

Jensen Lillquist

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Jensen represents clients in environmental and natural-resources litigation, permitting and property disputes, and pre-litigation strategy.

Jensen focuses his practice on environmental law and regulatory matters, helping clients work through the permitting processes, compliance obligations, and litigation risks that arise under federal and state environmental and natural resources statutes. He has experience both in defending clients in administrative proceedings and federal litigation, and representing municipalities and Tribes against government overreach and irresponsible industries.

Beyond environmental and natural-resources matters, Jensen has a deep understanding of state and federal constitutional law and advises clients on how best to challenge novel laws that threaten fundamental rights.

In pre-litigation processes and in litigation itself, Jensen brings a clear-eyed understanding of how judges approach cases, having spent two years clerking for federal judges on the District of Utah and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Select Experience

- Defended a Utah water district before the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) against a citizen group's challenge to a decades-long water pipeline project on federal lands, securing a favorable decision that allowed the project to proceed.
- Assisted in developing pre-litigation strategy and drafting the complaint challenging a proposed U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center in Salt Lake City.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah

Education

- University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., 2023)
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- University of Montana (M.A., 2019)
- University of Montana (B.A., 2017)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Utah
- Montana

- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the District of Montana

Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Judge Danielle Forrest, 2024–2025
- Judge David Barlow, 2023–2024