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Biographical Information

Admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1976 and founded the firm in 1977.

Firm now includes over 40 attorneys with offices in four states.

Tried over 175 jury trials as lead counsel; obtained many verdicts in excess of \$1M.

Clients have received settlements, judgments and verdicts in excess of \$500M

Education

1972	B.A., University of Denver Phi Beta Kappa
1975	J.D., University of Denver Sturm College of Law AmJur Award in Conflicts of Law

Honors and Awards

- / Lawyer of the Decade, Colorado Law Week, 2000-2010
- / President, National Trial Lawyers, 2010
- / National Trial Lawyers, Executive Committee, 2009
- / Super Lawyer, 2006 through 2011
- / “Best of the U.S.” 2006 through 2010
- / Best Lawyers in America, 2007 through 2010
- / Barrister’s Best, Overall Litigator, Colorado Law Week, 2010
- / Barrister’s Best, Personal Injury, Colorado Law Week, 2009 and 2010
- / Colorado Lawyer of the Year, Colorado Law Week, 2008
- / President’s Club, American Association for Justice
- / Heavy Lifting Award, American Association for Justice, 2011

Judicial Appointments

- / The Honorable Jack Weinstein, United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York – Plaintiff Steering Committee for the Zyprexa Multi-District Litigation;
- / The Honorable Eldon Fallon, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana – State Liaison Committee for the Vioxx Multi-District Litigation;
- / The Honorable David A. Katz, United States District Judge, Northern District of Ohio – Co-Lead Counsel, Ortho Evra Products Multi-District Litigation;

- / The Honorable David Herndon, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois – Co-Lead Counsel, Yaz/Yasmin Multi-District Litigation.

Lectures and Seminars

- / The Art of Negotiation. What Makes Some Lawyers Poor Negotiators and Other Lawyers Superb Negotiators. The Art, Science and Skill of Mastering Negotiation Methods in Order to Maximize the Benefit for your Clients.
- / How and Why Economic Damages Drive a Case
- / How to Get the Big Verdict
- / If You Build It They Will Come. The Steps to Building a Successful Law Firm.
- / The Challenge of Proving “Physical” and “Mental” Pain and Suffering
- / Statutes Which Affect Liability Evaluation in Personal Injury Actions
- / Snow Skiing and Other Head Injury Cases
- / Trial of the Plaintiff Personal Injury Case
- / Proof and Argument of Damages: Wrongful Death Cases
- / The Collapse of Wall Street and What Only Trial Lawyers Can Do About It
- / Trying the Pharmaceutical Case

Other Appointments and Accomplishments

- / Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates
- / Co-Lead Counsel, Investor Litigation, Collateralized Debt Obligation Litigation
- / Adjunct Professor; University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- / Life Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates
- / Sustaining Fellow, Roscoe Pound Institute
- / Trustee, Colorado Symphony Orchestra
- / Board Member, Mizel Museum
- / Sponsor, Study Hall at University of Denver
- / Sponsor, Moot Court Trial Room at University of Wyoming

Civic and Community Involvement

- / Craig Hospital
- / Ali Meyer Foundation
- / Kaps for Kendall
- / Toys for Tots
- / Habitat for Humanity
- / Denver Bar Association Community Action Network