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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Construction Insurance
- Defense
- Formation
- Insurance
- Surety Law

EDUCATION

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

ADMISSIONS

- Utah State Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

ABOUT

David Slaughter has a national practice focusing on contract formation as well as business and construction litigation and dispute resolution. He has represented owners, contractors, and sureties in construction disputes and related matters for more than thirty-five years.

David also consults with business entities, including technology clients, through issues of business formation, mergers and acquisitions, and in structuring and negotiating domestic and international strategic alliances. He has represented several clients in the technology sector in contracting and licensing matters and in structuring relationships with resellers, OEMs, and other distribution channels.

He 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 is a panel arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association on construction and complex commercial disputes and is a respected mediator in such disputes. He is among the co-founders of the Western States Surety Conference, which has furnished annual instruction to surety professionals since 1993.

David took a leave of absence from the firm from February 2016 to August 2017 to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in France and Belgium with his wife Connie.

Within the firm, David served as President of SCM from 2007 to 2011 and as Board Chair from 2011 to 2016. He served for many years on the Sandy City (Utah) Public Utilities Advisory Board, which he chaired for more than a decade.

HONORS / AWARDS / UNIQUE RECOGNITION

- Named Best Lawyers® 2015 Litigation – Construction
- “Lawyer of the Year” in Salt Lake City
- Recognized as Utah Legal Elite by Utah Business Magazine
- Recognized as Utah Super Lawyer by Super Lawyer Magazine
- Listed in Best Lawyers in America® for Franchise Law Litigation – Construction
- Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® Peer review as AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

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