

**JOHN H. GOTHARD, JR.**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
Admitted and licensed in Utah and California

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

*01/05 - Utility Analyst II, Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Public Utilities*

Develop and/or interpret fiscal statements and reports. Analyze, summarize and/or review data; reports findings, interpret results and/or make recommendations. Provide technical assistance on agency issues, services, program(s), and/or computer hardware and software, etc. Research and provide information for review. Present or defend work product as required. Audit and review systems and practices to ensure compliance with procedures, regulations and standards. Testify at hearings to provide pertinent agency information and technical support. Act as an expert witness. Give testimony and/r recommendations in court cases and/or hearings. Work with, coordinate, and/or supervise consultants, or contract employees, in the performance of their contracted duties. Provide consultation, make recommendations, gives appropriate advice, and/or facilitate decisions. Negotiate or mediate issues with internal and/or external agency representatives, and/or concerned outside parties or their representatives. Settle and/or resolve issues or complaints. Lead and/or functionally supervise staff; delegate work assignments, monitor/review quality of work, schedule staff, provide technical assistance or training, and/or provide input on performance appraisal, hiring and discipline.

*09/03-12/04 Attorney at Law, Self Employed*

Established solo law office for the general practice of law with emphasis on Asset Protection; Bankruptcy; Business Organization and Reorganization; Contracts, Civil Disputes, Criminal Defense; Divorce, Custody, Visitation & Family Law; Estate and Tax Planning; Tax Matters, Federal, State and Local; Wills, Trusts and Probate.

*04/03-08/03 Attorney at Law, Tesch Graham, PC*

Relocated from Southern California at the end of March 2003 to join this newly formed law firm. Prior to my association and relocation to Utah, the firm represented it had sufficient client base and ability to support and build a practice in estate planning, probate, tax, business organization and reorganization, general civil litigation and insolvency matters. Unfortunately, the firm was unable to fund its expansion plans and ceased to exist at the end of September 2003 when most of the nine attorneys were terminated.

*1994-2003 Attorney at Law, Self Employed*

Starting with a single client's business reorganization under Chapter 12 in 1994, built a successful solo law practice which includes tax, estate, probate, business organization and reorganization, general civil litigation and insolvency matters. Challenging issues have been identified and resolved on behalf of a broad range of clients, through litigation and otherwise, including both private clients and insurance defense.

*1991-1994 Attorney at Law, Thompson & Colegate*

Law clerk after completion of law school while awaiting results and admission to the bar where my duties included research, legal memoranda, discovery, law and motion matters. Upon admission immediately heavily involved in general civil litigation, personal injury defense, business and bankruptcy. Law and motion practice, discovery and trial preparation. Many successful efforts including winning a hotly contested motion for summary judgment.

*1967-1991 Auditor, Accountant and Certified Public Accountant*

My public accounting career started with a national firm in the audit and tax departments to gain the required experience for licenses.. After obtaining my CPA I progressed to management of the audit and tax departments of a local CPA firm. Trying out the corporate side of business, I was Assistant to the Vice President of Finance

of a national trucking firm where I worked with a multi-disciplinary team to design and implement a new accounting system including training of field personnel. Missing the challenge of multiple clients with a wide variety of problems to solve, I established my own firm as a well rounded general CPA practice encompassing audit, tax, accounting and management consulting services. Significant client accomplishments include formulating a transaction cost accounting system for a major savings and loan in Omaha, Nebraska to allow it to price its services in newly emerging technology.

## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, California Western School of Law, San Diego, California, May 1991

Class Standing 42/198; American Jurisprudence Awards in Property and Business Organizations; Deans Honor List; Merit Scholarship.

Bachelor of Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, Accounting and Finance, Westminster College of Salt Lake City, May 1987. GPA 3.79/4.00

Associate Degree in Business, Accounting and Business Administration, LDS Business College, Salt Lake City, Utah June 1970. GPA 3.54/4.00

Business Law Course, Stevens Henager Business College, Salt Lake City, Utah 1969. GPA 4.00/4.00

Numerous Continuing Education Courses averaging over 40 hours per year since 1971.

## ADMISSIONS AND LICENSES

Supreme Court of California, January 27, 1992

United States District Court for the Southern District of California, January 27, 1992

United States Tax Court, February 18, 1992

United States District Court for the Central District of California, February 20, 1992

Supreme Court of Utah, October 19, 1993

United States District Court for the District of Utah, October 19, 1993

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2004

Certified Public Accountant, California, September 22, 1989

Certified Public Accountant, Utah, February 18, 1971