

## **Alan Romero**

### **Employment**

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#### **University of Wyoming College of Law**

Senior Associate Dean, 2025-present  
Director, Rural Law Center, 2009-present  
William T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, 2025-present  
Carl M. Williams Professor of Law and Social Responsibility, 2017-2022  
Professor of Law, 2007-present  
Associate Professor of Law, 2005-2007  
Assistant Professor of Law, 2003-2005  
Taught property, land use law, agricultural law, and real estate finance  
Previously taught intellectual property and oil and gas law

#### **University of North Dakota School of Law**

Assistant Professor of Law, 2000-2003  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 1998-1999  
Taught property, land use planning, real estate transactions, legislation,  
natural resources, local government law, and agricultural law

#### **University of Idaho College of Law**

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, 1999-2000  
Taught property, introduction to law and procedure, and real estate finance

#### **Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, Salt Lake City, Utah**

Associate, 1994-1995, 1996-1998  
Practiced with commercial law group and commercial litigation group

#### **University of Chicago Law School**

Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law, 1995-1996  
Taught first-year legal writing course and moot court exercise

#### **Judge Stephen H. Anderson, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals**

Law Clerk, 1993-1994

## Education

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### Harvard Law School

J.D. *cum laude*, 1993  
5.63 GPA (estimated top 15%)  
President, Harvard Journal on Legislation  
Director, Harvard Legislative Research Bureau

### Brigham Young University

B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1990  
English and Political Science

## Publications

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*The College of Law and Rural Access to Justice*, WYO. LAW., Aug. 2025, at 28.

*Law in Place: Reflections on Rural and Urban Legal Paradigms* 50 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 201 (2023) (with Nestor M. Davidson).

*Efforts to Encourage and Support Rural Law Practice in Wyoming*, 22 WYO. L. REV. 155 (2022).

*Assessing and Addressing the Need for Rural Lawyers in Wyoming*, WYO. LAW., Oct. 2021, at 26.

*Identifying Rural Roads*, 54 IND. L. REV. 151 (2021).

*Extraterritorial Land Use Regulation and Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide*, 87 UMKC L. REV. 867 (2019).

*Why Is the Magnitude of a Regulation Relevant to Determining Whether It Takes Property?* 30 J. LAND USE & ENVT'L. L. 271 (2015).

PROPERTY LAW FOR DUMMIES (John Wiley & Sons 2013).

*Legal Issues From a Rural Perspective: The University of Wyoming Rural Law Center*, WYO. LAW. Oct. 2012, at 22.

*Local Regulation of Mineral Development in Wyoming*, 10 WYO. L. REV. 463 (2010).

*Rural Property Law*, 112 W. VA. L. REV. 765 (2010).

*Ends and Means in Takings Law after Lingle v. Chevron*, 23 J. LAND USE & ENV'T L. 333 (2008), reprinted in 2009 ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK 129 (Patricia E. Salkin ed., 2009).

*Reducing Just Compensation for Anticipated Condemnations*, 21 J. LAND USE & ENV'T L. 153 (2006), reprinted in 2007 ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK 619 (Patricia E. Salkin ed., 2007).

*Takings by Floodwaters*, 76 N.D. L. REV. 785 (2000).

*Two Constitutional Theories for Invalidating Extortionate Exactions*, 78 NEB. L. REV. 348 (1999).

Note, *Interpretive Directions in Statutes*, 31 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 211 (1994).

Recent Development, *Including Legal Services in State Sales Taxes*, 29 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. 280 (1992).

## **Presentations**

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*Rural Practice Initiatives Update*, 2026 Small, Solo & Rural Law Forum, University of Wyoming College of Law, April 17, 2026

*Corner Crossing*, Ewing T. Kerr American Inn of Court, Cheyenne, WY, April 9, 2026

*Rural Practice Initiatives Update*, 2025 Small, Solo & Rural Law Forum, University of Wyoming College of Law, April 18, 2025

*Assessing and Addressing the Need for Legal Services in Rural Wyoming*, Ewing T. Kerr American Inn of Court, Cheyenne, WY, March 13, 2025

*Financial Incentive Programs & Legislative Approaches in Wyoming*, National Center for State Courts 2024 Legal Deserts Summit, May 21, 2024

*Attracting and Supporting Rural Lawyers in Wyoming*, University of South Dakota Law Review Symposium, Sept. 21, 2023

*Law in Place: On Urban and Rural Paradigms in Legal Scholarship and Law*, Rural Legal Scholars Workshop, Oct. 30, 2020

*Lawyers in Rural Wyoming*, 2020 Small, Solo & Rural Law Forum, University of Wyoming College of Law, Oct. 16, 2020

*Wyoming Landlord-Tenant Law*, live stream, May 2, 2020

*Bridging the Urban Versus Rural Divide in Extraterritorial Land Use Regulation*, Texas A&M University School of Law Real Property Law Roundtable, Feb. 2, 2018

*Rural Lawyers in the West*, Rural West Conference, Stanford University Bill Lane Center for the American West, March 6, 2015

*Water Rights: How Will Agriculture Fare in the Coming Decades?* Nutrition Symposium, American Feed Industry Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 11, 2014

*Property Rights*, Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting, Laramie, WY, Nov. 15, 2012

*City and County Land Use Regulation of the Dominant Estate*, State of the Dominant Estate, University of Wyoming College of Law, Nov. 6, 2009

*Rural Property Law*, part of panel presentation, "Land, Water, Poverty, and Community at the Rural-Urban Interface," Law and Society Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, May 30, 2009

*Regulatory Takings*, Albany County Citizens' Advisory Committee, April 10, 2007

*What Everyone Should Know About Zoning*, 2006 Consumer Issues Conference, University of Wyoming, Sept. 28, 2006

*The Legal Establishment of County Roads*, Douglas, WY, February 28, 2006; Riverton, WY, March 1, 2006; Rock Springs, WY, March 2, 2006

*Kelo v. City of New London*, University of Wyoming College of Law, Nov. 12, 2005

## **Recent Service**

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*Director, Rural Law Center*, 2009-present

Supervised student research and writing projects for various organizations and governments; organized and hosted conferences and presentations; advocated support for rural lawyers; advised and mentored students.

*Co-Chair, College of Law ABA Self-Study Committee*, 2021-2023

Prepared policies, reports, and documents for ABA accreditation and AALS member review.

*Chair, Technology and Building Committee*, 2014-present

*Chair, Academic Policies and Procedures Committee*, 2024

*Admissions Committee*, 2020-2024

*Curriculum/Assessment Committee*, 2022-2024

*University Tenure and Promotion Committee*, 2019-2022

Chair, 2021-2022

*College of Law Assessment Coordinator, 2020-present*

Met with and participated in University Assessment Coordinator Group.

*Wyoming State Bar Small, Solo, and Rural Working Group, 2020-present*

*Chair, Wyoming Access to Justice Commission Rural Practice Subcommittee, 2026-present*