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Overview

Michael Carlston likes helping clients solve or avoid problems and does so in a number of different settings by utilizing his significant litigation experience and is presently somewhat focused on assisting developers, lenders, investors, businesses, and governmental entities in all aspects of commercial real estate transactions, including negotiating and implementing terms of commercial real estate and other complex transactions, preparing loan documents, and with commercial litigation where necessary.

Michael represented hundreds of property owners who suffered devastating losses in the 47,000-acre 2012 Wood Hollow Fire in Central Utah, recovering significant amounts on behalf of such owners.

Education

- University of Utah College of Law, 1973 (J.D.), *Order of the Coif*
- University of Utah, 1970 (B.S.), *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Utah

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah

Community Involvement

- Johnson Sisters Scholarship Fund, Consulting Advisor
- Snow College Foundation, Member

Distinctions

- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, Real Estate
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Litigation – Real Estate, 2026
 - Real Estate Law, 2024-2026
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Utah Bar Association
- Salt Lake County Bar Association
- American College of Mortgage Attorneys

Presentations and Publications

- "Lessons Learned from the Wood Hollow Fire Case," Construction Defect and Dispute Conference, February 2019