



## CHRISTOPHER D. PETERSEN

### Staff Counsel

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### EDUCATION

University of Utah S.J. Quinney  
College of Law, J.D., 2012, Articles  
Editor, *Utah Law Review*

Shepherd University, B.S., 2008,  
*cum laude*

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to the Honorable Clark  
Waddoups of the U.S. District Court  
for the District of Utah

Law Clerk, Appellate Division, Salt  
Lake City Legal Defenders  
Association

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Kay, Casto & Chaney, PLLC  
Associate  
Bowles Rice, LLP  
Associate  
Jackson Kelly, PLLC  
Associate

### ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
Virginia (inactive)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Won a plaintiff's jury verdict for an investor in a breach of contract trial.
- Served as court-appointed counsel in a *habeas corpus* case brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, representing a state-court prisoner who received a life sentence and was asserting that he received ineffective assistance of counsel. The matter culminated in a favorable ruling from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### INDUSTRIES

- Oil & Gas
- Real Estate
- Construction & Engineering
- Financial Services

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate

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## BIOGRAPHY

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Throughout his career, Chris has represented property owners, landowners, developers, and municipalities in litigation involving construction, real property, land use, and zoning disputes. In all of these matters, he works carefully and efficiently to provide the most relevant information to the clients and attorney teams he serves to help make informed litigation strategy.

Prior to joining WTO, Chris served as an associate in the litigation departments of multiple law firms, where he gained valuable experience developing case strategy and taking individual responsibility for client matters. Most recently, Chris served as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Clark Waddoups of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah.

## CASES

- Won a plaintiff's jury verdict in Denver District Court for an investor in a multimillion dollar breach of contract trial. The case arose out of a mismanaged real estate development project.
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## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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West Virginia