



Val Antczak provides legal and business advice to clients in a number of industries. His most valuable role is as a trusted adviser, bringing his diverse experience as an advocate, business lawyer, and business advisor to bear on a client's most critical needs. He has participated in running a large regional law firm, and as general counsel of a biotech company. Val has both experienced the excitement of a client's growth, as well as managed the disappointment of downsizing a company. The most important skills he brings as manager and legal adviser are a solid understanding of the law, objectivity and a focus on the client's vision.

In an age of specialization, Val ably serves as an advocate for a client, whether in court or for a client's business transactions. Using the broad perspective of his experience, Val is able to craft and negotiate business strategies and resolutions. Val currently devotes much of his practice to helping startup companies in all aspects of beginning their business.

When Val is not practicing law he enjoys numerous outdoors activities, spending time at his home in Torrey, Utah, traveling and collecting art.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Acquisition and Disposition (M&A)
- Capital Raise (equity and debt)
- Business Counseling
- Corporate Governance, including advising board of directors
- Business Formations and Restructuring
- Structuring, Negotiating and Documenting Complex Business Transactions
- Contract Review and Negotiations
- Advising Public Companies and SEC
- Strategic Planning
- Regulatory Compliance and Issues
- IP Supervision and Licensing
- Business Litigation and Dispute Resolution

## BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- Manager of in-house legal department and part of senior management for a NASDAQ-traded biotech company
- While in-house, managed legal department consisting of six attorneys, a patent agent, three paralegals and associated professionals in 3 locations, handling business development, IP, human resource matters and public company issues, and principal legal advisor for Board of Directors and other executives on all legal matters
- Director of Entrepreneur in Residence Program for University of Utah's Technology Venture Development
- Board of Directors member, Vice Chair, and Strategic and Marketing Partner for large regional law firm practicing in complex commercial and regulatory litigation
- While attorney at large regional firm served as acting general counsel and corporate advisor for a publicly traded, independent energy producer, and counseled public and private energy companies, including advising both producers and users of regulated energy products
- Represented major corporate clients before Utah Public Service Commission
- Negotiated major contracts including a services agreement to underlay a statewide municipal broadband provider

## EDUCATION

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- JD, University of Utah, SJ Quinney College of Law
- BS, University of Utah, Magna Cum Laude, Finance

## ADMISSIONS

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- Utah State Bar
- United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals, Tenth and Fifth Circuits; United States District Court for the District of Utah

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Founder, Managing Member - Antczak Polich Law LLC
- Director, Entrepreneur in Residence Program - University of Utah Technology Venture Development
- Senior VP, Legal Affairs & General Counsel - NPS Pharmaceuticals
- Vice Chairman, Shareholder, Board Member, Attorney - Parsons Behle & Latimer

## HONORS

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- Martindale-Hubball with AV Preeminent rating
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*
- Recognized as a Utah leading lawyer in *Utah Business Magazine*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS + CIVIC ACTIVITIES

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- Navigen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. - Board of Directors (current)
- Utah State Bar New Lawyer Training Program - Mentor (current)
- Utah Museum of Contemporary Art - Board of Trustees, President (current)
- University of Utah Health Sciences Benefactors - Co-Chair (past), Executive Committee (current)
- Economic Development Corporation of Utah - Board of Trustees, Executive Committee
- Zoo, Arts & Parks (ZAP) Reauthorization Committee - Executive Committee
- Children's Service Society - Board of Directors
- SJ Quinney University of Utah College of Law - Alumni Board