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As a member of Parr Brown's Litigation practice group, Kara Houck has represented a wide range of plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts in the areas of legal malpractice defense, estate planning and probate litigation, wildfire litigation, intellectual property/trade secret matters, non-competition and non-solicitation agreements, landlord/tenant contracts, and disputes over ownership and control of businesses. She manages cases of various sizes from start to finish. Clients appreciate her ability to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes and her dedication to their cases. She is committed to advocating on behalf of her clients with civility and integrity. Notable representations include defending and successfully reaching an out of court resolution of a multi-million dollar legal malpractice claim; representing hundreds of victims of the 2012 Wood Hollow fire in central Utah and achieving millions of dollars of recovery; representing high tech and manufacturing companies to protect their intellectual property; securing possession of a development site for property owners facing a challenge to their rights so that a commercial development could be constructed; and litigating and obtaining out of court resolutions for both plaintiffs and defendants in highly contentious probate disputes between family members.

Ms. Houck received a Bachelor of Science in Resource Conservation with a minor in Political Science from The University of Montana, as a University Scholar, Honors Program, in 1996. After working for the U.S. Forest Service, in 2000 she received her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago, *magna cum laude*. She spent a year in Portland Maine where she served as a judicial clerk for Justice Howard Dana, Jr. at the Main Supreme Judicial Court. In addition, Ms. Houck has served as senior litigation counsel in-house at Zions Bancorporation, N.A. where she assisted with managing the bank's national litigation and participated with the business groups in building pre-litigation strategies.

Ms. Houck has been awarded an AV rating – the highest awarded by Martindale-Hubbell. She has been recognized by *Mountain States Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" in 2008, 2012-2014 and has been listed in *Utah Business* magazine's Legal Elite for business litigation. Ms. Houck served on the Salt Lake County Bar Association Executive Committee from 2006 to 2008. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Art Access, a non-profit organization that serves to build an inclusive arts community in Utah.

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PRACTICE AREAS

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EDUCATION

2000, J.D. Loyola University Chicago School of Law, *magna cum laude*, Editor-At-Large, Loyola University Chicago Law Journal

1996, B.S., The University of Montana, with Honors, University Scholar

BAR ADMISSIONS

2003, Utah

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2006-2008, Salt Lake County Bar

Association Executive Committee

Utah State Bar

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CLERKSHIPS

2000, Justice Howard Dana, Jr., Maine
Supreme Judicial Court

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