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Mr. Hale's practice focuses on commercial litigation with an emphasis on disputes arising out of: construction projects, including defect claims and claims for delay and disruption involving resort hotels, refineries, highway construction and commercial and residential developments; coverage disputes concerning policies of insurance for commercial general liability insurance, title insurance, directors and officers liability, employer liability, professional liability, and health insurance; employee disputes involving enforceability of noncompetition agreements and related issues concerning trade secrets and confidentiality agreements; real estate development, including disputes concerning real estate contracts, and zoning and planning matters; business organization disputes relating to ownership, officers and directors liability and accounting for losses and profits; general disputes arising out of commercial transactions, such as the sale of businesses; collection disputes arising out of equipment leases and commercial loans; and property damage arising out of mass torts.

He represents clients in a variety of industries, among, others: contractors engaged in commercial, residential and heavy construction; commercial and residential developers; lenders; health care; equipment lessors; heavy and light manufacturers; investment banking; private equity; airlines; and chemical manufacturing. He serves as an arbitrator and mediator.

Mr. Hale has an AV Preeminent Attorney rating in Martindale-Hubbell's Judicial Edition. He has been listed: as a top general commercial litigation lawyer in Utah in the 2010-2023 editions of *Chambers USA – America's Leading Business Lawyers*; as a Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law and Litigation, and Construction law in the 2007-2023 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*®; as Litigation-Construction "Lawyer of the Year" in Utah in Best Lawyers® 2021; in the 2009-2023 editions of *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, and continuously named in that publication as one of Utah's "Top 100" lawyers in the Intermountain area for construction litigation; and in *Utah Business* magazine as one of Utah's Legal Elite since its inception.

Mr. Hale was a Certified Public Accountant, Licensed with the

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EDUCATION

1988, J.D., University of Utah, Order of the Coif, Utah Law Review

- 1983, M.B.A., University of Utah
- 1982, B.S. magna cum laude, University of Utah

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1988, Utah

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Utah State Bar
- U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Panel Member, American Arbitration Association

State of Utah from 1982 to 1985. He worked for Ernst & Whinney (currently Ernst & Young) providing auditing and management consulting services from 1983 to 1985.

Mr. Hale received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, *magna cum laude* (1982), M.B.A. (1983), and his Juris Doctorate degree, *Order of the Coif* (1988) from the University of Utah – S.J. Quinney College of Law.

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