

Matt is the former chairperson of the firm's Corporate and Tax team. Matt's practice concentrates on outside general counsel services, real estate funds and joint ventures, corporate finance and financial institutions, general corporate matters (business organization, reorganizations and business separations) and M&A.



Matthew D. Cook

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Biography

Matt represents real estate funds and real estate joint venturers and venturers, national banks, community banks, other financial institutions and lenders in connection with their lending and other transactions. Matt routinely counsels corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, other business entities, and equity owners on a broad range of corporate law and corporate finance related issues, including advising clients in all stages, from start-up through exit transactions. Matt brings a unique prospective and adds value by assisting clients in achieving creative solutions to their legal issues by collaborating with clients to achieve solutions that assess risk and cost to produce the most balanced and cost effective solutions to his clients' legal issues. Matt focuses on long term relationships with clients enabling him to develop an extensive knowledge of his clients' businesses and industries. This approach allows him to develop and cause the implementation of practical solutions to business and legal issues on a cost effective basis.

Experience

Breach of Fiduciary Duties

Representing five clients in a jury trial who sued two Trustees for breaches of fiduciary duties. Clients awarded damages, including pre-trial judgment and won a motion to remove the former Trustees.

Borrower's Counsel for Nonprofit \$30M Loan

Represented non-profit home builder as borrower's counsel for a \$30M term loan from three Utah chartered industrial banks.

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Capabilities

Real Estate

Corporate

Banking & Financial Services

Mergers & Acquisitions

Commercial Lending

Tax

Licensed/Admitted

Utah

Minnesota

Represented 501(c)(3) in in \$30M term loan

Represented a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that revitalizes residential housing in low-income areas as borrower's counsel for a \$30 million term loan from three Utah chartered industrial banks for loans to NeighborWorks organizations. In addition to the master loan, documented individual loans to local NeighborWorks organizations in multiple states.

Accomplishments

Academic

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., 2005)

William H. Leary Scholar

University of Minnesota (1999)

University of Salamanca (Spain) (1996)

Articles

"Strategies on acing the SBA's new PPP Loan Forgiveness Application," *COVID-19 Response Resources*, May 18, 2020 (co-authored with Ross P. Keogh and Brandon J. Mark)

"\$2 Million PPP Safe Harbor Announced by SBA," May 12, 2020 (co-authored with Ross P. Keogh)

"Beware the Whistleblower: Avoiding Fraud Liability under the PPP," *COVID-19 Response Resources*, May 12, 2020 (co-authored with Liz M. Mellem and Brandon J. Mark)

"Paycheck Protection Loan Amnesty Program Ends Soon – May 7 – Should You Return Your Loan?" *COVID-19 Response Resources*, May 4, 2020 (co-authored with Ross P. Keogh and George M. Flint)

"Main Street Lending Program Provides Additional Relief for Small to Medium-Sized Businesses," Apr. 28, 2020 (co-authored with Emily D. Holt)

Presentations

"PPP Loans: The CARES Act & Flexibility Act - What we Know to Date About Loan Forgiveness," Parsons Behle & Latimer Webcast with First Utah Bank and Tanner Company, July 14, 2020 (co-presented with Sean A. Monson)

"Strategies on Acing the SBA's New PPP Loan Forgiveness Application," Parsons Behle & Latimer Webinar, May 20, 2020 (co-presented with Ross P. Keogh)

"COVID-19: Returning to Work," Generals' Club, May 13, 2020 (co-presented with Sean A. Monson)

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