



## Mike Harmond

Associate

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**Mike helps clients resolve and avoid business disputes with a special focus on insurance coverage and employment issues.**

### PRACTICES

Employment and Labor  
Policyholder Insurance Coverage  
Business Litigation

### EDUCATION

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College  
of Law, J.D., 2019

*Utah Law Review*, Executive Managing  
Editor

Distinguished Pro Bono Law Student

Gonzaga University, B.A., 2012  
*cum laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah

### COURT ADMISSIONS

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

Mike represents policyholders exclusively in a variety of insurance coverage matters, helping them recover compensation from insurance companies and navigate risk management issues. He also counsels employers on compliance with an ever-changing regulatory landscape and defends them in court or administrative proceedings when disputes cannot be avoided. Along with these areas of focus, Mike regularly handles a broad range of commercial disputes, and has substantive experience in all phases of litigation.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Mike practiced at a litigation boutique in Salt Lake City. Following law school, he also served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant of the Utah Supreme Court.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Policyholder Insurance Coverage

- Commercial general liability
- Commercial property
- Director's and officer's liability
- Errors and omissions liability
- Law enforcement liability
- Cyber / data security liability
- Employment practices liability
- Construction and builder's risk
- Excess/umbrella insurance
- Insurance bad faith litigation

#### Employment Litigation and Counseling

- Discrimination, harassment, and retaliation (federal / state / local law)
- Noncompete and restrictive covenant agreements / enforcement
- Trade secret protection / enforcement
- Employee benefits / ERISA litigation
- Breach of contract

- Employment-related torts
- Defamation
- Wrongful discharge
- Employment policies, handbooks, and manuals
- Employment / severance agreements

#### Business Litigation

- Trials and arbitrations
- Breach of contract
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Fraud and negligence
- Shareholder and corporate ownership disputes
- Trade secrets and non-compete litigation
- False advertising
- Intellectual property disputes
- Defamation and libel litigation
- Real estate disputes
- Products liability

### **CLIENT RESULTS**

#### **Employment**

In multiple cases, obtained outright dismissal of discrimination claims on behalf of regional healthcare system.

Obtained Tenth Circuit ruling affirming dismissal of discrimination claims on behalf of regional hotel chain.

Favorably resolved numerous ADA website-accommodation matters on behalf of consumer products manufacturers and retailers.

#### **Policyholder Insurance Coverage**

Helped prominent healthcare system obtain full D&O indemnity coverage for high-profile anti-trust dispute.

On behalf of Idaho municipality, assisted in obtaining partial summary judgment requiring CGL carrier to defend high-stakes law-enforcement liability matter.

Guided natural products manufacturer through complex D&O claim, resulting in seven-figure defense coverage for federal regulatory action.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"Legal Developments in 2024," *Holland & Hart 2024 Utah Employment Law Seminar*, April 11, 2024

"NLRB and Unionization Efforts," *Rural 9: Health Law Update*, October 12, 2023

"Arbitration Agreements," *Holland & Hart 2023 Employment Law Seminar*, February 21, 2023

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Young Lawyers Division of the Utah State Bar, Executive Committee, 2020-2023

### **RECOGNITION**

- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2023, 2024