

EDINGER ASSOCIATES



J. Ladd Johnson Partner

Mr. Johnson has a wealth of experience representing public and private companies of all sizes in business and finance matters ranging from large mergers, acquisitions and finance transactions worth hundreds of millions of dollars, to structuring and forming mid-sized and start-up companies in a variety of industries, including technology, media, and telecommunications.

Mr. Johnson serves as outside general and transactional counsel to multiple, rapidly growing private equity, media and technology companies. He also regularly advises clients on matters involving corporate governance, workout matters, real estate, broadcast and media

towers, tax-exempt status, and general corporate law. He formerly served on the Board of Directors of a technology research and development company in the oil and gas industry. Prior to joining Edinger Associates, Mr. Johnson was an associate at Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, and an associate at Wiley Rein LLP.

Representative Experience:

- Counsel for Emmis Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: EMMS) in its acquisition of radio stations WBLS(FM) and WLIB(AM), both licensed to New York, New York, for \$131 million
- Counsel for Franchise Services of North America Inc. (TSXV: FSN) in its acquisition of Advantage Rent-A-Car from Hertz Global Holdings, Inc.
- Counsel to mortgage acquisition investment fund for senior secured loan, collateral custodial arrangement, and related transactions
- Lead transactional counsel for multiple media companies in the purchase and sale of broadcast and wireless towers and transmission sites
- Lead transactional counsel for multiple private equity groups for millions of dollars invested in various companies
- Represented publicly traded company in the divestiture of multiple television stations in a series of transactions with the total proceeds exceeding \$1 billion
- Outside general counsel for multiple media and technology companies
- Lead transactional counsel for renewal of \$30 million line of credit
- Represented publicly traded company in the divestiture of dozens of radio stations in a series of transactions with total proceeds exceeding \$350 million
- Lead transactional counsel for multiple business owners in multimillion dollar redemption and “cash-out” transactions
- Represented radio station operator in obtaining and refinancing senior credit facility with loan proceeds of \$50 million
- Represented lender on a series of multimillion dollar loans to media companies

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Practice Areas

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Finance
- Telecommunications, Media, and Technology
- Vertical Real-Estate (Telecommunications Towers)
- Real-Estate Transactions
- Private Equity

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Utah

Education

- JD, Brigham Young University (2001)
- MAcc, Brigham Young University (2001)
- BS, Brigham Young University (2000)

Professional Associations

- Founder, Communications Law Section, Utah State Bar
- Certified Public Accountant
- Federal Communications Bar