

Education

University of Texas School of Law. 2004. J.D., *high honors*
GPA: 3.87 (3rd-Year GPA: 4.08)

Order of the Coif and Order of Barristers (only student in class elected to both)

Top student in Appellate Advocacy, Business Associations, Constitutional Torts, Criminal Prosecution, and Texas Civil Procedure

Dean's Scholarship (three years, full tuition); Judge Quentin Keith Presidential Scholarship (awarded to third-year law student for excellence in advocacy)

First Place, Best Brief, and Best Advocate, University of Texas School of Law Susman Godfrey Moot Court Competition

Regional Champion, Best Brief, and 2nd Best Advocate, Washington, DC Regional ABA Appellate Advocacy Competition

Semi-Finalist, 5th Best Brief, and 3rd Best Advocate, Chicago, Illinois National ABA Appellate Advocacy Competition

University of Utah. 2000. B.S., Finance, *magna cum laude*
GPA: 3.90.

Employment

Associate, Supreme Court & Appellate Litigation. *Weil, Gotshal & Manges.* Austin, Dallas, Texas. 2006 – 2009.

- Briefed challenging, often novel legal questions in state and federal district and appellate court proceedings.
- Achieved wins in high-value, high-profile litigation, including *Kendall v. Emps. Ret. Plan of Avon Prods.*, 561 F.3d 112 (2d Cir. 2009) (ERISA litigation challenging the manner in which Avon calculated employees' retirement benefits), and *Shane v. Humana, Inc.*, 228 F. App'x 927 (11th Cir. 2007) (RICO litigation alleging misconduct by several of the country's largest healthcare providers).
- Drafted the central motion for summary judgment in the highly publicized *McReynolds v. Merrill Lynch* litigation, in which plaintiffs alleged broker compensation was calculated in a discriminatory manner.
- Drafted arguments and provided strategic counsel for contractor overseeing remediation of World Trade Center site following 9/11.

Clerkships

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Law Clerk to the Honorable
Priscilla R. Owen, 2005 – 2006

Texas Supreme Court

Law Clerk to the Honorable
Priscilla R. Owen, 2004 – 2005

Utah Supreme Court

Law Clerk to the Honorable
John A. Pearce, 2018 – 2019

Utah Court of Appeals

Law Clerk to the Honorable
Jill Pohlman, 2016 – 2017

Licenses

Texas. Licensed to practice law since April 2005.

Utah. Licensed to practice law since May 2016.

Employment (continued)

Of Counsel, Appellate. Ray Quinney & Nebeker. Salt Lake City, Utah. 2017 – 2018; 2019 – March 2024.

- Served as Co-Chair and then as Chair of the firm's Appellate Practice Section.
- Briefed challenging questions across subject matters, including complex commercial, intellectual property, product liability, employment, administrative, and family law.
- Served as appellate counsel in proceedings before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Utah Supreme Court, and Utah Court of Appeals.
- One of roughly a dozen applicants selected to interview in May 2022 for a judicial vacancy on the Utah Supreme Court.
- Named one of Utah's "Legal Elite" in appellate practice.

Appellate & Legal Writing. Carol A. Funk, Attorney at Law. Salt Lake City, Utah. March 2024 – July 2024.

- Left Ray Quinney & Nebeker to develop opportunities to work on appellate matters outside Utah in an expanded practice.
- Provided consulting support and briefed novel constitutional issues before the Michigan Supreme Court.
- Provided strategic support and served as appellate counsel on cases in Utah appellate courts.
- Partnered with The Appellate Group as an independent contractor.

Of Counsel, Appellate & Legal Writing. Dickinson Wright. Austin, TX (Remote). August 2024 – October 2025.

- Joined the firm's national appellate practice while continuing to serve clients in Utah.
- Provided strategic counsel and briefed challenging legal questions in state and federal district and appellate courts across the country.
- Delivered presentations on legal writing and appellate practice.

Appellate & Legal Writing. Carol A. Funk, Attorney at Law. Salt Lake City, Utah. October 2025 – Present.

- Returned to work as a sole practitioner with a focus on supporting clients in Utah and law firms across the country.
- Provide strategic counsel and brief challenging questions in multiple jurisdictions, including Utah, California, New York, and Texas.
- Provide appellate, legal writing, and strategic support to clients and law firms, including Bush & Bush Law Group, George Appellate Law Firm, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, and the Magnolia Law Group.

Publications & Presentations

Gerrymandering, Abortion, and Much More: Cases and Issues in the Pipeline at the Utah Supreme Court (Utah Bar Journal, Vol. 37 No. 1, Jan/Feb 2024)

Presenter, "Looking Back and Forging Ahead: the Utah Supreme Court," CLE hosted by the Utah State Bar, December 2023

Presenter, "Appellate Practice 101," CLE hosted by the Utah State Bar and the Utah Appellate Courts Pilot Pro Bono Program, November 2023

Presenter, "Selection and Presentation of Persuasive Arguments: An Appellate Perspective," Utah State Bar Spring Convention, March 2023

Public Confidence and the Courts: Pillars of the Rule of Law (American Bar Association Council of Appellate Lawyers, Winter Issue, February 2023)

Presenter, "Appeals Are Always an Uphill Battle: How Steep is the Slope?" CLE hosted by the Utah State Bar, January 2023

Abortion, Actual Innocence, and Much More: Cases and Issues in the Pipeline at the Utah Supreme Court (Utah Bar Journal, Vol. 36 No. 1, Jan/Feb 2023)

Presenter, "Looking Back and Forging Ahead: the Utah Supreme Court and Utah Court of Appeals," CLE hosted by the Utah State Bar, December 2022

A Practitioner's Guide to the Utah Court of Appeals Part 2: Jurisdiction, Procedure, and Outcome (Utah Bar Journal, Vol. 35 No. 5, Sept/Oct 2022)

Moderator, "Recollections from the Bench and Thoughts on Under-Utilized Provisions of the Utah Constitution: A Discussion with Retired Justices," Utah State Bar Summer Convention, July 2022

A Practitioner's Guide to the Utah Court of Appeals Part 1: Jurisdiction, Procedure, and Outcome (Utah Bar Journal, Vol. 34 No. 4, July/Aug 2022)

Presenter, "The Process of Appeals," CLE hosted by the Utah State Bar, May 2022

Understanding the Utah Supreme Court's Docket: A Practitioner's Guide (Utah Bar Journal, Vol. 35 No. 1, Jan/Feb 2022)