



### **Magistrate Samuel Alba**

Samuel Alba has been a United States Magistrate Judge since August of 1992. Prior to that he was a shareholder at Prince, Yeates, Geldzahler from 1987 to 1992. While there, his practice focused on commercial litigation and white collar criminal defense cases in both state and federal courts. From 1980 to 1987 he was with the United States Attorney's office as a first assistant and chief of the criminal section, where he prosecuted cases involving a broad range of criminal statutes. From 1977 to 1980 he was involved with a personal injury and criminal defense firm in Phoenix, Arizona, and from 1972 until 1977 he worked with the Federal Public Defenders' office in Arizona.

Magistrate Judge Alba has had extensive experience in handling both civil and criminal matters throughout his legal career. He is currently serving on the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services, as well as the co-chair of the building committee for the District Utah. He served as Chief Magistrate Judge in the District of Utah from 2003 through 2008.

Alba was married to Nancy Alba until 1992, when she passed away from breast cancer. He is now married to Anne Swensen and has four children, Brian (Kelly), Matt, (Candace), Katie (Mathius), and Alex, as well as four grandchildren.

Who has had the most influence in your life?

“My parents, who always encouraged me to seek education.”