

CHALAT HATTEN LAW OFFICES, P.C.



JIM CHALAT

PROFESSIONALISM, PERSISTENCE, AND EXCELLENCE ARE KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL LAWYER. JIM CHALAT EMBODIES THESE ATTRIBUTES AND BRINGS THEM TO BEAR ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENTS.

Chalat Hatten represents people and families who have suffered personal injuries or wrongful death. The firm also has a long standing commitment to *pro bono* and community volunteer work.

CLIENT ADVOCACY Jim Chalata and his partners, Linda Chalata and Russell Hatten, form a dynamic team with a commitment to client advocacy. The partners give personal attention to each stage of the case so that they are prepared for trial. "Our goal is the best outcome for our clients," Chalata says, "so our philosophy is to be thorough, ethical and tough." Reflecting his experience and standing in the legal community, Chalata is a member of the National Board of Trial Advocacy, he has served on the board of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, and is a senior member of the American Inns of Court.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE Chalata cites the medical malpractice case of *Nguyen v. Stecher*. The firm won a \$1.3 million jury verdict on behalf of the widower and adult children of a woman who died due to a surgeon's negligence. The money damages helped meet the cost of cancer treatments for the widower whose medical coverage was lost with the death of his wife. Moreover, the trial generated evidence used by the state board of medical examiners leading to revocation of the doctor's license. "More than money, the family didn't want this to happen to someone else," Chalata says. "That is what justice is all about."

FIRM OVERVIEW Chalata Hatten has earned Martindale-Hubbell's highest AV rating and is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. The firm is known for its integrity, effectiveness, and ethical standards. Mr. Chalata lectures nationwide at accredited programs. Mr. Hatten served as a judge in Texas; his judicial experience is used in preparing cases for trial or settlement. Mrs. Chalata has an engineering background giving her the technical knowledge to handle product liability and complex accident cases. The firm is nationally recognized for its work in snow ski-accident cases, recently winning an \$8.3 million jury verdict, the largest ever in a ski case. The firm takes on contingency a wide range of personal injury and wrongful death cases.

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