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Leadership Utah, Class of 2011-2012