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February 3, 2016

Attn: The Honorable Judge Laura Scott, Special Master Application
Matheson Courthouse
450 South State Street
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Re: Special Master Application, Utah Lake and Jordan River Basin
Adjudication (Civil Number 360057298)

Dear Judge Scott,

By this letter I wish to apply for the above-referenced part-time Master position advertised in the Invitation for Applications posted and circulated January 4, 2016. I have enclosed a current resume, and a copy of the bio page appearing on Kirton McConkie's website.

I believe I have very strong qualifications for this position. Between 1994 and 2007, I worked as the Senior Attorney in the Salt Lake City Attorney's Office responsible for the affairs of the Public Utilities Department. In that position, I had the opportunity to actively participate in the management and protection of water rights owned by a large public water supplier. For the last nine years, I have worked as a shareholder at Kirton McConkie, where I have focused my practice in water rights matters for a wide variety of clients. In particular, during most of that time I served as General Counsel to the Provo River Water Users Association, where I became intimately familiar with the operation of the Utah Lake Drainage Basin, and the pivotal role played by Utah Lake in the operation of the region's water rights. In that role, I worked closely on water rights and other matters with the management of Salt Lake City, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

As an active and visible member of the Utah water bar, I have participated in many working groups tasked with the drafting of legislation affecting water rights and the relationship between mutual irrigation companies and their shareholders. Those drafting tasks include legislation being introduced during this legislative session designed to streamline general adjudications and expedite the completion of these important judicial proceedings. It is my person view that, while the statutory general adjudication process is critical to the functioning of our prior appropriation system, that process is currently too slow and cumbersome to serve its vitally important function. I welcome the effort being made to improve the process, and I would very much like to be a part of that effort.

My gravitation toward the practice of water law, and my often uncompensated efforts in legislative drafting, speaking assignments and participating in seemingly endless policy discussions about the direction of Utah water law, reflects my interest in and commitment to a topic of vital importance to the State. I believe over the years I have developed a reputation of professionalism, trustworthiness, fairness, careful thought, attention to detail and drafting expertise.

The Invitation for Applications requested a list of potential conflicts. This is a complicated issue, and requires careful thought and discussion. I chair the firm's Conflicts Committee, and am very familiar with the Rules of Professional Conduct as they relate to conflicts of interest. Virtually any applicant knowledgeable about water rights in the Utah Lake and Jordan River Basin is going to have potential conflicts of interest. I say potential, because it is impossible to know in advance whether any past, present or future clients will have occasion to file objections in the pending adjudication. I can say that, to the best of my knowledge, I do not currently represent any clients with pending objections in this matter, and none are anticipated. Obviously, Kirton McConkie would have to run a conflicts check to establish whether any conflicts currently exist.

As you may be aware, this firm represents the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on many legal issues, including water matters. The Church has many water rights in the affected basin. I have recently been engaged by Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District to represent that District in water rights matters, and the District also has water rights in the basin. Brigham Young University is also a client, and owns shares in certain water irrigation companies. I do not currently represent Provo River Water Users Association in water right matters, except in connection with Central Utah Water Conservancy District v. South Utah Valley Municipal Water Association, Civil No. 120400610, pending in the Fourth Judicial District Court. As the Utah Lake and Jordan River Basin adjudication moves forward, it is possible one or more current or former clients will have occasion to file an objection to a proposed determination. In that event, this firm would not be able to represent such party in the objection, and I, as Master, would not be able to handle that particular matter for the Court. In these circumstances (which I believe would be rare), I would propose that an alternate Master be tasked with handling the objection. The Court could appoint such an alternate on either a permanent or ad hoc basis. Regardless of whom

the Court selects as the principal Master, conflicts will always be possible, and a process for dealing with them should be established. Of course, the cost of an alternate would have to be included in the overall funding ceiling approved by the Legislature.

I do not have any economic interests in water rights in the basin or elsewhere.



I therefore respectfully submit this application, and look forward to meeting with you to discuss this position further. In the meantime, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, submit references, or otherwise supplement this application at your request.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

- J.D. Juris Doctorate, April, 1983, *cum laude*, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Law Review Author, *Gender-Based Wage Discrimination and the Bennett Amendment: County of Washington v. Gunther*, BYU L.Rev. 401, 1982
- B.A. Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, April 1980, *cum laude*, Brigham Young University

EMPLOYMENT

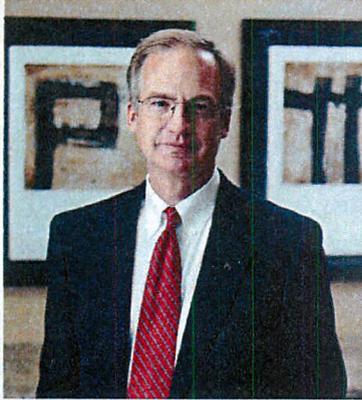
- 2007 – Present Shareholder, Kirton McConkie, Salt Lake City, Utah
Water Rights and Natural Resources Law; Real Estate Transactions;
Municipal Annexation and Planning and Zoning; and Legislative Drafting
Committee Assignments: Marketing, Chair Conflicts Committee
- 1994 - 2007 Senior City Attorney, Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Water and Public Utilities, Transportation (including I-15 reconstruction, Gateway, various Union Pacific Railroad matters, Intermodal Hub, Light Rail and Commuter Rail), Telephone and Cable Television Franchises, Bond Finance, First Amendment, GRAMA, Eminent Domain, Real Estate, Contracts, Procurement, Construction
- 1991-1994 Parsons Behle & Latimer, Salt Lake City, Utah
Municipal Bond Finance, Utility Franchises
- 1983-1991 Chapman and Cutler, Salt Lake City, Utah
Municipal Bond Finance, Commercial Real Estate Lending, Securities, Construction Law
- Summer 1978 Boatman/River Guide, Grand Canyon, Western River Expeditions

PROFESSIONAL

Utah Legal Elite – Real Estate, Energy and Natural Resources
Chambers USA – Water Law, Energy and Natural Resources
Frequent Speaker at BYU Education Week, Water Law & Policy Seminar, and Utah Municipal Attorneys Association Conference

PERSONAL

Married
Interests include long distance cycling (nine-time LOTOJA finisher), skiing, history and photography.
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Mr. Bramhall is a member of the Kirton McConkie Natural Resources and Energy, and the Real Estate, Leasing and Land Use sections. His practice focuses on real estate transactional work and water law, and he has been the principal draftsman on a variety of water-related legislation. Prior to joining Kirton McConkie, Mr. Bramhall spent many years with the Salt Lake City Attorney's Office working primarily on water and sewer utility matters, light rail and commuter rail projects, and public utility franchising matters. He successfully negotiated and drafted a five-party agreement to finance, construct and operate a \$150 million project to enclose the Provo Reservoir Canal. He is a frequent speaker on water-related issues at such forums as the BYU Education Week, the Utah Water Law and Policy seminar, and the Utah Municipal Attorneys Association.

Mr. Bramhall is recognized as a top water law attorney by Chambers USA and as one of Utah's Legal Elite for real estate as well as energy and natural resources.

PRACTICE AREAS

Natural Resources and Energy
Real Property, Leasing and Land Use

EXPERIENCE

Senior City Attorney, Salt Lake City Attorney's Office, Water and Public Utilities, Transportation, Telephone and Cable Television Franchises, Bond Finance, First Amendment, GRAMA, Eminent Domain, Real Estate, Contracts, Procurement, Construction, 1994 to 2007

Parsons Behle & Latimer, Salt Lake City, Municipal Bond Finance, Utility Franchises, 1991 to 1994

Chapman and Cutler, Salt Lake City, Utah, Municipal Bond Finance, Commercial Real Estate Lending, Securities, Construction Law, 1983 to 1991

ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions
Utah State Bar, admitted 1983

EDUCATION

Brigham Young University, Reuben Clark Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1983

Brigham Young University, B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, 1980

NEWS

Kirton McConkie Lawyers Ranked in Prestigious 2015 Chambers USA: June 2, 2015

Kirton McConkie Corporate/M&A, Real Estate, and Natural Resources/Water Practices Rank in Prestigious 2014 Chambers USA: June 11, 2014 *Press Release*

Six Kirton McConkie Lawyers Ranked in Prestigious 2013 Chambers USA: June 10, 2013 *Press Release*

LANGUAGE

German