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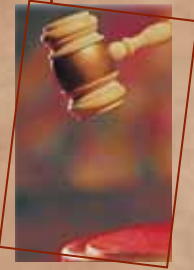
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KUMEN L. TAYLOR

The law firm of Hutchison & Steffen proudly announces Kumen L. Taylor as Partner. Kumen practices primarily in the areas of civil and commercial litigation and also litigates cases involving employment and real estate law. He has an extraordinary record as a successful litigator and has never lost a jury trial. He has successfully handled numerous bench and jury trials in the course of his career and is licensed to practice in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho.

Earlier in his career, he served as associate corporate counsel for litigation for the nation's largest diesel fuel distributor. Kumen also is fluent in Spanish, having spent several years in Central America. Cases that Kumen has successfully tried include wrongful termination, premises liability, auto accident, insurance bad faith, trespass, property damage, business liability, homeowner's liability, and product liability cases.

A native of Tucson, Kumen grew up in Arizona and California. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, magna cum laude, from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, where he was also the top graduate in his class from the foreign language department of the College of Humanities. He received his Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. In law school, he also was honored with an academic scholarship and, because of his legal writing and oral advocacy skills, membership on the National Moot Court Team. He began his legal career in Idaho Falls, Idaho, practicing mostly in civil litigation.

Kumen is active in his church and in the community. He coaches youth teams, serves as a Scoutmaster and Cubmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, and works with several youth organizations through his church and community.

ERIN LEE TRUMAN



The Firm also welcomes Erin Lee Truman as Of Counsel. Erin is a seasoned trial attorney and heads Hutchison & Steffen's Alternative Dispute Resolution Department, which includes both mediation and arbitration. Erin is a well-known litigator with significant trial experience and practices primarily in personal injury litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. After law school, she joined Edwards, Hunt, Hale and Hansen, Ltd., where her practice emphasized insurance law and civil litigation. She then joined Allstate Insurance Company, the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurer, as counsel. During her 14 years with Allstate, she represented hundreds of individuals and corporations insured by the company in all phases of civil litigation, including uninsured and underinsured motorist actions. She also served as lead counsel on a team that provided in-house training for litigators in 10 Western states. An experienced presenter, she has developed seminars and training sessions on litigation and insurance law. Erin is licensed to practice law in Nevada and Arizona.

Erin is a graduate of Brigham Young University, which she attended as a Trustee Scholar. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting with a minor in business management. In 1991, she earned her Juris Doctor degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School. While in law school, she served on the Moot Court Board of Advocates and was First Year Competition editor, and was given an opportunity to contribute to several important legal articles. She also worked as a summer intern with the law firm of Beckley, Singleton, DeLanoy, Jemison & List, Chtd.

Erin is active in her church and the community and has a strong commitment to fundraising and advocacy on behalf of children's charitable organizations.

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