

# JAMES R. DALTON

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **7K METALS GROUP**

AUG 2022–PRESENT

#### **General Counsel**

Idaho Falls, ID

- Provide strategic and general legal counsel for precious metal dealer offering physical bullion and modern collectible coins
- Oversee anti-money laundering, data privacy, and direct selling/advertising compliance programs

### **KYÄNI, INC.**

DEC 2018–OCT 2022

#### **General Counsel; Deputy General Counsel**

Idaho Falls, ID

- Chief Legal Officer to multi-national, health & wellness company in highly regulated industry

### **DALTON LAW**

JAN 2017–PRESENT

#### **Private Legal Practice (part-time)**

Idaho Falls, ID

- Provide general legal counsel and outside general counsel services to small family offices and private clients, regarding business formation, real estate and land use planning, private equity, contract law, employment law, and business continuity planning

### **AMERICAN HERITAGE CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 482**

JAN 2017–PRESENT

#### **Executive Director, General Counsel**

Idaho Falls, ID

- Advise Board of Directors on legal, financial, compliance, and business operations for a non-profit, public charter school

### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS' OFFICE, DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

JAN 2016–JAN 2017

#### **Federal Prosecutor - Special Assistant U.S. Attorney**

Pocatello, ID

- One-year appointment to prosecute federal drug and gun crimes arising in the District of Idaho
- Managed heavy criminal caseload involving violent crimes, firearms and drug offenses, child exploitation, and gang activity
- Secured 28 criminal drug trafficking and firearms indictments in 11 months, including jury verdict convicting former felony bank robber

### **RIVERBEND GROUP & AFFILIATES (FAMILY OFFICE)**

MAY 2010–JAN 2016

#### **Vice President & General Manager; General Counsel**

Idaho Falls, ID

- Managed family office operations and oversaw portfolio companies and assets, including more than a billion dollars in assets under management, 100,000 acres of land holdings, market-leading media company, regional construction company, title insurance companies, real estate development company, hospitality company, and one of nation's largest purebred and commercial cattle ranches
- Directly managed up to 2 dozen employees and responsible for administration of more than 100 employees in portfolio companies
- Oversaw operations, budget and P&L, asset and property management, human resources, risk management, compliance, training, safety, and public relations for more than 50 legal entities
- Administered nonprofit, private foundation, including charitable grant administration
- Developed and implemented investment strategy and complex estate plan; oversaw asset allocation, investment sourcing and project management
- Managed legal department and provided general legal and strategic counsel for general corporate, employment law, mergers & acquisitions, securities/investment, real estate and water law, commercial contracts, estate planning & administration

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## Select Accomplishments:

- Built/organized legal department, updated, organized and digitized legal and corporate records for 50+ entities, implemented document retention policies, initiated file/contract management system
- Implemented real estate investment strategy that tripled projected portfolio returns
- Negotiated and/or oversaw acquisition, entitlement, and development (ongoing) of more than 200 acres of land for mixed use, retail, office, and residential development with projected IRR of >14%
- Implemented complex tax/estate plan to achieve multi-million dollar tax savings

**JONES DAY**

JAN 2007–JUN 2010

**Associate Attorney**

Dallas, TX

- Represented Fortune 50 public companies in securities and shareholder litigation and SEC enforcement actions, Foreign Corrupt Practices Acts, and complex multi-jurisdictional business litigation

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

<b>JUDICIAL LAW CLERK</b> , U.S. Court of Appeals 9 <sup>th</sup> Circuit, N. Randy Smith	AUG 2008–SEP 2009
<b>SPEECH WRITER</b> , Governor Dirk Kempthorne, State of Idaho, Boise, ID	DEC 2000–JAN 2006
<b>CONTRACT PROSECUTOR</b> , Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, Jerome, ID	JAN–DEC 2006
<b>JUDICIAL EXTERN</b> , Snake River Basin Adjudication, Twin Falls, ID	JAN–FEB 2006
<b>PARALEGAL SPECIALIST</b> , United States Navy, Washington, D.C.	SUMMER 2004
<b>LOBBYIST</b> , ASUI, University of Idaho, Boise, ID	JAN–JUN 1998
<b>ENGINEER'S AID/SURVEYOR</b> , Idaho Transportation Dept., Shoshone, ID	MAY–AUG 1996
<b>DRAFTSMAN AND LABORER</b> , Westec Construction, Jerome, ID	1993–1995
<b>FARM WORKER</b> , Dalton Family Farm, Jerome, ID	1980–1992

## BAR ADMISSIONS

<b>IDAHO STATE BAR</b>	SEP 2006
<b>TEXAS STATE BAR</b>	MAY 2007

## EDUCATION

**J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SCHOOL, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY** APR 2006  
**Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif** Provo, UT

- **Activities:** Lead Articles Editor, BYU Law Review; A. Sherman Christensen American Inn of Court; 1st Year Moot Court Competition Finalist; Natural Resource Law Society;
- **Honors:** Hugh B. Brown Barristers Award (selected by faculty for academic excellence and preparedness); J. Reuben Clark Award (selected by faculty for academic excellence and service)

**UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO**

DEC 2000

**B.G.S / Minor in Spanish**

Moscow, ID

- Majority of coursework in civil engineering, mathematics, computer science, and Spanish
- **Activities:** Elected Student Body President; Member of Idaho NCAA Steering Committee; Co-Chair of the University Recreation Center Task Force; Idaho Statewide Engineering Advisory Committee; ASUI Student Senate; Student Issues Board; Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
- **Honors:** College of Engineering Dean's List; Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society; Alumni Award for Excellence; ASUI Outstanding Senior Award; ASUI Distinguished Service Award; State of Idaho Scholarship; Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship; McDonnell Douglas Scholarship; Nike/Rocky Mountain PGA Scholarship

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## PUBLICATIONS

Comment, *There Is Nothing Light About Feathers: Finding Form In The Jurisprudence of Native American Religious Exemptions*, 2005 BYU L. REV. 1575 (2005)

Note, *Making Politics De Minimis in the Political Process: The Unworkable Implications of Cox v. Larios in State Legislative Redistricting and Reapportionment*, 2004 BYU L. REV. 1999 (2004)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Pro Bono Attorney, In Kind Giving, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID
- Founder, American Heritage Charter School, Idaho Falls, ID
- Guardian *Ad-Litem* Attorney, Jerome, ID
- Volunteer, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Dallas, TX
- Founder, North Valley Academy Charter School, Gooding, ID
- Volunteer Missionary Service, Dallas, TX

## OTHER HONORS/AWARDS

<b>Leaders In The Law Recognition</b> , In House Counsel, Idaho Business Review	2013
<b>Idaho Governor's Challenge Coin</b> , For Outstanding Public Service	2003
<b>U.S. Presidential Scholar Award</b> , Awarded in Washington D.C. by President Clinton	1994

## SKILLS/INTERESTS

- Proficient in spoken and written Spanish with translation experience
- Golf, basketball, digital photography, music production/marketing, charter schools, politics and current world events