

New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame

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Joe L. McClaugherty



Joe L. McClaugherty is a native of the State of Texas. He grew up in Seguin and attended the University of Texas in Austin where he graduated with Honors with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He went on to earn his Doctor of Jurisprudence, again with Honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. He is licensed to practice law in three states, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado, and is authorized to practice in the Federal District and Appellate Courts in those states, as well as in the U. S. Supreme Court.

When Joe arrived in New Mexico after law school, he immediately became involved as the attorney representing the New Mexico ski industry. He has assisted with the drafting of the New Mexico Ski Safety Act and has represented our ski areas in every New Mexico jury trial and appellate case interpreting the Act. He has defended claims against all of the New Mexico ski areas including Angel Fire, Ski Santa Fe, Sandia Peak, Pajarito, Red River, Sipapu, Ski Apache, and Taos Ski Valley. Over the course of more than thirty years, and at the time of Joe's induction into the Hall of Fame, he had won every jury trial where he defended a New Mexico ski area.

Joe has also provided outstanding representation to New Mexico's ski shops and related manufacturers of ski sports equipment. Again, at the time of his induction, Joe had

never lost a jury trial when defending New Mexico ski related businesses.

Joe has also provided counsel as a Director on the Boards of three New Mexico ski areas and as General Counsel to two others. He has volunteered innumerable hours of his time, both on and off the slopes, to assist the ski industry in their training programs and skier safety programs at both the New Mexico and National levels. He has also served as both President and a long term Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Ski Defense Attorneys.

Joe has many other interests and accomplishments in addition to his service to the New Mexico ski industry. He has enthusiastically devoted his time to youth sports as a supporter and coach, and other generous civic-minded work. He is a Director of a NYSE publicly traded company and many international companies, has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the UNM Law School, is a published author and has too many other honors and accomplishments to list.

Joe continues to be a driving force in New Mexico's ski industry by protecting the sport and tirelessly providing his guidance and counsel. His contributions to the New Mexico ski industry are beyond value, as his election to this Hall of Fame recognizes.