



Darren Reid

Partner

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Darren Reid represents corporations and individuals in complex litigation involving a wide range of business and technology-related matters.

Darren is a trusted advisor for technology and software companies and has experience litigating and resolving various business disputes. His experience includes commercial, employment, professional liability and malpractice, and white-collar litigation. He handles matters in state and federal courts, including jury trials, bench trials, and other hearings. He is also experienced in resolving disputes in arbitrations and mediations.

Darren institutes and defends claims involving contracts, employment, professional liability and malpractice, business dissolutions, fraud, and trade secret misappropriations.

Darren counsels clients regarding non-compete and non-solicitation disputes as well as other sensitive employment issues. He also assists companies and individuals in responding to investigations by U.S. Attorney's Offices, Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, and state agencies such as the Utah State Bar and Department of Occupational Licensing.

Prior to joining the firm, Darren clerked for Chief Justice Matthew Durrant of the Utah Supreme Court.

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation
 Labor and Employment
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Employment Litigation and Class Actions
 Government Investigations and White Collar Defense
 Legal Professional Liability

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University School of Law, J.D., 2006
 Chief Managing Editor, *The Ohio State Law Review*
 Ernest Karam Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
cum laude
 Utah Valley University, B.S., 2003
 Presidential Scholar, English
 Academic All-American, Basketball, 2001
summa cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

EXPERIENCE

- Counsel clients and develop dispute strategy
- Draft pleadings and other motions
- Argue at court and other hearings
- Conduct settlement conferences and mediations
- Prepare witnesses and experts for trial
- Engage in trials and arbitrations

CLIENT RESULTS

Commercial Litigation

Defended large law firm against professional malpractice claims totaling \$345 million, resulting in a successful resolution for client.

Successfully defeated motion for summary judgment for claims amounting to over \$30M on behalf of international construction supply company in

litigation related to a major Utah residential development.

Obtained eviction and attorneys' fees for lender client in commercial tenant lease dispute.

Obtained summary judgment for bank client in years-long mortgage avoidance matter.

Negotiated favorable settlement on behalf of national real estate developer in litigation involving a commercial property title dispute.

Represented national mortgage company in litigation related to earnout payments for the purchase of a residential mortgage company.

Successfully defended a charitable foundation in litigation and a five-day arbitration related to contractual real estate claims for over \$20M.

Employment Litigation

Resolved numerous employment disputes for employers, including business dissolution, non-compete, trade-secret, wrongful termination, and Title VII discrimination disputes.

White-Collar Crime Litigation

Represented direct-marketing, pharmacy, and textbook companies in multi-million dollar government investigations by the Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency, and U.S. Postal Service.

Conducted internal investigations for companies related to the False Claims Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and the Sherman and Clayton Acts.

PUBLICATIONS

"Hold Me Close: Lawyers Beware, the Closely Held Company," *Utah Bar Journal*, Co-Author, Jan/Feb 2017

RECOGNITION

- *Utah Business Magazine*, Forty Under 40 Award Winner
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Civil Litigation

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Utah Valley University Alumni Board of Trustees
- Utah State Bar, Member
- Inns of Court, Member