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Mr. Shaw is Chair of the firm's Government & Utilities Practice section and a member of the Business section and the Information Technology Committee. His practice specializes in information technology, telecommunications, public utilities, and contract drafting and negotiations. Mr. Shaw has extensive experience in all aspects of representing municipalities and governmental agencies, including the use of complex governmental finance mechanisms to launch innovative projects, having served as issuer's counsel in various municipal bond transactions. He is a recipient of the "Star Award" from the FTTH (Fiber-to-the-Home) Council and was named a 2009 Mountain States Rising Star.

## About David J. Shaw

### Practice Areas

- Business
- Lending and Finance
- Natural Resources and Energy

### Recognitions

- Star Award from the FTTH (Fiber-to-the-Home) Council
- Mountain States Super Lawyer Rising Star: 2009

### Experience

- Prior to joining Kirton & McConkie, Mr. Shaw served as General Counsel to the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency ("UTOPIA"), a cooperative governmental agency owned by fourteen Utah municipalities to build the nation's most robust communications network. He continues as UTOPIA's General Counsel through his work with the firm
- Mr. Shaw also served as the Assistant City Attorney to Murray City Corporation in Utah, where his practice focused on municipal law, contract negotiation and public utility work. In that capacity he handled legal aspects related to the construction and operation natural gas power generators, sewer line installations, solid waste pickup and other utility matters. He also administered and negotiated cable and telecommunications franchises
- Mr. Shaw has significant experience drafting and negotiating complex commercial transactions in everything from software and hardware licensing, to operating and maintaining complex infrastructure projects and large-scale purchasing transactions. He is particularly skilled in the intricacies of the telecommunications and electrical industries

### Admissions

#### Other Admissions

- Federal District Court for the District of Utah

## Affiliations

- Member, Government Law Section, Utah Bar
- Secretary, Communication Section, Utah Bar
- Utah Bar Association
- Federal Communications Bar Association

## Presentations

- "[Legal Planning for Public-Private Partnerships](#): The laws governing public-private partnerships for telecom networks are complex and variable. Before entering into a partnership, the parties should develop a legal plan as well as a business plan," **Broadband Communities**, August/September, 2011.
- David Shaw and Shawn Gunnarson, "[Web Hosting Industry Vulnerable to Federal Trademark Liability](#)," **Westlaw Journal: Intellectual Property**, August 25, 2011.
- "FTC to Update Online Advertising Guidelines," **Compliance Week**, June 28, 2011. Interview with reporter Karen Kroll on the FTC's current effort to revise its guidelines for online advertising titled Dot Com Disclosures: Information About Online Advertising."
- "[Trademark verdict a wake-Up call for web hosting industry](#)," **MyHostNews.com**, March 30, 2011.
- "Ignorance is no longer bliss for ISPs," **Managing Trade Marks**, March 28, 2011. Interview with reporter Eileen McDermott on precedent setting case against web hosting, SEO and web development companies.
- "The Information Highways Have Been Built, Now Who Will Build the Streets and Roads? The Municipalization of Broadband Infrastructure."

## Education

- Brigham Young University, B.A., International Relations and Spanish
- University of Utah, J.D.
  - William H. Leary Scholar
- University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland), L.L.M.
  - Information Technology and Telecommunications Law

## Languages

- Spanish