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### **Profile**

Russell R. Hatten was born in Garland, Texas, and began his legal career in 1986 in Dallas, Texas with a large commercial litigation firm. He began his own plaintiff's litigation practice in 1988. In 1993, he was appointed to the bench as Assistant Municipal Judge for the City of Rowlett, and as a County Magistrate for Dallas and Rockwall Counties, Texas. In these positions, Russell presided over criminal, domestic, and civil matters, while maintaining his litigation practice.

Fulfilling his dream of living in the Rocky Mountains, Russell moved his family to Denver in 1999 where he continued his plaintiffs' personal injury practice in the offices of Chalat Law Offices, P.C., Denver, Colorado. Russell is now a partner of the firm, acting as lead attorney on auto accident cases, medical and legal malpractice cases, and ski accident cases. His experience on the bench enhances his ability to litigate effectively for the firm's clients, preparing him for the trial work for which the firm has developed such a strong reputation.

### **Bar Admissions**

Texas, 1986  
Colorado, 1999  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1988  
U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 1999

### **Education**

Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas  
- Doctor of Jurisprudence 1986

University of Texas, Austin, Texas  
- Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy &  
-Minor in Accounting, 1983

## Professional Associations and Memberships

- Colorado Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association
- Texas Trial Lawyers Association
- Former Director for The New Beginnings Center
- American Association for Justice
- Rhone Brackett Inn of Court
- BV Peer Review Rated in Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory

## Notable Verdicts and Settlements

- *Nguyen, et al v. Karl Stecher, M.D.* (2001)
- *People v. Rosen* (Col. Sup. Ct. 1999)
- *McClellan v. John Pennie and Young Electric Sign Company*
- *L.Z. v. R.S. and EMS, Inc.*
- *Chastagner v. Leff* (2008)
- *Ayala v. Magic Carpet Ski Lifts, Inc., and Copper Mountain* (2008)

## Past Employment Positions

- Chalal Law Offices, Of Counsel, 1999 - 2000
- Dallas County, Magistrate, 1993 - 1998
- Rockwall County, Magistrate, 1993 - 1998
- City of Rowlett, Municipal Judge, 1993 - 1998
- Sole Practitioner, 1988 - 1998
- Shank, Irwin, Conant, Lipshy & Casterline, Associate, 1986 - 1988