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PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Bankruptcy and Restructuring
Consumer Finance
Finance
Data Privacy and Information Security
Commercial and Industrial Finance

EDUCATION

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, J.D., 2006
National Moot Court Team, Member
Journal of Land, Resources and Environmental Law, Notes & Comments Editor
CALI Award - Property

Westminster College, B.A., 2003
cum laude
Student Body President
President's Leadership Award

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah
Florida

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Engels is a trial lawyer focusing on consumer claims defense, cybersecurity and privacy litigation, banking litigation, and creditors' rights in bankruptcy.

He appears regularly in federal and state courts representing businesses and individuals in diverse matters, including data breach class actions, finance disputes, claims under the Uniform Commercial Code and state foreclosure statutes, and actions under the Bankruptcy Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Engels shares Holland & Hart's commitment to its communities. By appointment of the Supreme Court of Utah, he serves as a judge pro tempore in the small claims division of the Salt Lake City Justice Court. He also served as a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve for eight years, which included two active duty deployments to Iraq and Kosovo.

PUBLICATIONS

"Failed Silicon Valley Bank Acquired by First Citizens Bank," *Holland & Hart Client Alert*, March 27, 2023

"There's A New Banker in Town for Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank," *Holland & Hart Client Alert*, March 16, 2023

"What's Happening with Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank? Answers to Fundamental Questions," *Holland & Hart Client Alert*, March 13, 2023

"Silicon Valley Bank Collapse: Navigating Risk and Implications," *Holland & Hart Client Alert*, 03/12/2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Distressed Commercial Real Estate, Collection, and Workout Strategies," *ULI Utah*, September 23, 2025

"Alternative Capital Structures," Moderator, *The American Bankruptcy Institute's 2024 Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference*, June 13, 2024

"Professionalism & Civility: DEI Programs in the Aftermath of the 2023 Supreme Court Decision," Co-Presenter, *Holland & Hart 2024 CLE Program for In-House Counsel*, May 21, 2024

"Ethics: 10 Questions In-House Counsel Often Ask ," Co-Presenter,

Holland & Hart 2024 CLE Program for In-House Counsel, May 20, 2024

"Mine Bankruptcies," *Mine Design, Operations and Closure Conference*, May 14, 2024

"Ethics and Civility," *Holland & Hart 2024 Employment Law Seminar*, April 11, 2024

"Implementing Legally Compliant DEI Initiatives," *Holland & Hart 2023 Employment Law Seminar*, February 21, 2023

"Implementing Legally Compliant Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives," *Salt Lake Chamber: Utah's Business Diversity Summit, Co-presenter*, October 28, 2022

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2019-2027; Commercial Litigation, 2021-2027; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2024-2027
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2025, 2026
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Civil Litigation, 2021

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Aldon J. Anderson American Inn of Court, President, 2025-present
- Utah Bar Association, Bar Examiner Committee Member
- Utah Bankruptcy Law Forum, Board Member
- Intermountain Healthcare, Inc.'s Salt Lake Valley Hospitals, Governing Board Member
- Turnaround Management Association, Salt Lake Chapter, Board Member
- Utah Minority Bar Association, Mentor
- LGBT & Allied Lawyers of Utah, Member
- National LGBT Bar Association, Member
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Member
- Westminster College Alumni Mentoring Program, Mentor
- Westminster College Board of Trustees, Member