Top-Rated Divorce Attorney in Utah

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We understand how difficult and stressful it can be when you are going through a divorce It's important to hire a compassionate and skilled divorce attorney with years of successful experience in divorce to guide you through the process, saving you both time and money.

Attorney David Pedrazas is an SLC, Utah Divorce Attorney who has been in practice for over 20 years and knows what needs to be done to make sure you get the best representation possible. **Voted as a top 10 Best Divorce Attorney in (2014-2015)** by the American Institute of Family Law, David Pedrazas understands how much is at stake for you and your family and works to pursue a swift and effective resolution to your case. At the Law Office of David Pedrazas, we handle paternity claims, child support, child custody, and many more.

If you are looking for the top divorce lawyer in Utah, schedule a consultation with us today.

Call the Law Office of David Pedrazas

Salt Lake City Divorce Attorney David Pedrazas Will Protect Your Rights

We work to make sure your rights are fully protected. A divorce or family custody issue can be difficult for everyone involved. *Our goal is to find the best solution possible that involves securing your rights as well as making sure your children are taken care of.* It's important that both the rights of the children and the rights of the parents are taken into consideration when finding an amicable solution. No divorce is easy, so we do the best we can to make sure everyone is treated

What Customers are Saying About the Law Office of David Pedrazas PLLC in Utah



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They are building an excellent reputation for quality representation.



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I have not used them personally but I have heard they are fantastic!

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High-end divorces We strive to make sure you are treated as fairly as possible and get everything that you rightfully deserve. We go to great lengths to ensure that both parties involved in the divorce understand Utah's laws when it comes to the fair division of the marital assets. By enforcing Utah's mandatory mediation requirement, our goal is to thoroughly evaluate both assets and liabilities to determine the fairest division possible.

Adoption of Step-Children

One of the most common issues that arise following a divorce is that one or both parents end up getting remarried. There are some situations where children from another marriage would like to be adopted by the incoming parent. When this happens, it is important to make sure the adoption process flows <u>as smoothly as possible</u>. This is where a trained divorce attorney can be helpful.

A divorce lawyer can take a look at the circumstances of the <u>adoption</u>, anticipate any concerns that might arise, and expedite this process. Then, the adoption can be approved by the court, bringing a new family together.

Back Child Support Payments and Collection

<u>Child support payments</u> are among the most common concerns following a divorce. If there are situations where child support payments are not being paid, then the receiving parent has the opportunity to pursue these payments in a court of law. This is where a divorce attorney can be helpful. In some cases, income statuses may change and <u>child support payments</u> need to be adjusted. In other situations, late payments simply need to be ordered by the court.

Domestic Violence Concerns

Unfortunately, domestic violence is one of the most common concerns following divorces. If there are any domestic violence concerns, a divorce attorney can help with this issue. A divorce attorney understands how to quickly and efficiently get a restraining order if there is any concern related to <u>domestic violence</u>, protecting the safety of his or her client. If there are serious injuries that have been suffered, there are other legal avenues that a divorce attorney can pursue as well. Nobody who is experiencing domestic violence has to go through this situation alone. Instead, rely on the training and experience of a trained divorce lawyer.

The Development of Parenting Plans

One of the issues that both parents usually agree on is that the children have to come first. Therefore, it is critical to developing a strong parenting plan or both parents remain involved in the lives of their children if this is appropriate. Developing a <u>coparenting plan</u> between two parents who are getting divorced can be a challenge; however, with the help of a trained divorce lawyer, it is possible to develop an amicable plan that places the <u>best interests of the children</u> first. Then, if this is necessary to finalize the divorce, a divorce attorney can also get this plan approved by the court.

Paternity Issues

In some cases, there might be <u>questions of paternity</u> when it comes to children, custody, and child support. If there are any <u>paternity issues</u> that could arise, a divorce attorney is able to get these issues addressed quickly and efficiently. In some cases, questions of false paternity or mistaken paternity can have a significant impact on child support payments. A divorce attorney often has connections in the local community and throughout the industry that can help people expedite the paternity testing process, allowing the divorce process to proceed smoothly.

Rights Have to be Proactively Defended

Everyone who comes to the court system for a divorce has rights they can use to protect their side of the issue. However, the court system is based on an adversarial system. So, if a party involved doesn't raise the issue of their rights proactively, they don't get protected in the process. Again, this is why experience is so critical. A trained attorney

who understands when and how rights need to be asserted can protect a client's career, family rights, assets, and future far more effectively than one still learning the process themselves.

How We Can Assist You

We manage the full scope of <u>family law</u>, including <u>child support</u>, <u>paternity claims</u>, <u>child custody</u>, along with most claims that come up in <u>divorce</u> settlements. We have the knowledge and experience to help you with all of your <u>divorce and family law related matters</u>, including but not limited to:

- Alimony
- Adoption
- Asset Division
- <u>Debt Division</u>
- Domestic Violence
- Child Custody
- Child Support
- Back Child Support
- Parenting Plans
- Paternity

Divorce and Other Factors

In the heat of a divorce, the children often suffer the most. If the divorcing spouses have underage children, child custody and child support will need to be determined. We make sure that the health and well-being of your children are always made the first priority. We will always strive to maintain the best interest of the children at all costs. It's important that both parents take into consideration the needs of their children when determining both child support and custody/visitation agreements. Children should never be used as pawns. That is why we do our best with every case to employ every avenue possible to make sure the children's needs are met in each and that both parents are treated as fairly as possible.

Child Custody

If the divorcing spouses have underage children, child custody and child support will need to be determined. *Child custody is decided by the court applying what is referred to as a "best-interest" evaluation.* The result is supposed to be the best situation for the child involved in a divorced family. The court then has the option to apply sole custody, joint custody, or split custody. Legal sole or joint custody affects major decisions in a child's life from medical treatment to education. Physical sole or joint custody refers to the actual physical care of the child. The default for Utah courts will start with joint custody, but there is no guarantee that will stick once arguments start.

Child Support

<u>Child support in Utah</u> is automatically applied in a divorce, and the values are determined by applying the parent's income into a statutory table created by Utah's legislature. This produces a starting point that the court can then adjust further based on case arguments. In many cases, the Utah court stick with the legislative model, but again the scale table is not a guaranteed result for the parties divorcing.

Alimony

Where the court deems it appropriate, <u>alimony</u> can be ordered. This requirement is most commonly applied in divorces where the marriage has lasted longer than 10 years and there is a clear dependence by one spouse on the other for financial support. Despite the myth of a divorce cause being a big factor, the Utah courts tend to look at the economic ability of each spouse and the ability to earn income. From there the court then applies an alimony requirement, which could last the duration of how long the marriage lasted.

Division of Assets & Debts

The <u>separation of the property</u> starts with the premise that anything gained during the marriage is marital property and fair game. While prior property and inherited assets may be exempt if they are co-mingled with marital property than those items become part of the mix as well. While the court can arbitrarily determine a division, that usually only occurs when one of the spouses committed fraud, lied to the court to hide assets, or prematurely spent down the estate to spite the other spouse. Without any particular factor, marital property is expected to be split evenly between spouses. However, it's also very common for arguments to occur arguing differently, which could sway the court. Notably, <u>debt is split</u> evenly as well, but the court could use debt to even out alimony or asset division by obligating one spouse with more debt to service.



How to Begin the Divorce Process in Salt Lake City, Utah

To begin the process, we help you with preparing your petition to divorce and filing the documents in the family law court. The respondent to the divorce is then served with the documents and must file a response within 20 days; otherwise, the court may award a default judgment in favor of the petitioner, granting all the terms requested in the petition. If the respondent agrees to the terms of the petition, the divorce may proceed uncontested by filing a stipulation. In the event that the respondent chooses to contest the divorce, the case will move forward toward a trial.

In cases where you can't reach an initial agreement in either an contested divorce, the court orders the parties to attend mediation prior to any trial, in an attempt to resolve the divorce without the necessity of litigation. Whether the case is resolved at this point or if the spouses have already worked to negotiate an out-of-court settlement, there is a 90-day waiting period between the date when the petition is filed and when the final decree is signed by the judge. In the event that the case goes to trial, each party will have the opportunity to introduce evidence and witnesses and to cross-examine the evidence and testimony of the opposition, and the judge will issue a final ruling to determine the disposition of the various issues in the divorce.

If there are children involved, the parents are required to attend a <u>divorce</u> <u>education class</u>. Either party may request temporary orders concerning child custody, child support, parent time, possession of the shared home, financial responsibility for debts and other matters to provide stability to the situation while waiting for the completion of the divorce.

Going through a divorce alone can be far more expensive, and it can lead to lasting problems. The divorce process in the Utah court system is highly technical. While the initial part might seem straightforward when filing the beginning paperwork for dissolution, things can get very complex quickly.



Why Choose Attorney David Pedrazas?

We know family separation and divorce are extremely difficult, unwanted experiences. We strive to give you the best representation legally and help you get past divorce effectively. We have a deep understanding of Utah divorce law and how it will apply to your case, as well as what you need to do to prepare correctly for a divorce filing. Don't go into a legal minefield blind with any divorce lawyer Utah resource; the Law Offices of David Pedrazas is ready to fight for you and get you through one of the hardest parts of modern family life.

If you are seeking a Divorce Lawyer in Utah, call The Law Offices of David Pedrazas to make an appointment today.

Contact Us!

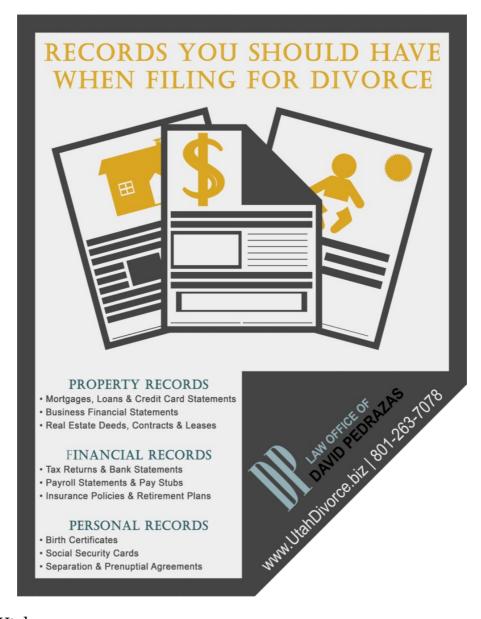
Top-Rated Divorce Attorney in Utah Will Fight For You

Dealing with family issues can be difficult, but *it's important to have an attorney on your side who knows the laws in Utah and how to get things done so that your rights remain protected*. If you are a father in Utah and are in need of an Award-Winning Divorce Attorney in Salt Lake City, the Law Office of David Pedrazas PLLC. is the best divorce attorney in Utah for men. With *over 20 years of experience, he has the resources and the knowledge to provide the most aggressive and responsible representation possible.* Whether you are involved in a contested or uncontested divorce, contact our firm now at (801) 263-7078 for a *Legal Case Review* to discuss your concerns and allow us to begin working on a strategy for you!

Attorney David Pedrazas was Voted a 10 Best Divorce Attorney in Utah for two consecutive years by the American Institute of Family Law

Service Area for Divorce Attorney David Pedrazas:

• Salt Lake City, Utah



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- Murray, Utah
- Midvale, Utah
- South Salt Lake, Utah
- Holladay, Utah
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Yalecroft

Highland Park

Wasatch Hollow

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Syracuse, Utah

Saratoga Springs, Utah

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North Salt Lake, Utah

Payson, Utah

North Ogden

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Centerville, Utah

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West Haven, Utah

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Park City, Utah

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I strongly recommend David for anyone who is dealing with extremely high conflict ex spouses. Child custody evaluations are becoming common on cases when parents dispute schedules, and they can be time consuming, confusing and expensive. David is very knowledgeable of evaluations, statutes, rules, and motions. He successfully fought to see that my ex had his entire motion dismissed completely in the last few weeks. His court demeanor and preparation is exactly what is needed when you have lengthy court procedures that aim to change parent time or custody standings. This is the attorney you need if you have any custody or divorce needs!



David was amazing. He fought hard, worked with me, and shows that he truly cares for people. He always got back to me in a timely manner, kept me updated with everything and to this day anytime I have questions or concerns he is always there. I recommend him highly to anyone looking for an excellent, professional, Affordable and caring Attorney. He Truly fights hard and shows it in the court room. Thanks David for helping me get my kids I couldn't have asked for anyone better.

I have to give kudos to Delta Airlines. I took a trip to Nashville on March 1st 2019. After a very disappointing business conference and feeling like it was a huge waste of money and my time I arrived at the terminal with time to spare. So I got lunch and ate it while waiting to board. When the time came I boarded the plane and was looking forward to just getting home when all of a sudden a flight attendant was calling out my name. My attention perked up at hearing my name and I was obviously a little confused. She came over and asked, "are you Julie Jensen?" I said yes, and she proceeds to hand me my wallet. In my bad mood and feeling the whole trip had been a huge let down I inadvertently had walked off and left my wallet sitting on the floor in the terminal. Not only did it have cash, but my passport, License, credit cards ect but it also had my layover and airfare ticket to get home. I didn't even know I had walked off and left it until she brought it to me. I can't even tell you the rush of emotions I felt all at once in the instance. I will be forever grateful that the plane did not take off before I got my wallet back and that the flight attendant was discreet when handling the situation.

Thank you Delta.

David was great to work with. I had a very long dreadful case and I'm glad i had him to represent and support me through it. He is always available, he will return your calls & emails right away, he truly takes his cases seriously and cares about his clients. Will always use him again in any legal matter and i 100% recommend him, he's the best!

I would strongly recommend hiring or consulting with David during any family or child law case. His experience shows in his ability to provide clear answers during what is usually a very difficult time in life. He has been established in the local area for some time and knows how to navigate the system to get desired results. In addition to frequent email communications, he was flexible with my work schedule and we met face to face multiple times after normal work hours to ensure that we were both on the same page and that we had all the necessary data to present a strong case. That was a big deal to me, and David will do that for his clients. On top of all that, he is a friendly person that is understanding of the difficult circumstances of a divorce and child custody which he puts all efforts into helping you get results. I would not hesitate to continue consulting with David if there are future needs.

Both pre Covid-19 and present Covid-19, David has shown me what a stellar attorney he is. One of his best qualities to me as someone looking for litigation is his responsiveness. He gets back to you extremely quickly, and will give you the time of day. He will get things done. Be like David and don't wait! Get in touch with him.



From the first time I spoke with David he was super helpful and responsive. I transitioned over to him after dealing with a lawyer that was slow and constantly giving me the run around. He made the process quick and easy for me, so much so that one day, he emailed me and said I was divorced and I did not believe him.

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David is amazing and I especially recommend him for anything that feels IMPOSSIBLE! He takes impossibility as a challenge to make things possible. David is highly experienced and I've referred him to many family and friends. He is more than fair, even GENEROUS, with his fees and is flexible with retainer payments to accommodate those unplanned and emergent situations. David knows the "ins and outs" of Family Law and is an incredible negotiator! He thinks outside the box and holds his clients' interests in high regard. Lower your stress and anxiety...give him a call now! You'll be glad you did.

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David made sure that not only did my divorce go smoothly, but that things were taken care of. He pushed to make sure I got what I wanted and what was fair. He gave great advise and always had an answer to my questions. He made sure that when it was my court date or paperwork needed to be done, that my case was the main focus. I heard about him from a friend and I'm glad that he is my lawyer!

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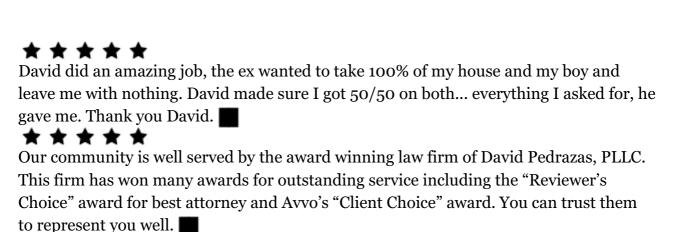
David helped me with my divorce a couple years ago. Very quick and painless process with his help. From the initial consultation, he was very straightforward and helped me understand the options I had so that I could make the best decision for myself. He was reasonably priced and prompt in both communication and filing. Definitely recommend him to anyone in the Salt Lake Area

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At first i had my doubts with my full custody case i took to Mr. Pedrazas. But he was an honest person who gave me the answers of not what i want to hear but what could happen if i don't provide the right evidence to fight for my kids full custody. Most of the time we expect things to go our way but with the knowledge Mr. Pedrazas have about the law makes him the right person to be on your side legally. And because of him my kids are now safe with me and now have full custody! Thank you Mr. Pedrazas





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As a past client of David, I highly recommend his services. He was very knowledgeable throughout the process and helped make the best outcome possible.

Mr. Pedrazas is realistic and straight forward in his advice and instruction. A very competent and insightful Attorney for any legal matter. Handles himself appropriately and professionally in the courtroom. Thank you for your work.

I went to David with a custody issue that had significant time restraints and what I'm sure what not the "norm" (if there is such a thing). David did not miss a beat. Always quick to return a call or a rambling email. Highly recommend!!

Hubby and i had a mutual friend who recommended this office to us in case we need legal help in the future. She had a great experience that is why i decided to leave this feedback to recommend them to anyone else who needs legal help in this matter.

David Pedrazas' law firm has won many awards, including the "Reviewer's Choice" for best attorney and Avvo's "Client Choice" award. They are a positive benefit to our community.

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Dave and his staff are extremely professional and I highly recommend them. I really like their comprehensive website. Lots of resources and links to assist if your going through a divorce. I can see why they got so many awards!!

You will get straightforward information about the law. Very professional and returned my call quickly.

David was amazing I pre-paid him and he did everything very timely manner and give me very good details to protect myself I highly recommend them to everyone

Went in for a consultation with a close friend. So impressed with the information provided and advice they gave to help her in her situation. Not surprised by her confidence in their services.

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