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## David E. Leta | Partner

David Leta's practice is concentrated in bankruptcy, business reorganizations, and creditor rights, including workouts, debt restructurings, and business revitalizations. He also handles litigation involving the United States Bankruptcy Code and Uniform Commercial Code.

### Education

- University of Utah, College of Law (J.D., 1976)
  - Editorial Board, *Law Review*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Phi Beta Kappa
- State University of New York at Binghamton, Harpur College (B.A., highest honors, 1973)

### Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Utah
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Court, District of Utah
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

### Professional Memberships & Activities

- State Bar of Utah
  - Bankruptcy Section, Organizer and First Chairman
- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
  - Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference, Co-Chair
- Utah Bankruptcy Lawyers Forum, Organizer and Initial Trustee
- University of Utah College of Law, Adjunct Professor (1978-1982)
- American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow (2003-present)
- University of Miskolc Law Department, Visiting Professor, Miskolc, Hungary (Fall 2006)

### Representative Presentations & Publications

- *Inside the Minds: Chapter 7 Commercial Bankruptcy Strategies, 2010 Ed.*, Chapter Author, Aspatore Books (2010)
- *Valuing Intangible Assets in Bankruptcy Cases*, Co-Author, Utah Bar Journal (March/April 2005)
- *Guide to Receivership & Foreclosure*, Contributing Author, Trigild Deskbook (2009-2010)
- *Strategic Alternatives for Distressed Businesses*, Contributing Author, Thomson Reuters/West (2008-2009 edition)

### Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law (1995-2011)
- Lawdragon Top 3000 Leading Lawyers in America (2010-2011)
- *Super Lawyers*® - Corporate Counsel Edition (2010)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*® (2007-2010)
- Utah Legal Elite: Bankruptcy/Workout, Utah Business magazine (2005-2006, 2009-2011)
- The Best of the U.S. list of the Best Lawyers (2008)
- Utah 100 Elite, Utah Business magazine (2004-2006)
- *Who's Who Legal USA* (2006)
- *Who's Who in the West* (2006)

### Other Professional Experience

- Hansen Jones & Leta, Partner (1982-1992)
  - fka Hansen Jones Maycock & Leta (1982-1985), Hansen & Anderson (1986-1989)
- Roe & Fowler, Associate (1976-1980), Partner (1980-1982)

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