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Douglas G. Mortensen

Mr. Mortensen is a civil trial attorney admitted to practice in both Utah and Arizona. An officer and shareholder of **Matheson, Mortensen, Olsen & Jeppson, P.C.** for the last 24 years, Mr. Mortensen began his career as a law clerk to the **Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court** following graduation from the University of Utah College of Law in 1977. Mr. Mortensen is past president of the **Utah Trial Lawyers Association** (2003-2004) and remains a member of that organization's governing board (nka **Utah Association for Justice**). He has held **Martindale Hubbell's** highest (A V) rating continuously since 1991. He has been awarded "**Legal Elite**" status by **Utah Business Magazine** every year since that magazine began rating Utah lawyers, based on evaluations submitted by other attorneys throughout Utah. Mr. Mortensen has been a member of the **Third Judicial District Court Nominating Commission** and since 1995 has served on the **Utah Supreme Court's Board of Continuing Legal Education**.

Mr. Mortensen has tried 72 civil cases and 11 criminal cases to completion and has settled well over 360 cases for injury victims and their survivors. As a member of **Medmarc's panel** of approved defense counsel, he has also defended medical device manufacturers. He has handled **construction, trucking, loan fraud** and complex **commercial lease cases**, as well as contested **adoptions** and **child custody dispute cases**. Mr. Mortensen has written successful appeal briefs in several cases including: *Boice v. Marble*, 982 P.2d 565 (Utah 1999); *Wilde v. Wilde*, 969 P.2d 438 (Utah App. 1998); *Olympus Hills Shopping Center v. Landes*, 821 P.2d 451 (Utah 1991); *Martindale v. Adams*, 777 P.2d 514 (Utah App. 1987); See also *Haase v. Ashley Valley Medical Center*, 2003 WL21664781, 2003 UT App. 260(unpublished Court of Appeals opinion), cert. denied 78 P.3d 987 (2003).

Mr. Mortensen has achieved several noteworthy trial successes including: a \$820,000 jury verdict against a hospital for having negligently credentialed an impaired surgeon whose surgery caused permanent knee damage to a 33 year-old mother and homemaker; a \$720,282 judgment following a jury trial against a company which had failed to meet its duty to supervise a brain-injured man who burned down an apartment complex; and a judicial





declaration in the U.S. District Court of Wyoming of 100% liability against a Utah orthopedic surgeon who had negligently implanted an artificial knee in a 40 year-old Wyoming nurse.

Mr. Mortensen has handled several **legal malpractice** cases and has been retained twice to testify as an expert witness on **attorney negligence issues**.

Specialties:

Civil trials and **appeals**; **medical and legal malpractice**; **wrongful death** and **catastrophic injury** including **brain damage**, **spinal injury** and **infant cerebral palsy** cases.

Articles:

"**Utah Has a Crying Need for Political Party Parity**," The Salt Lake Tribune, October 28, 2004,

"**An Idea Whose Time Apparently Not Yet Come**," Utah Trial Journal, Vol. 27, No. 3 (Summer, 2004),

"**Surreptitious Recording of Conversations**," Salt Lake County Bar & Bench Bulletin (October 1987),

"**The Benzene Decision: Legal and Scientific Uncertainties Compounded, Legal and Ethical Dilemmas in Occupational Health**," Ann Arbor Science (1982)(Co-authored with Frederick R. Anderson),

"**Job Discrimination and the Sensitive Worker (or Should Henry Cooper Have Been Allowed to Fight Cassius Clay?)**," American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, presented at Protection of the Sensitive Worker Symposium at Tucson, Arizona (November 11, 1981).

