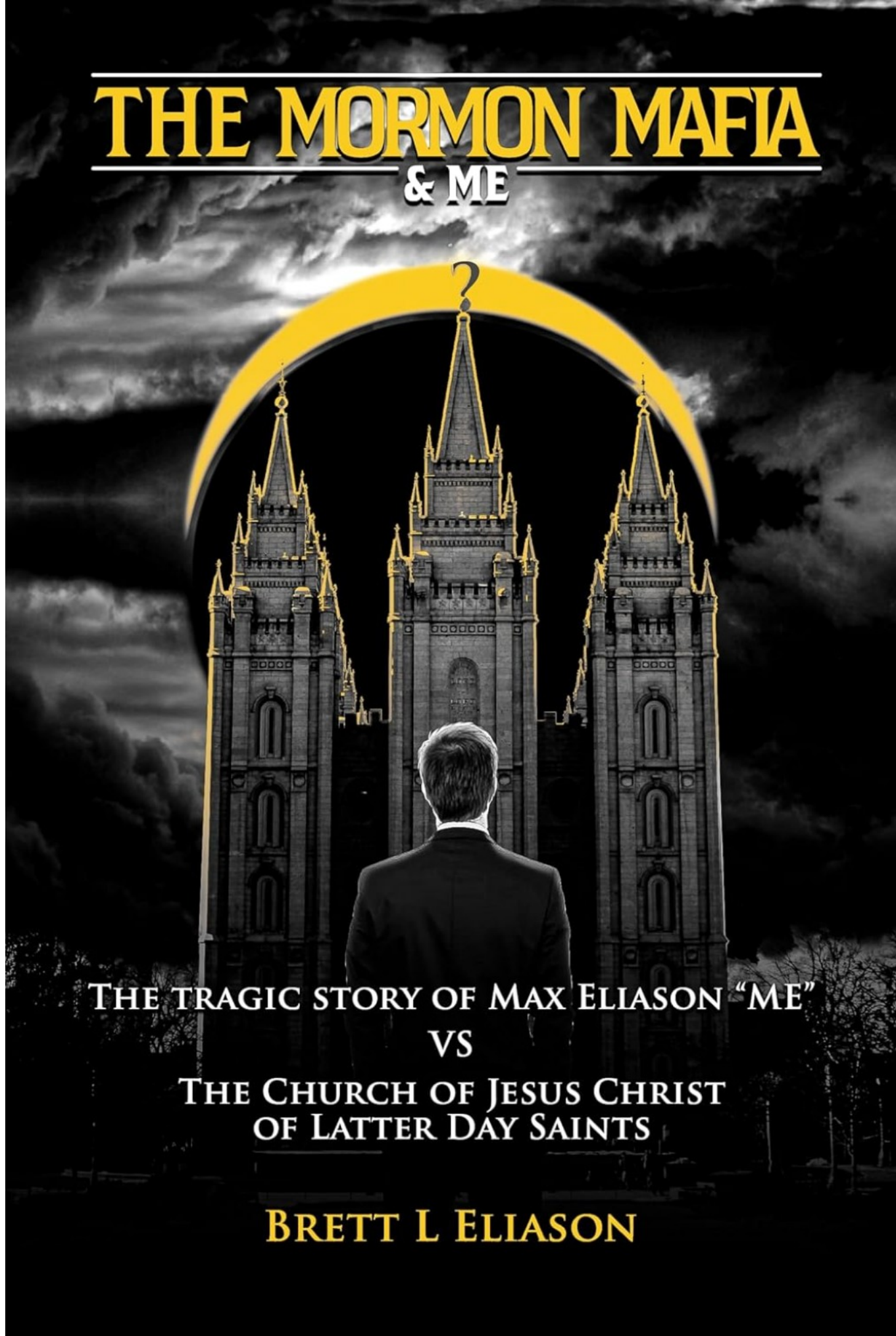


## **New Book Explores Legal Dispute Involving Prominent Utah Law Firm**

**The Mormon Mafia and ME by Brett L. Eliason Investigates Complex Family Estate Cases**

# THE MORMON MAFIA & ME

The background of the book cover features a dramatic, dark sky with swirling clouds. A large, bright yellow arc, resembling a full moon, frames the central image. In the center, the Salt Lake Temple is depicted with its three prominent spires and golden accents. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders are visible; he is wearing a dark suit and is looking directly at the temple. A large, bold question mark is superimposed on the yellow arc, positioned directly above the temple's central spire.

THE TRAGIC STORY OF MAX ELIASON "ME"  
VS  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

**BRETT L ELIASON**

**Salt Lake City, Utah Jul 30, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - A compelling new release, *The Mormon Mafia and ME* by Brett L. Eliason, provides an in-depth, personal account of a family estate case involving a \$250 million trust and a well-known Utah law firm. The book has sparked interest among readers who are interested in estate law, trust management, and the importance of transparency in legal practices.

Eliason, a former Vice President at Zions Bank and an MBA graduate from the University of Utah, recounts his family's experience with a trust consisting of real estate and oil-related assets. According to Eliason, the assets were mishandled after being transferred to legal custody in 2013. The firm at the center of the case, Kirton McConkie, is widely recognized for its association with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These claims were presented in a legal dispute before the United States District Court for the District of Utah, Case No. 2:23-cv-00785, which was dismissed on May 29, 2024.

Eliason alleges that, after the transfer, the estate's assets became difficult to trace, and he suggests that inconsistencies existed in the handling of legal documents. He introduces the concept of "The Old Switcheroo" to describe the changes to key estate agreements that he believes lacked sufficient transparency. No formal findings of wrongdoing have been made against the firm, and Eliason's request for a wider investigation has not been addressed.

In *The Mormon Mafia and ME*, Eliason draws on years of documentation and personal experience, offering a combination of legal analysis, personal narrative, and advocacy for reform. He proposes legislation that would mandate independent annual audits of legal trusts to ensure accountability, particularly for vulnerable groups like the elderly.

What distinguishes this book is not just the thoroughness of Eliason's account but also his commitment to advocating for systemic change. Eliason has chosen not to pursue an out-of-court settlement, instead focusing on his goal of promoting trust law reform and accountability in legal practices.

For readers interested in true crime, legal integrity, and reform, *The Mormon Mafia and ME* offers a thought-provoking exploration of accountability within the legal system.

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Brett L. Eliason is a former banking executive who spent over 17 years as Vice President of Zions Bank. As an advocate for legal reform, Eliason is dedicated to exposing issues within trust management and promoting transparency and accountability in the legal process.

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