



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.

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

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, professional service relationships, employment and non-compete issues, business dissolutions, fraud, and trade secret misappropriations.

Darren has experience counseling law firms and attorneys in matters before the Utah State Bar. He also assists companies and individuals in responding to investigations by federal agencies such as the U.S. Attorney's Office, Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, and state agencies such as the Department of Occupational Licensing.

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

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

Obtained \$2M sanctions award for software client regarding opposing side's discovery abuses.

Successfully defended a charitable foundation in a five-day arbitration

related to contractual claims for over \$20M.

Obtained summary judgment for retail client against international store licensee.

Obtained summary judgment for bank client in mortgage avoidance matter.

Defeated summary judgment for entrepreneur regarding ownership of software.

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

Defeated claims of over \$30M for international construction client in dispute related to major Utah residential development.

Professional Liability & Malpractice

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

Obtained waiver for Utah State Bar applicant in a decision issued by the Utah Supreme Court.

Defended and successfully defeated complaints to the Utah State Bar for law firm/attorney clients.

White Collar Investigations

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.

Represented individuals in investigations by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Utah Division of Securities, and Utah Department of Occupational & Professional Licensing.

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

Employment Litigation

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Ethics and Civility," *Panelist, Holland & Hart's 2019 Utah Employment*

Law Seminar, October 2019

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