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# Aspey, Watkins & Diesel, P.L.L.C.

## Arizona Lawyers Crave Challenge In and Out of the Courtroom

When law partners Lou Diesel and Harold Watkins were attempting to set a world record for skydiving over Mt. Everest, they packed a satellite phone, just in case. Sure enough, at the 12,000-foot drop zone in the middle of Nepal, it rang. A client needed advice, which Diesel gladly provided, before continuing to the 30,000-foot jump. There probably aren't many lawyers who take calls from clients while battling winds on the world's tallest mountains. But Diesel, Watkins and their colleagues aren't like most lawyers.

"Every lawyer at this firm is available 24/7," says Watkins, managing member at Aspey, Watkins & Diesel (AWD). "Clients' problems don't just happen 9 to 5. Our home phone numbers are listed, and if we aren't there, we can be reached on our cell phones."

### Practice Areas

- Personal Injury
- Criminal Defense
- Family Law
- Bankruptcy
- Estate Planning & Probate
- Business Law
- Business Litigation
- Civil Litigation
- Real Estate
- Healthcare
- Indian Law

Whether skydiving, mountain climbing or representing clients in court, the attorneys of AWD crave challenges and demand excellence of themselves. Their commitment to customer service and 34-year record of success have made AWD the preeminent full-service law firm in Northern Arizona.

While widely known as a litigation firm, AWD offers an extensive range of legal services in such diverse practice areas as business and civil litigation, personal injury, family law, bankruptcy, criminal defense and much more. The attorneys boast a broad range of professional disciplines and work together as a team to achieve their clients' objectives.

AWD's practice includes substantial involvement in Indian Law matters, with members of the firm licensed to practice in the court systems of all Native American nations in the Four Corners region of the Southwest. AWD also has a very active practice representing foreign nationals visiting the Southwest, and has on staff a German attorney. Gunter Ziwey often travels to Germany to assist AWD in a wide array of legal issues on behalf of German nationals.

While primarily representing clients in the Four Corners area, AWD often successfully opposes much larger firms in



courtrooms throughout the U.S. Cases have included litigation matters as varied as copyright and trademark litigation on behalf of a Boston nonprofit against a multinational corporation, and tort litigation in Southern California.

Several of the firm's lawyers lecture on insurance law, trial skills and procedures. Members of AWD's personal injury practice authored the State Bar of Arizona's *Desk Book on Motor Vehicle Accidents*.

During more than three decades of practice, the lawyers of Aspey, Watkins & Diesel have received many accolades from their peers. AWD is recognized in Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Frederick (Fritz) Aspey has been elected president of the State Bar of Arizona. Lou Diesel has been named a Super Lawyer®. Bruce Griffen received the Tom Karas Criminal Justice Award, the highest honor bestowed upon criminal defense lawyers by the State Bar of Arizona. Don Bayles has been certified by the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation, in addition to being honored by the State Bar of Arizona for outstanding pro bono work.

Watkins says, "Every member of this firm practices law for one reason – we are driven to help our clients succeed."

**"The successful practice of law is about identifying challenges and overcoming them."**

— Harold Watkins, Managing Member



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