

Brett M. Peterson

EXPERIENCE

Division of Juvenile Justice Services, State of Utah

Director

Salt Lake City, UT
November 2018 – Present

- Oversee the state-wide agency for juvenile justice in Utah. Responsible for the operation and management of the continuum of care including early intervention, shelter, detention, long-term secure settings and parole.
- Manages a Division with over 900 employees statewide and nearly a \$ 100 million budget
- Committed to reducing the need for out of home placements, correlating the services provided with the leading research related to adolescent brain development
- Oversee a reduction in use of detention of nearly 50%
- Established a statewide early intervention model- shifting over 100 FTEs to early intervention

Office of Licensing, State of Utah

Director

Salt Lake City, UT
March 2018 – November 2018

- Oversee regulatory agency that impacts service providers across the human services continuum of care.
- Direct licensors, background screening unit, investigations, and critical incident management personnel for the Utah Department of Human Services.
- Oversaw a transformative effort to eliminate duplicative monitoring efforts throughout DHS, helping to improve efficiency and to enable greater emphasis on outcomes.

Utah Attorney General's Office

Assistant Attorney General

Salt Lake City, UT
September 2016– March 2018

- State Agency Council Division.
- Advised and represented client agencies in all legal matters. Directly advised Executive Director of the Utah Department of Human Services.
- Guided Department and Juvenile Justice Services on implementing and interpreting aspects of HB 239; specifically, the development of a performance based contracting system and the requirements of evidence-based programming.
- A lead advisor on strategic design and implementation of an integrated, system-wide, performance-based approach to service delivery.
- Represent agency in civil and administrative proceedings.
- Represented multiple divisions/offices in both District and Federal Court.
- Lead attorney for all transactional matters that affected the Department of Human Services.

State of Utah, Department of Corrections

Contracts, Attorney

Draper, UT
September 2015– September 2016

- Assist in negotiations for various Department contracts and agreements.
- Assist in the drafting and development of Department procedures and practices.
- Draft and prepare contracts for the procurement of products and services used by the Department.
- Conduct compliance evaluations of different Department contracts.
- Member of the Department Policy Committee.

Peterson Law Firm

Attorney, Owner

Ogden, UT
May 2012- September 2015

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- Areas of Practice; criminal law and general business law.

Johnson Law Firm

Associate Attorney

Ogden, UT
April 2010-April 2012

- Public defender with Ogden City Justice Court
- Experience in motion practice, discovery, contract drafting, trust deeds, foreclosures, business entities, court hearings and settlement negotiations and agreements.

LEADERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT and HONORS

- Current; Member Juvenile Justice Leadership Network
- Current; Juvenile Chair for American Correctional Association
- Current; Board member, Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA)
- Current; Chair, CJJA CQI Committee
- Current; Chair of Utah's Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.
- 2021- Panelist "Keeping Kids out Isolation During COVID." Presented by CJJA and CJJR
- 2021- Panelist "Taking Juvenile Justice Seriously." Presented by Utah Criminal Justice Center at University of Utah.
- 2020- Panelist "State Trends: Winning the Campaign." Presented by Campaign for Youth Justice
- 2020- Panelist "Rural Quick Chat." Presented by OJJDP, in partnership with CJJR and CJJA
- 2020- Panelist "What will we keep? New and sustainable practices for juvenile justice systems in wake of COVID-19." Presented by Pew Charitable Trusts at CJJA 2020 Summer Business Meeting
- 2020- Panelist "In Search of Equity: Utah's Journey of Juvenile Justice Reform." Presented by OJJDP and Utah's Indigent Defense Commission
- 2020- Speaker "Treating Kids like Kids." University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institutes Critical Issues Conference.
- 2020- Panelist "JJJPA Reauthorization: The Latest on Jail Removal Reforms." Presented by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 2020- Panelist "Navigating the Impact of COVID-19 on Juvenile Justice Policy and Practice." Presented by CJJR and CJJA
- 2020- Presenter "Operational change: A Focus on Dosage." Positive Youth Outcomes Committee with CJJA
- 2020- Presenter, Utah Prosecution Council annual conference
- 2020- Presenter, Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Learning Exchange. Facilitated by Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Casey Family Foundation
- 2020- Presenter. "Operational Change: a focus on dosage." ACA Winter Conference
- 2020- Presenter "Operational Change: a focus on dosage." CJJA Winter Conference
- 2020- Presenter "Child Welfare: Juvenile Justice Intersection and Collaboration." Presented with Noah Bien from Pew Charitable Trusts at ACA Winter Conference
- 2019- Panelist "Practical Efforts by OJJDP Grantees to Reduce Out-of-Home Placement and Improve Community Supervision." Presented by ICF, OJJDP
- 2019- Panelist, Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Learning Exchange. Annie E. Casey and Casey Family Foundations.
- 2019- Speaker, National Symposium on Juvenile Services presented by National Partnership for Juvenile Services
- 2019- Presenter, Utah Ops Conference presented by Governor's Office of Management and

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Budget

EDUCATION

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law
J.D.

Salt Lake City, UT
May 2010

Weber State University
B.S., History, cum laude

Ogden, UT
May 2007

LICENSES/MEMBERSHIPS

- Active member of the Utah State Bar since 2010, licensed to practice law.