

CHALAT HATTEN & KOUPAL PC



JIM CHALAT

**Toughness, Expertise,
Integrity and Compassion**

JIM CHALAT ZEALOUSLY ASSERTS HIS CLIENTS' RIGHTS WHILE maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct. A veteran trial lawyer, Jim Chalats is the senior partner at Chalats Hatten & Koupal PC. Chalats has practiced law in Colorado for over 30 years, successfully representing individuals who suffer personal injuries and families in wrongful death cases.

CLIENT ADVOCACY "We seek the best outcome for our clients," Chalats says. "We must be thorough, ethical and tough."

Chalats is board-certified in civil trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is a member of the President's Club of the American Association for Justice, is named in the *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers* and has served on the board of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association. He has been included in *Colorado Super Lawyers*® for the past three years and was featured in the 2006 issue.

In June 2007, Chalats received a \$10.1 million jury verdict on behalf of a child in a medical malpractice case. The result was one of the largest medical negligence verdicts in Colorado history. "The award will provide for the child's ongoing medical needs over his life expectancy," Chalats says. "We were up against the top defense attorneys in the western United States. They outspent us and outmanned us, but they did not defeat us."

For their pro bono and volunteer service in the legal, educational and charitable communities, their peers and colleagues hold Chalats and wife, Linda Chalats, in high esteem. Jim Chalats volunteers his time at local high schools in mock trial competitions, has served for six years on the 1st Judicial District Nominating Commission, and has served as president of the Thompson G. Marsh American Inn of Court. Linda Chalats' pro bono activity includes being chairperson to the strategic planning commission for Colorado's largest public school district, acting as legislative liaison for Hadassah, and supporting breast cancer research.

TEAMWORK IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT TO SUCCESS

The team of lawyers at Chalats Hatten & Koupal has substantial experience in a wide range of cases, including skiing and recreational accident cases, drowning cases, auto, van and tractor-trailer accidents. Before joining the firm, Partner Russell Hatten served as a judge in Texas and now uses his courtroom experience to counsel clients and try cases. Partner Linda Chalats received her undergraduate degree in engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. She employs her engineering knowledge in products liability and complex accident cases. Chris Koupal is the firm's youngest partner, but he is a seasoned veteran of the courtroom, having

won multi-million dollar verdicts for his clients. Evan Banker brings his skill and knowledge of skiing to his work as associate to the firm.

Knowing clients often search for an attorney online, the firm maintains several informative consumer-oriented Web sites, including chalatlaws.com and skisafety.com.

The firm takes on contingency a wide range of cases in all district and federal courts in Colorado. Calls are readily accepted to discuss your case, and there is no charge for the initial consultation.

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