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#### **Focus Areas**

Discrimination and Harassment Leaves of Absence and Disability Accommodation Policies, Procedures and Handbooks

#### **Overview**

Ethan D. Thomas devotes the majority of his practice to employment related litigation and administrative proceedings in Utah and Nevada. He has experience in matters involving:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA)
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- The Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX)
- The Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)

Ethan advises clients on a broad range of employment issues, including disability accommodation requests, leaves of absence, investigations, discipline and terminations, handbooks and other policies.

Ethan also has experience working as in-house labor and employment counsel for a large multistate casinoentertainment and hospitality corporation. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ethan worked as a journalist in Salt Lake City, Utah. While in law school, Ethan was a member of the Editorial Board of the *New Mexico Law Review*.

# **Professional and Community Affiliations**

• Member, Labor and Employment Law Section, State Bar of Nevada

Member, Labor and Employment Law Section, Utah State Bar

# Recognition

- Named, Ones to Watch, The Best Lawyers in America®, 2023-2024
- Order of the Coif

## **Education**

J.D., University of New Mexico School of Law, 2012, *magna cum laude* B.A., Brigham Young University, 2007

#### **Bar Admissions**

Nevada

Utah

#### **Courts**

Nevada Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
Utah Supreme Court
U.S. District Court, District of Utah

#### **Publications & Press**

Utah Enacts New #MeToo-Inspired Law Related to Confidentiality Clauses

Littler ASAP

February 29, 2024

**Utah Prohibits Use of Vaccination Status in Employment Decisions** 

SHRM Online

March 23, 2023

Utah Enacts Law Restricting Use of Vaccination or Immunity Status in Employment Decisions

Littler Insight

March 21, 2023

**Utah Enacts Law Allowing Employers to Obtain Workplace Violence Protective Orders** 

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March 20, 2023

## Utah Amends Vaccination and Testing Requirements to Include Exemption for Previous COVID-19 Infection

Littler Insight

March 23, 2022

#### Littler Elevates 33 Attorneys to Shareholder

Littler Press Release
January 6, 2022

#### Utah Enacts Law Related to COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Requirements in the Workplace

Littler ASAP

November 29, 2021

# Utah State Legislature Clarifies: Private Employers Not Required to Accommodate Use of Medical Cannabis; Public Employers Held to Different Standard

Littler ASAP

March 11, 2020

# Littler Recognized by Leadership Council on Legal Diversity as a 2019 Top Performer and Selected for the 2019 Compass Award

Littler Press Release

November 1, 2019

#### What to Keep and What to Toss: Compliance with Record-keeping Requirements for Utah Employees

**Utah Business** 

June 5, 2017

#### Nevada Clarifies Medical Marijuana Law and Enacts New Law on Arbitration Agreements

Littler Insight

February 7, 2014

#### The EEOC's 2013-2016 Strategic Enforcement Plan

Nevada Lawyer

July 2013

#### The Confrontation Clause and New Mexico's Short-Lived Acceptance of Surrogate Forensic Witnesses

New Mexico Law Review, Vol.42, No. 1

2012

# **Speaking Engagements**

#### 2023 Nevada Regional Employer Conference - Las Vegas

Las Vegas, NV

October 24, 2023

#### 2023 Nevada Regional Employer Conference - Reno

Reno, NV

September 28, 2023

#### 2022 Nevada Regional Employer Conference - Reno

Reno, NV

September 13, 2022

#### 2022 Nevada Regional Employer Conference - Las Vegas

Las Vegas, NV

September 8, 2022

#### Vaccines and Returning to Work: How the Pandemic Is Changing ADA Workplace Accommodations - Utah Edition

Salt Lake City, UT

October 27, 2021

#### Vaccines and Returning to Work: How the Pandemic is Changing ADA Workplace Accommodations

Nevada Virtual Regional Employer Conference

September 14, 2021

#### Post-Election Impact: What to Expect Under a Biden Administration

February 18, 2021

## 2020 Nevada Virtual Employer

October 29, 2020

#### Reopening Utah: Preparing for Anticipated Litigation in the Post-COVID World

July 10, 2020

## Reopening Nevada: Preparing for Anticipated Litigation in the Post-COVID World

June 24, 2020

## A Legal Update: Answers to Utah Employers' Questions

April 28, 2020

A Legal Update: Answers to Nevada Employers' Pressing Questions

April 14, 2020

Responding to Workplace Violence: What Would You Do If...

Nevada Employer Conference September 19, 2019

A Practical Approach to the Americans with Disabilities Act: Applying Performance and Conduct Standards to Employees with Disabilities

April 17, 2018