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### **PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

Mr. Preston has been with Smith|Hartvigsen, PLLC since January 2004. He has developed litigation experience in real estate law, water law, and state and local government law, particularly in the area of eminent domain, and has argued before the Utah Court of Appeals. Mr. Preston also has experience with trusts and estates and probate matters. After graduating from law school, Mr. Preston clerked for Judge Ray M. Harding Jr., in the Utah 4th Judicial District (2001-2002). Mr. Preston then clerked for Justice Matthew B. Durrant of the Utah Supreme Court (2002-2003).

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Eminent Domain Law	Probate and Estate Planning
Municipal Law	Appellate Practice
Property Law (Easements, Land Use, and Zoning)	General Civil Litigation

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Admitted  
2001 Utah State Bar  
2004 Utah Federal District Court  
2005 U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

### **REPORTED CASES**

*In re Matter of the General Determination of Rights to the Use of Water: Green River Canal Company v. Olds*, 2004 UT 106, 110 P.3d 666 (Utah 2004)

*Oak Lane Homeowners Ass'n v. Griffin*, 2006 UT App 465, 153 P.3d 740 (Utah Ct. App. 2006)

*Swan Creek Village Homeowners Ass'n v. Warne*, 2006 UT 22, 134 P.3d 1122 (Utah 2006)

*Newton v. Federal Aviation Administration*, 457 F.3d 1133 (10th Cir. 2006)

### **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctorate, *Cum laude*, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University; 2001 Note and Comment Editor, Brigham Young University Law Review from 2000-2001 and was a member of the Brigham Young University International Moot Court Team from 1999-2001.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Brigham Young University, 1998.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author, "Islam in Russia Under the 1997 Law on Religious Freedom: Official Tolerance in an Intolerant Society," 2001 *BYU L. Rev.* 773

Co-Author with Ronald Z. Ahrens, "United Nations Convention Documents in Light of Feminist Theory," 8 *Mich. J. Gender & L.* 1 (2001).

Author, "In re Impounded: When Will the Right Against Self-Incrimination Protect Witnesses From Foreign Prosecution?" 2000 *BYU L. Rev.* 1703.

## **LANGUAGES**

Russian