



Matthew Haltzman

Matthew Haltzman is the founder of Haltzman Law Firm, P.C. in Fort Collins, where his practice focuses on innovative criminal defense and civil litigation.

PROFILE

Hometown:

Barrington, Rhode Island

Law School:

LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center (LSU Law)

Lives in:

Fort Collins

Works at:

Haltzman Law Firm, P.C.

Practice Area(s):

Criminal, Personal Injury, Civil Litigation

CBA Member Since:

2014

What is your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

Anywhere I can ski. As much as I love Fort Collins, I am extremely envious of the Summit County lawyers who can split their time between the mountains and court.

Outside of the law, what are your hobbies?

Skiing, hiking, kayaking, traveling, and diving. I became a certified rescue diver in 2015 and try to dive as often I can . . . living in a landlocked state.

What do you like best about your practice area?

Exploring every avenue of defense while preparing for trial. I like the challenge of looking at a case from every possible angle. There's no way to predict everything that will happen during a hearing or trial, but hard work pays off when you're well prepared.

If you weren't a lawyer, you'd be?

A veterinarian, or I'd run a food truck.

Favorite place you've traveled to:

Jackson, Wyoming. You can travel around the world, but you won't find a more beautiful place than Grand Teton National Park.

Favorite spot in Colorado:

Fort Collins. It's home and it's an awesome city.

Favorite Fort Collins restaurant:

Sonny Lubick Steakhouse. I'd put it up against any Denver steak restaurant.


Most random job you have ever had:

I took a term position with the US Attorney's Office in Wyoming as a SLIP federal prosecutor for Yellowstone National Park. The cases ran the gamut, from DUI, to careless driving for hitting a roaming buffalo, to theft of natural resources (like taking antlers found in the middle of the park). It was incredible.

When you aren't working, how do you like to spend your time?

With my wife, 2-year-old daughter, and 2-month-old son. Seeing the excitement my daughter has for the simplest things as she grows up is unlike anything else. It's a blast. I can honestly say raising a daughter has been the most life-changing and positive experience in my life.

What is an unconventional lesson you've learned about the practice of law?

It shouldn't be unconventional, but it is: Hear the other side out. What people say matters, even if you don't want to hear it. 

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