

CHARLES H. THRONSON

Senior Shareholder

BIOGRAPHY

Charles Thronson is a senior shareholder in the Litigation practice group and head of the Personal Injury Division at Parsons Behle & Latimer. He has over 35 years of experience and practices throughout the Western United States in the areas of personal injury, trucking injuries, medical malpractice (especially birth injury cases), whistleblower (Qui Tam) and products liability cases. Mr. Thronson has been involved in a number of cases for personal injury and medical malpractice clients that have generated some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the region (2012 - \$1.6 million verdict, mild head injury; 2014 - \$1.4 million medical malpractice verdict).

Other major verdicts include the largest personal injury/medical malpractice verdict in the state's history (\$11,268,178.00) in a brain injury case.

He has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the S.J. Quinney School of Law at the University of Utah, an Adjunct Professor at Westminster College, a long-time member of the Utah Association for Justice (president, 2009-2010) and a frequent lecturer. He is listed in the *Top 100 Lawyers in Utah*, *Mountain States Super Lawyers* and he has been recognized since 1995 in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012, 2016 Plaintiffs' Lawyer of the Year - Medical Malpractice (Salt Lake City)).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academic

Creighton University (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1977)
(ranked 3rd in class of 172)

Editorial Staff, *Creighton University Law Review*

University of Washington (B.A., 1972)

Major: Business Administration

Athletics: Freshman and Varsity Crew

Adjunct Professor, Advanced Torts Practice, University of Utah,
College of Law, 1999 - 2003

Adjunct Professor, Westminster College, 1986 - 1988



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PRACTICE AREAS

Mass Torts

Personal Injury

Medical Malpractice, Birth Injury
& Hospital Negligence

Trucking Collisions

Motorcycle Accidents

Whistleblower (Qui Tam) Cases

Defective Products

LICENSED/ADMITTED

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Utah

Utah

Professional

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (1995 - present) in Medical Malpractice, Litigation, and Personal Injury Litigation

Selected in 2015 as a member of the Nation's Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.

Named ACQ Law Awards Utah Leading Lawyer of the Year, 2013 - 2016, Personal Injury

Named *Best Lawyers'* 2012, 2016 Plaintiffs' Lawyer of the Year for Salt Lake City in Medical Malpractice Law

National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys Top 10 Attorney Award (Utah 2015)

Listed as one of the Top Lawyers Named by Their Peers, 2012

Listed in *Mountain States Super Lawyers*

Listed in *Top 100 Lawyers in Utah*

Listed in Utah's Legal Elite

Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rating

ASSOCIATIONS

Professional

Utah Association for Justice, Board of Governors (2004 - present), President (2009 - 2010)

Alpha Sigma Nu National Academic Honor Society

National Association of Distinguished Counsel

Litigation Counsel of America, Founding Fellow

Utah State Bar, Bar Examiner (1986 - 2009)

Utah State Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Prelitigation Task Force (1995 - 1997)

American Association for Justice, Member

Salt Lake County Bar Association, Member

American Bar Association, Member

Judge Memorial High School, Board of Directors (2007 - 2014)

Utah State Bar: Litigation Section, Member

Community

388th Fighter Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Honorary Vice-Wing Commander

PRESENTATIONS

"Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit," Combined Grand Rounds, University of Utah Medical Center (2016)

"Trial Fundamentals," Utah Association for Justice (2015)

"Big Verdict – Small Town," Utah State Bar, Salt Lake City (2013)

"The Big Verdict," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2013)

"Recent Trial Victories and Strategy," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2012)

"Medical Malpractice in Utah," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2009)

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Salt Lake City (2007)

"Crafting the Closing Argument," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2007)

"Prelitigation Practice," Association of Nurse Life Care Planners, Salt Lake City (2007)

"Hospital Liens," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2006)

"Prelitigation Practice," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2005)

- "Discovery, Deposition and Motion Practice in the Complex Plaintiff's Case," Utah Association for Justice, Salt Lake City (2005)
- "Medical Malpractice – The State of The Law," Intermountain Healthcare Park City Nursing Conference, Park City, Utah (2004)
- "Medical Malpractice," United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Salt Lake City, Utah (2004)
- "The Practice of Personal Injury Law: A Two-Case Study," Arizona State University School of Law, Phoenix, Arizona (2003 - 2007)
- "Perinatal Legal Issues," Annual Northern Perinatal Outreach Conference, Jackson, Wyoming (2002)
- "Medical Malpractice in Utah," National Business Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah (2002)
- "Obstetrical Malpractice," Intermountain Health Care, Salt Lake City, Utah (2001)
- "The Law and Children with Disabilities; Current Trends and Commitment to Child Advocacy: How Far Do We Go?" Primary Children's Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah (1999)
- "Traumatic Brain Injury," Utah Trial Lawyers' Association, Salt Lake City, Utah (1996)
- "Legal Empowerment - Parents' Rights for Children with Disabilities Conferences," Utah Parents Center and Developmental Disabilities, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah (1996 - 1997)
- "Ethics," Utah Trial Lawyers' Association, Salt Lake City, Utah (1995)
- "Medical Malpractice—Prelitigation Panel Review," Utah State Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (1995)
- "Investigation Techniques, The Role of the Paralegal in the Deposition Process and Handling Medical Issues," Paralegal Seminars, Salt Lake City, Utah (1994)
- "Ethics," Utah Trial Lawyers' Association, Salt Lake City, Utah (1993)
- "Civil Justice Reform," Salt Lake County Bar Association (1992)
- "Medical Malpractice," American College of Trial Lawyers, Snowbird, Utah (1991)
- "Damages in Cases Involving Severe Injuries," Utah Trial Lawyers' Association, Salt Lake City, Utah (1991)
- "Medical Malpractice: Law, Theory and Practice," American Bar Association National Institute, Snowbird, Utah (1990)
- Panel Member: Medical Malpractice and Tort Reform, KUTV Channel 7 (1990)
- "Litigation and the Pediatric Head Injured Patient," Pediatric Head Injury Resource Center, Salt Lake City, Utah (1989)
- "Products Liability and Engineer Responsibility," University of Utah, Department of Bioengineering (1988)
- "Torts Update," Utah State Bar Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (1988)
- "Tort Reform," Utah State Bar, Salt Lake City, Utah (1988)
- "Torts, Damages and Remedies," Utah State Bar, Salt Lake City, Utah (1986)
- "Medical Malpractice Award Limitations," Women's State Legislative Council of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah (1986)
- "Elements of a Malpractice Case," Utah Medical Records Association, Salt Lake City, Utah (1986)
- "Products Liability," American Society of Mechanical Engineers (1983)

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author: "*Condemarin v. University Hospital, a 24-Year Retrospective*," *Utah Trial Journal*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Spring/Summer 2013)
- Co-Author: "Admissibility of Post-Injury Conduct - Subsequent Remedial Measures and Punitive Damages," *Utah Trial Journal*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (Winter 2012)
- "The Real Bogeyman," *Utah Trial Journal* (Winter/Spring 2010)
- "Just Lucky," *Utah Trial Journal* (Summer/Fall 2010)

Co-Author: "Discoverability and Admissibility of Immigration Status," *Utah Trial Journal* (Summer/Fall 2010)

"In Praise of Regulation," *Utah Trial Journal* (Spring/Summer 2010)

Co-Author: "The Wrongful Death Guarantee, Part II," *Utah Trial Journal* (Spring 2006)

Co-Author: "Health Courts: Not So Fair and Equitable," *Utah Trial Journal*