



Braden W. Johnson

Shareholder

Braden is a member of Parr Brown's Business and Finance, Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Rights, Corporate Finance, and Real Estate groups. He focuses his practice in commercial debt and equity transactions, but also has strong experience with general corporate matters.

Equity Transactions

Braden assists individuals and entities with commercial transactions, mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring. Working on both stock and asset deals, and on the buy- and sell- side, gives Braden comprehensive knowledge and broad experience in the market. Braden has navigated complexities like escrow arrangements, holdbacks, special indemnities, earnouts, transferring intellectual property with the USPTO, buying/selling foreign subsidiaries, and much more. Braden has handled every facet of transactions from preliminary structuring and term sheet negotiation to post-closing adjustments. Braden excels at reviewing/marshalling due diligence, drafting documents, and negotiating complicated provisions. Braden also assists businesses in retaining founders or key employees on a post transaction basis via employment relationships, consulting arrangements, and rollover equity. Braden's experience with debt finance is also a significant asset in his M&A practice - particularly where financing is being provided by sellers, banks, private equity, or other third-party sources.

Debt Transactions

Braden has worked with top national banks and private lenders in closing sophisticated real estate, commercial, securities, and asset backed loans. He also has experience in workouts, mezzanine financing, tribal lending and public finance. Braden is involved in all stages of the lending process, including due diligence, loan documentation, negotiation, closing, post-closing issues and loan modifications. With this experience, Braden has developed a knowledge of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, mechanics liens and the state construction registry, inter-creditor relationships, loan forbearance, commercial leasing, SBA lending, syndications, title insurance, tax advantaged financing, lending to estate planning vehicles and nonprofit entities, and much more.

General Corporate Matters

Braden has assisted many companies with incorporation, adoption/amendment of governing documents, reinstatement, conversion,

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PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Finance

Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Right

Corporate Finance

Real Estate Attorneys

EDUCATION

- 2015, J.D., University of Colorado Law School; Deans List; Associate Editor, Colorado Natural Resources, Energy, & Environmental Law Review; Recipient, John and Cynthia Schultz Wildcatter Full Scholarship; Recipient, Public Service Pledge Award

- 2012, B.A., Brigham Young University, Political Science; Freelance Editor, J. Reuben Clark Law School's International Center for Law and Religious Studies; Student-Author, Brigham Young

- ▶ University Prelaw Review Journal

BAR ADMISSIONS

- ▶ 2015, Colorado
- ▶ 2016, Utah
- ▶ Utah Supreme Court
- ▶ Colorado Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Board Member, Utah and Idaho Chapter (2018)
- ▶ Needs Beyond Medicine, Board of Directors (2017-2019)

CLERKSHIPS

- ▶ United States Department of Justice, Denver, CO
- ▶ United States Department of Labor, Denver, CO

fictitious names, and much more. Braden has assisted large and small companies in working-through their capitalization and governance needs. Braden has also reviewed and drafted a broad variety of agreements for sophisticated commercial parties including detailed contracts for contractors and subcontractors, joint ventures, master service arrangements, and legal opinions.

Prior to joining the firm, Braden worked for Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Braden is a member of the Utah and Colorado State Bar. He obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from University of Colorado School of Law, his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University.

Mr. Johnson has been recognized in the 2022 edition of *Utah Business magazine* as one of **Utah's Legal Elite** lawyers in the area of business & corporate law and **Mountain States Super Lawyers** as a Rising Star for 2022.

Braden's Representative Transactions:

- Analyzed due diligence in a \$300mm merger in which 35 subsidiaries merged into a parent entity
- Drafted and negotiated loan documents in a \$150mm acquisition of 20 office buildings in Denver, CO
- Represented a national bank issuing a \$125mm term loan secured by 19 properties across six states
- Participated in a debt restructure for a skilled nursing company with \$50mm in debt spread among four lenders

Publications and Speaking Engagements:

- 📖 A Lawyer Walks into a Dataroom: Getting the most from your Dealsite
Author, March 2020
- 📖 Effective Modification Agreements: Teaching an Old Loan New Tricks
Author, Utah Banker (Issue 2.2018)
- 📖 Justice After the Gavel Sounds: Unravelling the Prisoner Litigation Epidemic
Author, Gamm Justice Award Writing Competition, unpublished (February 2015)
- 📖 Public Benefit Corporations: A Better Way to do Business in Colorado
Presenter, Boulder Startup Week (May 15, 2014)
- 📖 The Future of Coal: Is the Modern Regulatory Regime a Taking?
Author, The New Jurist (January 2014)
- 📖 Don't Stop the Music: iTunes and Probate Law
Author, The New Jurist (January 2013)
- 📖 Freedom to Achieve: The Future of Student-led Organizations within the Public School System
Author, 26 Brigham Young University Prelaw Review 55 (2012)



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