

February 5, 2018

Kurt Bradburn, Mayor  
James Sorenson, Community Development Director  
Brian McCuiston, Planning Director  
Sandy City Hall  
10000 South Centennial Parkway  
Sandy, Utah 84070

**Re: Planning Commission Appointment**

I am honored to accept your invitation to become a member of the Sandy City Planning Commission. I believe I satisfy the required qualifications because I am a resident of Sandy City, I have extensive experience as a real estate and development lawyer, and I have served for the past ten years as a member of the Sandy City Board of Adjustment. I am attaching, for your reference, a copy of my current resume, which provides additional detail regarding my professional experience and education.

Please let me know if you have other questions or require additional information. I look forward to the public approval/confirmation process and, hopefully, to working with the Planning Commission very soon.

Regards,

Michael Christopherson

# Michael W. Christopherson

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## Experience

### **Intermountain Healthcare** *Senior Counsel*

Salt Lake City, Utah  
June 2015 to present

Manage corporate transactional portfolio including strategic joint ventures, commercial, real estate, construction, medical mergers and acquisitions, and medical provider affiliation contracts; assist general counsel with tax-exempt bonds and property tax exemption matters; provide general corporate, compliance, and transactional support; coordinate system-wide healthcare ethics program

### **Stoel Rives LLP** *Partner, Business and Property Transactions* *Associate, Business and Property Transactions*

Salt Lake City, Utah  
January 2010 to June 2015  
August 2006 to December 2009

Advised healthcare providers, real estate and energy developers, and other clients in business and real estate transactions, investments, and disputes, including mergers and acquisitions, commercial contracts, partnership formation, land acquisitions/dispositions, leasing, financing, workouts, and foreclosures

### **Mayer Brown LLP** *Associate, Transactions*

Los Angeles, California  
September 2004 to July 2006

Represented large institutional investors in acquisition, disposition, leasing, financing, and corporate structuring for commercial real estate projects

### **O'Melveny & Myers LLP** *Associate, Litigation*

Los Angeles, California  
September 2003 to September 2004

Represented large oil company and prominent recording label in trials dealing with various theories of vicarious liability

### **Honorable C. Arlen Beam** **United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit** *Law Clerk*

Lincoln, Nebraska  
August 2002 to August 2003

### **Cornell University, Government Department** *Teaching Assistant*

Ithaca, New York  
January to May 2001, 2002

Presented weekly lectures; graded examinations; supervised other teaching assistants in "Government 313: Nature, Function and Limits of Law" (Professors Robert A. Hillman and John A. Siliciano)

## Education

### **Cornell Law School** *J.D., magna cum laude*

Ithaca, New York  
May 2002

- 3.78 GPA (top 10% = 3.67), Order of the Coif
- Note Editor, *Cornell Law Review*
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for Highest Grades in Civil Procedure, Copyright, Criminal Law, Land-Use Planning, Legislation, Theories of Property
- West Outstanding Achievement Award: one of top four first-year students

### **University of Utah** *B.A., English (Minor in Japanese)*

Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 1997

- 3.8 GPA, Dean's List

## Affiliations

- Admitted to State Bars of Utah and California

## Languages

- Proficient in Japanese

Updated on January 1, 2018

## **Professional Honors and Activities**

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- Listed in *Utah Business* “Legal Elite” directory, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015
- Listed among *Rising Stars*<sup>SM</sup> (Real Estate, Energy and Natural Resources), *Mountain States Super Lawyers*® 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Member, Mountain Accord, Economy System Group, 2014 – 2015
- Member, Sandy City Board of Adjustment, 2008 – present
- Member, Sandy City Mayor’s Economic Development Council, 2008 – 2009

## **Personal Interests**

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- Bluegrass and folk music, songwriting, playing guitar (I have a family band with my kids)
- Mountain biking, camping, hiking