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Overview

David Slaughter has developed a broad practice for over 40 years, enjoying close business relationships with a variety of long-standing clients.

Much of his early practice focused on representing construction bond sureties in connection with performance and payment bonds on public and private projects, including the pursuit of indemnity from bonded contractors and related litigation and dispute resolution and that experience continues. His client base has expanded over the years to include real estate developers, project owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers as well as technology companies, specialty manufacturers and other individuals and business entities outside of the construction arena, in areas of business formation, mergers and acquisitions, and contract formation and licensing.

David has lectured before local and national professional organizations and has authored several papers dealing with construction, surety law, alternative dispute resolution, and other topics. He has served as a panel arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association on construction and complex commercial disputes since 1990 and is a respected and active mediator in such disputes.

David is among the co-founders of the Western States Surety Conference, which has furnished annual instruction on a variety of topics relevant to surety professionals since 1993.

Education

- Brigham Young University – J. Reuben Clark School of Law, 1981 (J.D.)
- Brigham Young University, 1975 (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Utah, 1981

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Community Involvement

- Sandy City, Utah, Public Utilities Advisory Board, Former Chair
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Mission Trip, France and Belgium, February 2016-July 2017

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Construction Law, Franchise Law, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law, 2024-2027
    - Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Construction, 2015
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, Construction Litigation
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite

Memberships

- Utah Bar Association
- American Arbitration Association, Panel Member, 2014
- Utah Defense Lawyers Association
- Salt Lake County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Related Experience

- Assisted the inventor and manufacturer of specialized adventure ride systems in contracts for the sale and installation of its systems throughout the U.S., as well as internationally, including Russia and Mexico.
- Assisted in the multimillion-dollar sale of a successful, specialized family-owned multi-state business client with whom he enjoyed a broad professional relationship for over twenty years to an industry leader in the same business sector.
- Consulted with or has otherwise assisted surety clients in connection with the resolution of high-dollar disputes with owners or contractors on projects in several states and abroad.