

Biography



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Dale has been a real estate attorney for almost 25 years. He is the New Mexico State Underwriting Counsel for First American Title Insurance Company. Prior to joining First American Title in 2018, Dale was in private practice where he handled primarily business and real estate transactions and litigation. He represented clients in over 100 arbitrations, bench trials and jury trials in both state and federal courts, as well as other forums including the Federal Mining Safety and Health Administration, the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, the Nevada State Contractors Board, and the Arizona Corporation Commission. His experience includes working as a FINRA panel arbitrator for several years where he heard and ruled on over 30 broker-client disputes. Dale is licensed to practice law in Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada. He was awarded the AV-Rated distinction by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest rating, which is based on a peer review process that considers integrity and abilities as an attorney. He is also listed by Best Lawyers for his expertise in construction law.

Dale has lectured both nationally and locally on real estate and business topics. He spoke at the 2010 ABA Annual Conference for the Construction Law section in Austin, Texas, and co-authored a related article that was published in the ABA's Construction Law magazine. He has authored other articles that have been published in local magazines. Dale was also a lecturer for Lorman seminars where he spoke primarily about construction contracts and claims. He has provided numerous training classes to his clients regarding various legal topics and he was a course instructor at a local private paralegal institute for a few years.

Dale earned his J.D. Degree at Gonzaga University School of Law. He earned a B.A. Degree in Business at California State University, Fullerton, and an M.B.A. Degree in Finance at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Dale has been married to his beautiful wife, Julie, for almost 25 years. They have six grown children and ten grandchildren. When he is not working, spending time with his family, or serving in his church, Dale can be found riding his mountain bike on one of New Mexico's amazing trail systems.