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PRACTICES

- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Business Planning and Organizations
- Business Transactions and Commercial Contracts
- Estate Planning, Estate Administration, and Probate
- Taxation
- Trusts and Estates Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah (1999)

WEB PROFILES

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Mr. Bennett focuses his practice on representing individuals and solving problems in both the commercial and personal arenas. With respect to commercial clients, he is experienced in all aspects of tax, business, and estate planning. Specifically, Mr. Bennett works with people and local businesses in need of structuring assistance, business and personal planning, business formation issues, contracts, long- and short-term development plans, tax related issues and planning, and business exit strategies. He is also proficient in handling commercial leases and commercial finance issues, for both the lender and borrower. Mr. Bennett is very experienced in handling asset purchase and stock purchase acquisitions and sales, as well as real estate transactions. Mr. Bennett he has been involved in various merger transactions involving businesses of all types, and in working with banking customers to develop new relationships and to move business accounts to new banking relationships.

Mr. Bennett assists a number of local community banks and other lenders with lending related needs including loan documentation, maintenance, and collection. This work regularly includes reviewing and, when necessary, documenting new loans and advising lenders on how to work through troubled debt with struggling borrowers.

With respect to planning for individuals, Mr. Bennett assists clients with their estate planning, estate taxation, wills and trusts, probate, and family disputes involving inheritance issues. With almost two decades of experience, Mr. Bennett has worked with clients on a multitude of estate types and has resolved numerous disputes involving estates and the heirs.

Education

- LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center (2000)
- Juris Doctor, University of Idaho College of Law (1999)
- Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Utah State University (1995)

Awards and Honors

- Utah Legal Elite, Banking/Financial, *Utah Business Magazine* (2018-2022)
- Utah Legal Elite, Corporate Law and Transactions, *Utah Business Magazine* (2015-2016)

Professional Affiliations

- Utah State Bar
- Community Health Charities
- Salt Lake County Bar Association
- Utah Bankers Association