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Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Litigation
- Real Estate Transactions and Litigation
- Receivership Practice Group

Mr. Johnson is the current chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights section. His practice is concentrated in bankruptcy, corporate reorganizations, creditor's rights and commercial and bankruptcy litigation. His practice includes debtor, committee, trustee and commercial representations under Chapters 7, 11 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, pre-bankruptcy workout negotiations and transaction structuring, representations involving preference, fraudulent transfer and other avoidance actions, representations involving federal and state court receiverships and real and personal property foreclosures, representations involving general commercial litigation matters, and secured transactions litigation and transaction structuring.

Mr. Johnson has been recognized on several occasions by *Best Lawyers in America* in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and in Litigation-Bankruptcy, and was recognized by *Best Lawyers* as Lawyer of the Year in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2015-2016, 2018). He maintains an AV Preeminent (5.0) rating with Martindale Hubbell, which is the highest rating awarded to attorneys for professional competence and ethics. Mr. Johnson has also been selected for inclusion in *Mountain States Super Lawyers* (2007-2017) in the categories of Bankruptcy: Business, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, Business Litigation, and General Litigation, and has been voted by his peers throughout the state as one of Utah's "Legal Elite," as published in *Utah Business Magazine* (2010-2017).

Education

University of Utah, J.D., 1994

- Order of the Coif
- Note and Comment Editor, Utah Law Review



Utah State University, B.S., 1990

- *summa cum laude*
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Prior Professional Experience

- Partner, Snell & Wilmer, Salt Lake City, Utah
 - Associate, Brown and Bain, P.A., Phoenix, Arizona
 - Law Clerk, Hon. David K. Winder, Chief Judge, United States District Court, District of Utah
 - Former Judge Pro Tem, Utah Third District Court
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Admitted to Practice

- Utah Supreme Court, 1995
 - United States District Court, District of Utah, 1995
 - Supreme Court of Arizona, 1994
 - United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
 - United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
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Affiliations / Memberships

- Utah State Bar
 - Salt Lake County Bar Association
 - Tooele County Bar Association
 - Arizona State Bar
 - American Bar Association
 - American Bankruptcy Institute
 - Commercial Law League of America
 - Turnaround Management Association
 - Utah Bankruptcy Lawyer's Forum
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Professional and Civic Activities

- Utah State Bar Character & Fitness Committee
- Board Member, Stansbury Service Agency
- Former Director, Heritage West Federal Credit Union, fka Tooele Federal Credit Union
- Former Member, Tooele City Council
- Member, Bar Examiners Committee, Utah State Bar