

## **John Zakhem Esq., Partner**

### **Practice Areas**

Business Law and Planning, Real Estate, Campaign Finance, Election Law, Medical Practices, Civil and Criminal Litigation, General Corporate and Partnership Law, nonprofits, Professional Licenses, Administrative Law, International Business Consulting, Constitutional Law, Contracts, State and Local Government Law, Lobbying, Appellate Practice.

### **Education:**

University of Denver, J.D., 1998

Georgetown University, B.S., Foreign Service, 1993

### **Admitted to Practice**

Colorado, 1998

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 1998

10th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2005

United States Supreme Court, 2005

### **Memberships, Activities & Honors**

Adjunct Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Fall 2008 – Election Law and Campaign Finance

Election law ethics panel participant at Denver national election law symposium sponsored by CLE International – July 24/25, 2008

Chairman, Colorado State Personnel Board, term expiring June 30, 2008

Member of the Colorado Statesman's inaugural class of '50 for the Future'

Appointed to Denver Judicial Nominating Commission, July 2002, by Mayor

Wellington Webb; reappointed by Mayor John Hickenlooper, August 2006

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Scholarship

Rafiq Hariri Foundation Scholarship

Colorado Access to Justice Commission, term expiring December 31, 2007

Denver and Colorado Bar Associations

Member, Colorado Lawyers Committee (Elections Task Force)

Denver Rotary Club

### **Personal**

John and his wife Katrina have three children Maximus, Amira and Samantha Rose.

### **Representative Cases & Clients**

*Lance v. Coffman*, 127 S.Ct. 1194 (2007), remanded to 2007 WL915497 (D.Colo.).

*Weise v. Casper*, 507 F.3d 1260 (10th Cir 2007) (Appeal of order denying defendants' right to qualified immunity in case of "The Denver 3".)

*Lance v. Dennis*, 126 S.Ct. 1198 (2006) (Per Curiam) (Rooker - Feldman doctrine does not bar actions by non-parties to the earlier state-court judgment simply because, for purposes of preclusion law, they could be considered in privity with a party to the judgment).

*In Re Reapportionment of the Colorado General Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002)(Represented successful Adams County Objector Beth Gallegos).

*Lilly v. Salida*, 192 F. Supp.2d 1191 (D. Colo 2002)(Matsch, J.)(City Amplified Sound Ordinance held unconstitutional prior restraint and overbroad in violation of First Amendment).

*Anderson et al v. THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO; MICHAEL HALL*, individually; GOLDEN TRIANGLE CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, a Colorado Corporation; ALTA MILLA CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, a Colorado Corporation; and JOHN DOES 1-50, Twentieth Judicial District, Boulder Colorado, Case Number 03 CV 631 (successful settlement of the University of Colorado "Peeping Tom" Case).

### **Articles & Presentations**

- *Political Legal Practice Opportunities*, Lecture on various practice areas involving election law and campaign finance, University of Colorado Law School, October, 2006.
- *Election Law 101*, Continuing Legal Education Presentation, 2006.

- *Go it on Your Own*, Lecture on starting a legal practice upon graduating law school. University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Business Law Society Presentation, March, 2007.
- *527s and the Future of Colorado Elections*, Presentation provided to various corporations, organizations, lobbyists, nonprofits, 2004-06.