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**Stephen L. Nelson J.D**

**Biography:**

Mr. Nelson is a 2002 graduate of the University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law, and has been a career prosecutor. He defended his Ph.D. dissertation, an examination of sovereign immunity in federal district courts, in May 2009. He has been assigned to the Organized Gang Prosecution Team and Homicide Team of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office since February 2007 and is cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah. He also serves as the Law Enforcement Subcommittee Chair of the Salt Lake City Police Department's COPS Methamphetamine Initiative and is a member of the Data Collection Working Group of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Mr. Nelson has chaired over 40 felony jury trials and has tried four homicides. He regularly trains police officers on search and seizure issues, courtroom demeanor, and case management involving gang, narcotics, and drug endangerment cases. Steve was a presenter at the 2006, 2007, and 2009 Utah Drug Endangered Children Conferences, the 2007 and 2008 National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference, and the 2008 International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, and has published two articles on drug endangerment in law review journals. Steve was named the 2008 Gang Prosecutor of the Year by the Utah Gang Investigators Association.