



CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE DENO G. HIMONAS

# Supreme Court

## State of Utah

450 South State Street  
P.O. Box 140210  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-0210  
(801)238-7958

October 29, 2021

The Honorable Spencer J. Cox  
Governor of the State of Utah  
350 North State Street  
PO Box 142220  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2220

Re: Retirement from the Supreme Court for the State of Utah

Dear Governor Cox:

This is a bittersweet letter for me. I write to inform you that, after nearly two decades in public service, I intend to step down from the Utah Supreme Court in the coming year. My last day on the Court will be March 1, 2022.

It has been my singular honor to have served the people of Utah, first as a trial judge on the Third Judicial District Court (2004-2015) and then as a justice on the Utah Supreme Court (2015-2022). I pray that I have served with some modicum of merit and that I have not disappointed those who appointed me to the bench—Governors Olene Walker and Gary Herbert. I am particularly proud of the Utah Supreme Court's efforts to develop and launch the world's first legal regulatory sandbox. Indeed, our sandbox already serves as the model for other states and countries considering regulatory reform.

During my time on the bench, I have had the joy of working with some of the most dedicated public servants in the nation. And I say with absolute confidence that there are no better colleagues than those with whom I have had the privilege of serving on the Utah Supreme Court. You and your predecessors should take great pride in your selections of those whose mission it has been to safeguard the rule of law.

The time, however, has come for me to begin writing a new chapter in my professional life. As you know, these are exciting times in Utah's legal market. With our burgeoning tech sector and legal regulatory reforms, Utah has become a hotbed of legal activity, bringing many major law firms, talented individuals and high-paying jobs to our state. In this regard, I am excited to return to the private sector and to help anchor one of these major firms in Salt Lake City, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. So, while I will no longer be serving on the bench, I will continue to be an active member of Utah's phenomenal legal community.

Before I close, I would like to personally thank you for your service to this great state. Although our interactions have been few, I have enjoyed them all. And I continue to watch with joy as you stock our courts with seriously talented and diverse individuals.

With the Utmost Respect,



Constandinos (Deno) Himonas  
Justice, Utah Supreme Court

cc: Hon. Matthew Durrant, Chief Justice  
Ron Gordon, State Court Administrator