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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

George is a Shareholder and Director at the firm. George has successfully represented businesses, individuals and insurance companies in state and federal courts in Utah and other states. As a member of the firm's Business Litigation, Real Estate and Professional Liability practice sections, George's practice focuses on litigation where he represents both plaintiffs and defendants.

AWARDS

Utah "Legal Elite," civil trial work, 2006, 2007, 2008

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Commercial and Business Litigation: Represent clients ranging in size from international corporations to small startup businesses in contractual disputes, agency liability actions and claims of errors or omissions. Recent representative matters include:

- Defended a small business in a lawsuit alleging it negligently caused a fire that destroyed a commercial building housing three businesses. Obtained a defense verdict at the conclusion of a seven day jury trial.
- Defended a dentist accused of unfair competition, violation of the Utah Trade Secrets Act and conversion. The plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit without payment.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal in behalf of a halogen lamp manufacturer of a lawsuit claiming the lamp caused a fire that destroyed a home.
- Defended a lawsuit alleging that his client improperly loaded a semi-truck causing it to tip over while in transit, causing the driver to suffer extensive injuries including severe traumatic brain injury. Settled for a token amount.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of claims alleging breach of contract, negligence and construction defects against a retaining wall contractor stemming from the construction of a large housing project.
- Forced a closely held corporation to buy out minority shareholders on fair terms.

Professional Liability: Represent real estate appraisers, real estate agents, title companies, escrow companies, insurance agents and brokers, and other professionals in malpractice and licensing/disciplinary matters. Some representative matters include:

- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a title company defending claims of breach of fiduciary duty and third party beneficiary breach of contract.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of an escrow agent on a breach of fiduciary duty claim.

Real Estate: Represent parties in buying and selling real estate; negotiate, draft and review commercial lease agreements; assist parties negotiating and enforcing real estate purchase contracts; prepare and review loan security documents; review title policies and exceptions; file liens; and perform judicial and non-judicial foreclosures. Recent representative matters include:

- Assist with a \$20,000,000 land purchase for a commercial development, including assisting with reviewing loan documentation and transferring water rights.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Utah State Bar, Member of the Litigation Section Executive Committee.
- Salt Lake County Bar member.
- Admitted to practice in all Utah state and federal Courts; U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit.

SELECTED REPORTED CASES

Robinson v. State of Utah, 20 P.3d 396 2001 Inverse condemnation

EDUCATION

Graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1993 as a William P. Leary Scholar. Awarded a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Utah in 1995. Bachelor of Science degree from Weber State College in 1989, history major, chemistry minor.