



## SPEAKER BIO

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Garth B. Jacobson serves as a Senior Government Relations Attorney for CT Corporation. Prior to this position, he worked at Preston Gates and Ellis LLP. Previously, he held the position of Chief Legal Counsel to the Montana Secretary of State where he successfully litigated election law cases before the state trial and appellate courts and federal courts. During that tenure, he served on the state bar committees that drafted business entity legislation including profit and nonprofit corporate acts, revisions to the partnership laws and the limited liability company act. Additionally, he developed and administered alternative dispute resolution of business name infringements. He served on the Montana Ethics Advisory Commission

He also served on the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of Montana and was also the president of the First Judicial District Bar Association. He served as an observer/advisor to various Uniform Laws Commission business entity drafting committees. Currently he participates as an “observer” on the Series LLC drafting committee and the ABA advisor to the Wage Garnishment Drafting Committee.

Garth is Finance Committee Chair for the ABA Science and Technology sections and serves as co-chair of the E-filing committee. He is the past chair of the Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities, Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association. He co-authored an article, “Electronic Service of Process” published in the spring 2008 SciTech Lawyer. He is a member the bar in Washington and Montana.

Garth received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Philosophy, a Juris Doctorate and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Montana. Additionally, he holds an LLM in Taxation from the University of Washington. The Counsel of State Governments named him a Toll Fellow. This prestigious national award recognizes outstanding leadership and service in state government.

Garth has many years’ experience with legal education, as a presenter, organizer or moderator of numerous continuing legal education (CLE) programs. He conducted programs on a variety of topics, including: tax law, corporations, LLCs, UCC, service of process, and legal ethics. He also taught, as an adjunct professor, business law classes at Carroll College, Helena Montana.



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Garth enjoys rock, alpine and ice climbing. His climbing resume includes summits of Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. Baker, Castleton Tower and the Snake Dike route on Half Dome, Yosemite. He is a member of the Seattle Mountaineers’ climbing program. Additionally, he often creates pottery at Pottery Northwest where he completed a ten year term on its board of directors.