



Jeff Merchant

Jeff Merchant graduated from the University of Utah in 2000 with a degree in political science and a Certificate in International Relations. Upon returning to the United States, Jeff became actively involved with the Hinckley Institute of Politics. He interned at the Utah State House of Representatives during the 1999 legislative session and later was named the Ben D. Wood Intern in Social Policy for his work as a presidential intern at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. Jeff was named a Truman Scholar in 2000 by the Harry S Truman Foundation. In early 2000, Jeff began working for Congressman Jim Matheson's first campaign. After Congressman Matheson won a seat in the House of Representatives, Jeff returned to Washington, D.C. as a Legislative Assistant.

Jeff attended the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah where he received his J.D. and Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. In law school, Jeff was president of the Natural Resources Law Forum, a member of the Utah Law Review, and, with his teammates, was ranked in the top eight appellate advocacy teams in the nation at the 2006 National Moot Court Competition. In 2005, Jeff was appointed a Mariner S. Eccles Scholar in Political Economy, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and received the S.J. Quinney College of Law's College Award for being among the top three students in his class. Jeff is presently an attorney at Parsons Behle & Latimer with a practice focused on natural resources and environmental law. He continues to actively participate in politics and is involved in a number of political campaigns and professional organizations.