

# **President Scott L Wyatt**

**President at Southern Utah University**

Cedar City, UT, US

A leader in higher education specializing in creating transformative learning experiences and achieving high-quality outcomes.

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## **Biography**

Scott L Wyatt is Southern Utah University's 16th president. His priorities for SUU are summarized in the University's new vision statement: "Southern Utah University will receive national recognition for its innovations in learning, student success, and providing the best educational experience in the Intermountain West."

During his time at the university, SUU has led Utah's colleges and universities in student enrollment growth, launched the University of the Parks initiative, opened a new veterans center, started a center for diversity and inclusion, and seen the construction or acquisition of more than \$60 million worth of capital improvement projects.

Prior to his appointment at SUU, Wyatt served as president of Snow College, in Ephraim, Utah. Before that he was a member of the Utah House of Representatives, a partner in the Logan, Utah law firm, Daines, Wyatt & Jenkins, LLP., and the Cache County Attorney. His public practice focused on prosecuting homicide, domestic violence, and sexual violence cases, along with leading victim services and educational programs.

President Wyatt spends most of his time supporting students, staff, and faculty, as they explore diverse ideas, create transformative learning experiences, and achieve high-quality outcomes. Wyatt earned a bachelor's degree from Utah State University, with a dual major in philosophy and economics. His J.D. is from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Government Administration, Legislative Office, Fund-Raising, Writing and Editing, Research, Legal Services, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Law, Campaigns and Elections, American National Government, Domestic Violence (Partner and Victim), Sexual Violence, Enrollment Planning, Ethics, Education Research, Higher Education Administration, General Education Reform, Legal Practice, Strategic Planning, Fundraising and Business Development, Academic & Administrative Leadership, Campus Safety, Dating Violence, State and Local Government, Higher Education Policy

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## **Affiliations**

Big Sky Athletic Conference, Bear River Mental Health Board of Directors, 2003-07, Cache County Victim Services, Curriculum Development Committee, The National Institute for the Prosecution of Sexual Violence, American Prosecutors Research Institute, 2004-2007, Experiential Learning Leadership Institute, National Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence, 2006-2008, National Society for Experiential Education, Serious Misconduct Taskforce, Big Sky Conference, NCAA, United States Supreme Court Bar, 1993-present, Utah State Bar, 1990-present, Utah System of Higher Education, Violence Against Women Act Measuring Effectiveness Initiative Project Advisory Committee, University of Southern Maine, 2000-2002

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## **Education**

### **Utah State University**

B.S. Philosophy & Economics

### **University of Utah**

J.D. Law

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Outstanding Experiential Education Program Award**

National Society for Experiential Education

### **Crime Victims Service Award**

Utah Council on Victims of Crime and Utah Commission of Criminal and Juvenile Justice

### **Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award**

Utah Division of Arts and Museums 2017

### **Professor of Political Science, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah, 2015-present**

Faculty appointment in the Political Science Department.

### **President, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah, 2014–present**

Serves as CEO of a state university. Faculty appointment in the Political Science Department.

### **President, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah, 2007–2014**

Served as CEO of state, two-year college with multiple campuses.

### **Representative, Utah State Legislature, District 5, 2005-2007**

Standing Committees: House Political Subdivisions Committee, Judiciary Committee, House Business and Labor Committee, and Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

### **Instructor, Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative, American Bar Association, 2005**

Taught seminars to trial and appellate court judges throughout western Ukraine to assist members of the judiciary in the former Soviet Union implement democratic principles into their practices and constitutional revision efforts

**Partner, Daines & Wyatt, LLP, 2002-2007, 1990-2004**

Managed private law firm, consulted with local government officials regarding management and public relations matters and provided legal counsel to cities, towns, businesses, and individuals.

**Candidate, United States House of Representative, 2002**

**Silver Gavel Award for Media and the Arts**

With KSL-TV Salt Lake City, Utah for the documentary entitled, "It's Called Rape.", American Bar Association, 1999

**County Attorney, Cache County, Utah, 1995-2002**

**Member, Snow College Board of Trustees, Ephraim, Utah 1993-2005**

Served as a member of the advisory board with delegated governing Responsibilities.

**City Attorney, 1990-2007**

Served as City Attorney for several cities and towns

**Campaign Volunteer, 1976-2006**

Managed or consulted with approximately 20 national, state and local campaigns, including Republican and Democratic candidates

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