

Elijah Watkins

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Elijah is a trial attorney, handling complex business disputes for his clients in both state and federal courts throughout the country.

Elijah serves as the Boise Office Head. He's won favorable jury verdicts for his clients in state and federal courts, argued numerous appeals, litigated in front of administrative bodies, and has consistently prevailed in arbitrations and mediations in multiple jurisdictions. He serves various industries — from healthcare and manufacturing, to technology, construction, and financial services — all while providing effective and efficient representation.

Select Experience

- Successfully defended construction consultant during month long jury trial in tribal court involving a multi-million-dollar casino expansion and obtained a full-defense verdict.
- Successfully represent various medical device manufacturers against multiple individuals claiming harm from implanted medical devices.
- Successfully represent respirator manufacturer against multiple individuals claiming harm from the use of respirators.
- Successfully represent international rollercoaster manufacturer against claims from multiple riders of defective design and failure to warn.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., 2009)
 - *magna cum laude*
- Brigham Young University - Idaho (B.S., Organizational Communications, 2006)

Bar Admissions

- Idaho
- Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- Idaho's At-Large Representative, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2025
- Committee Member, Local Rules Committee, District of Idaho, 2021-present
- Board Member, Federal Defenders of Idaho, 2019-2020
- Board Member, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, 2012-present
- Member, Idaho Working Group on State Prisoner Litigation, 2015-2018
- Member, DRI, 2014-present
- Guest Lecturer, Advanced Torts: Recreation & Risk, Mitchell Hamlin School of Law, 2018-present

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Business, Litigation: General Commercial, Idaho, 2018-2026
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *Idaho Business Review*, Leaders in Law Award, 2023
- Presenter at US District Court of Idaho Bench Bar Conference, 2023
- Presenter and Judge at Idaho Trial Skills Academy, 2023
- Fourth District Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Award, 2020
- *Idaho Business Review*, Accomplished Under 40 Award, 2015

Additional Information

- Presenter, "Recreation & Risk — Lessons from Action Park and Elsewhere," Perrin Conferences webinar, January 11, 2022
- Co-author, "Impeachment, Diverse Trial Teams, and Overcoming White Noise," The National Law Journal, April 30, 2021
- DRI Product Liability: Warnings, Instructions, and Recalls: Idaho co-author, 2019
- Presenter, "Confidentiality Issues With Technology," National Business Institute, Boise, ID, October 16, 2017
- Presenter, "We've Been Hacked! What Should We Have Done? What Should We Do?," Zasio 2015 Information Governance Road Show, Boise, ID, August 27, 2015; Salt Lake City, UT, September 16, 2015; Portland, OR, November 11, 2015; Seattle, WA, November 12, 2015
- Panelist, "How Not to Get Sued: IP, Products Liability, and Picking the Right Business Formation," StartupTV, Boise, ID, April 2014
- Moderator, "From Garage to Warehouse," Kickstand, Boise, ID, June 2013
- "Enter the 'B' Corp.," Idaho Business Review, December 2012