



United States
Attorney's Office
District of Utah



STAFF PROFILE

U.S. Attorney Melissa Holyoak



On May 28, 2026, Melissa Holyoak was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the District of Utah. Prior to her new appointment, Former United States Attorney General Pamela Bondi appointed Holyoak as the Interim U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah on November 17, 2025, and First Assistant United States Attorney on March 17, 2026. President Donald J. Trump nominated Holyoak to serve as the U.S. Attorney on January 29, 2026, and she was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 18, 2026.

Prior to her role as Interim United States Attorney, Holyoak was an FTC Commissioner, from March 25, 2025, to November 17, 2025, where she strove to vigorously enforce the antitrust and consumer protection laws. In that role, she spoke widely about a range of FTC priorities including improving competition enforcement, effectively applying existing laws to emerging trends in technology, and protecting children and teens online. Holyoak also served as Solicitor

General with the Utah Attorney General’s Office from September 2020 to March 2024, where she oversaw civil appeals, criminal appeals, constitutional defense and special litigation, and antitrust and data privacy divisions. She also managed multistate matters including those involving consumer protection and antitrust claims.

Holyoak also served as president and general counsel of Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based public interest firm and in other public interest attorney positions with the Competitive Enterprise Institute and the Center for Class Action Fairness. Holyoak represented class members challenging unfair class actions and consumers fighting regulatory abuse in federal district courts and appellate courts across the country.

Holyoak has argued appeals in the Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuits. She is a former prosecutor and attorney with O’Melveny & Myers LLP. She graduated from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law in 2003 as a member of the Order of the Coif and Law Review. Holyoak is a member of the Utah, D.C., and Missouri (inactive) bars. Holyoak is married and has four children.

Dates of Service

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