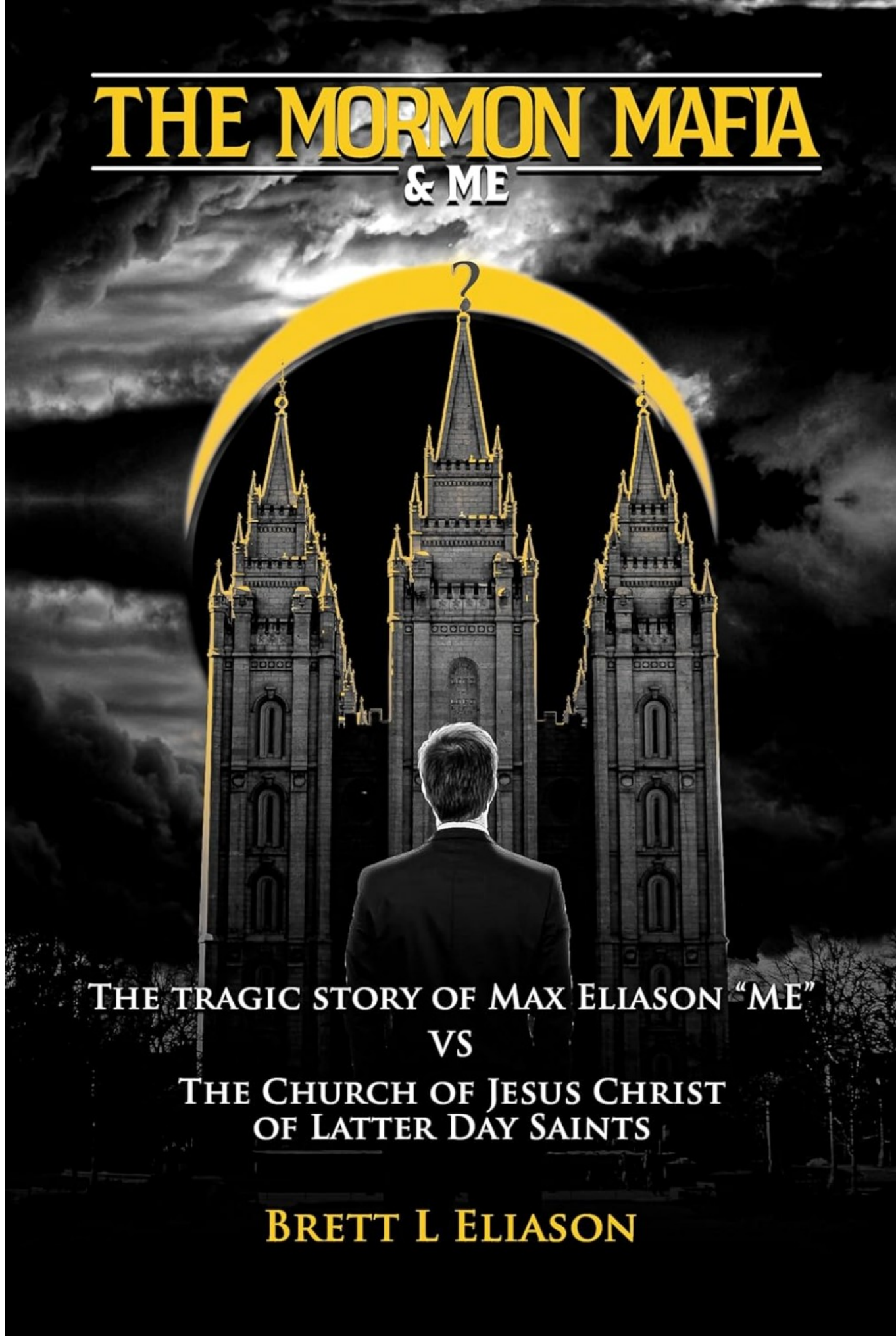


New Book Investigates Complex Family Estate Case and the Need for Trust Law Reform

Brett L. Eliason's *The Mormon Mafia* and *ME* Explores Legal Issues and Advocates for Greater Transparency in Estate Management

THE MORMON MAFIA & ME

The book cover features a dramatic, high-contrast image. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders are visible; he is wearing a dark suit and is looking towards a large, ornate building with three prominent spires, which is the Salt Lake Temple. The building is set against a dark, stormy sky with heavy, swirling clouds. A large, bright yellow arc, resembling a full moon or a spotlight, frames the temple. At the top of this arc, a large black question mark is positioned. The overall mood is mysterious and somber.

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)) - *The Mormon Mafia and ME*, a new book by Brett L. Eliason, offers a detailed, personal account of a family estate case involving a \$250 million trust and its legal management. The book raises important questions about transparency in estate law, trust management, and the importance of ethical practices in legal fiduciary duties.

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 that contained real estate and oil-related assets. He details concerns that arose after the assets were transferred to legal custody in 2013, where he claims there were complications in tracking the estate's assets and handling legal documents. The law firm involved, Kirton McConkie, is known for its association with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While these claims were presented in the United States District Court for the District of Utah, Case No. 2:23-cv-00785, they were ultimately dismissed on May 29, 2024.

In the book, Eliason reflects on his journey and the lessons learned, focusing on the importance of transparency in legal proceedings involving estates. He introduces the concept of "The Old Switcheroo," describing how key estate documents may have been altered without proper oversight. Although no formal findings of wrongdoing have been made against the law firm, Eliason stresses the need for better practices in estate management to protect those who may be vulnerable, especially in cases of financial complexity.

The Mormon Mafia and ME is not just an exploration of one man's experience but also an advocacy for reform in the legal system. Eliason calls for legislation that would require annual independent audits of all legal trusts to ensure greater accountability and prevent potential abuse. This would mirror the practices already in place for financial institutions like banks, ensuring that fiduciary duties are upheld with integrity.

The book stands out not only for Eliason's insights but also for his commitment to systemic change. He refrains from seeking a settlement in his case, instead focusing on how his story can promote lasting legal reform.

For readers interested in exploring the complexities of trust law, ethical practices in legal management, and the importance of reform, *The Mormon Mafia and ME* provides a comprehensive and thought-provoking narrative.

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Brett L. Eliason is a former banking executive with over 17 years of experience as Vice President of Zions Bank. He is now an advocate for transparency and legal reform, focusing on trust management practices and the protection of vulnerable individuals in complex financial and estate matters.

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