



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Kirk Torgensen

Biography:

Kirk Torgensen is an adjunct professor for both Weber State University and the University of Utah, where he teaches public administration and law. He was admitted to the Utah State Bar in August 1986, after graduating from the University of Utah Law School. He immediately joined the United States Air Force as a Judge Advocate and was stationed in Germany. During his tour in Germany, he focused primarily on criminal prosecution and criminal defense work. This included over forty jury trials in venues located throughout Europe. After leaving the Air Force in 1990, he joined the Utah State Attorney General's Office in the Criminal Appeals Division. After eight months in this position he was promoted to Section Chief over the Civil Rights Section. He served four years in that capacity, and then was selected to develop and supervise the first money laundering and racketeering unit in the State of Utah. During that same period, he also tried two death penalty cases resulting in convictions.

In 1998, Mr. Torgensen was appointed by Governor Michael O. Leavitt to be the Director of Adult Probation and Parole, where he was responsible for the supervision of 500+ employees and a budget of over \$35 million. The agency was responsible for supervision of over 15,000 offenders in Utah. In January 2001, he was appointed to be the Chief Deputy of the Utah Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Torgensen has been honored for various achievements, including a recent award as the outstanding contributor to Law Enforcement in Utah by the Utah Police Chief's Association. He has also been awarded the Nelson Kempsey Award by the Conference of Western Attorneys General as Outstanding Leader and Manager of the Year for 2005-06. He has appeared regularly over the last 16 years as an instructor for Police Officer Standards and Training, Utah Narcotics Officers Association and Utah Prosecution Council.