



## David E. Gee

### *Of Counsel*

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David Gee assists clients in achieving financial and tax benefits through structuring or restructuring ownership interests and debt in connection with asset based transactions. A substantial portion of his practice involves acquisition, development, financing, exchange and other disposition of real estate assets for commercial developers, industrial and technology companies, senior living communities, resort communities and defense contractors. He often assists owners in obtaining land use and development rights and financial assistance from Utah governmental authorities including securing state and local governmental incentives. He has provided legal services to private companies and local governments in connection with a number of public/private joint ventures in the intermountain states.

Mr. Gee has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Utah College of Law. He has been Chairman of the Pioneer Theatre Company, Chairman of Red Butte Garden, and President of the Alumni Board of Trustees of the University of Utah College of Law.

In government related service, Mr. Gee was Chairman for two years and a Board member for six years of the Salt Lake County Tier 1 Advisory Board responsible for the Zoo, Arts and Parks Tax allocations among major cultural and arts groups in Salt Lake County. Mr. Gee has been in the forefront of the legislative and referendum issues enabling that tax assistance to cultural institutions and public parks. He currently sits on the Board of the Salt Lake County/Salt Lake City Cultural Core, which is charged with developing an arts district in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Gee also presently sits on the Boards of Red Butte Garden, Pioneer Theatre Company and The Alta Club. He was previously on the Board of the Utah Humanities Council.

Mr. Gee was honored by the Real Estate Section of the Utah State Bar as the Lawyer of the Year in 2000. Mr. Gee was named one of the top real estate lawyers in Utah in the 2003-2022 editions of *Chambers USA - America's Leading Business Lawyers*. Sources say in the 2012 edition, "He is one of the most gifted lawyers around, with an encyclopedic knowledge of real estate and tax." Previous editions have noted "he has great vision - he can look into the depths of a case without losing sight of the big picture." He has been continually recognized by *Mountain States Super Lawyers* and also named one of Utah's "Top 100" lawyers in the

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Right

Business and Finance

Corporate Structure, Organizations and Governance

Real Estate Attorneys

Real Estate Development and Finance

Corporate Finance

### EDUCATION

▶ 1973, J.D., University of Utah, Order of the Coif, Executive Editor, Utah Law Review

▶ 1970, B.S., University of Utah

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- ▶ 1973, Utah

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Utah State Bar
- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ American College of Mortgage Attorneys
- ▶ Board Member (2008-2013) and Chair (2011-2013), Tier 1 Advisory Board, Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts and Parks Tax
- ▶ Red Butte Garden, Chair
- ▶ Recipient Pioneer Theatre Company "Bravo Award" 2009, past Chairman and past Budget Director Board of Directors
- ▶ Alumni Board of Trustees of the University of Utah College of Law, past President
- ▶ The Community Foundation of Utah's 2010 Enlightened 50 (E-5-0)
- ▶ Utah Humanities Council, Board Member
- ▶ Envision Utah, Board Member
- ▶ Member Salt Lake City/Salt Lake County Budget Committee Interlocal Cultural Care
- ▶ Distinguished Real Property Practitioner, 2000, Utah State Bar

Intermountain area. Mr. Gee has been continuously listed in *Utah Business* magazine as one of Utah's Legal Elite for his work in real estate, business & corporate law. He has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2006-2023 editions; and was named by Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" in Utah in the areas of Corporate Governance and Compliance (2011), Corporate Governance (2012), Real Estate Law (2013), Corporate Compliance (2014), and (2020), Corporate Governance Law (2016), Corporate Governance Law (2018-2019, 2023), and Corporate Law (2022). Mr. Gee has also been awarded an AV rating - the highest awarded by Martindale-Hubbell.

**David E. Gee featured on cover of Mountain States Super Lawyer 2011**

## Publications and Speaking Engagements:

- 📖 Redevelopment of Environmentally Impacted Real Property Using Tax Increment  
*Environmental Aspects of Real Estate and Commercial Transactions: Acquisition, Development, and Liability Management, Fifth Edition ABA 2021*



