



Thomas J. Scribner

Private Practice Lawyer

Practice Areas: Real Estate; Estate Planning; Business Law

Admitted: 1986, Utah and U.S. District Court, District of Utah

Law School: Brigham Young University - Provo, UT, J.D.

Current Practice: Tom has practiced in Utah County since 1986. From his business and law backgrounds he entered a county that was in a deep recession. The building market had collapsed and small businesses were fighting to stay alive by collecting debts owing them or trying to work out payments to those vendors they owed money to. There was fraud in the housing market and much litigation surrounding fake people buying expensive houses. For many, bankruptcy was the only answer. There were four district judges and about 300 lawyers. Tom developed his business and estate planning practice around these problems and was soon doing everything from collecting debts to drafting business plans, organizing and dissolving corporations, and representing businesses both as debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. For the record LLC's had not even been invented yet.

About 1991 Utah County started pulling out of its recession and slowly the economy improved, opening up new building and new business in the area. By 1995 the economy was strong and would remain so until 2005 when the economy overheated and then burst in 2008. Through it all Tom was there working with many small businesses in the issues including financing options, public vs. private lenders, growth issues, and working with developers to obtain approvals for large developments. Utah county now has 15 district judges and over 1,000 lawyers.

The economy in Utah County is back like it was in the late 1980's. Utah County is slowly digging out of a huge recession and Tom sees the same issues he went through twenty years ago. He gets it. He's been there. And when the recession is over and the economy takes off again, Tom will be around for that too. He has set up many corporations and limited liability companies, wills and trusts. He has also litigated many cases and knows the local court system well.

Education: In 1983, Tom earned a B.A. in Business Administration with minors in English and Economics from Southern Utah State University. Tom went on to earn a J.D. at Brigham Young University in 1986, concentrating on small business, estate planning and real estate.

Admitted to Practice: 1986, Utah Supreme Court.

Legal Experience: After graduating from law school, Tom worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Cullen Y. Christensen in the Fourth Judicial District Court of the State of Utah from 1986 to 1987. After his clerkship, Tom was immediately hired as an associate in a local law firm. Tom ultimately purchased the office space from his retiring partner and has practiced in the same space ever since that time. Throughout his practice, Tom has been active in the Utah State Bar Association, serving first as Young Lawyer Liaison, then as Central Utah Bar Association President and President-Elect in 1999 and 2000. Tom also volunteered as an attorney advisor in the Bar-sponsored Moot Court program for many years.

Foreign Languages: Afrikaans