

Rocky Mountain Ski & Snowsports Consulting

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Stanley Gale Partial Curriculum Vitae

SKI AND SNOWSPORTS LITIGATION SUPPORT AND CONSULTATION

- Analysis for Plaintiffs and Defendants
 - 14 years in private practice
 - Retained in 32 U.S. states (federal and state courts), Switzerland, Canada, and Australia
 - Majority of retained cases settled before trial

- My Areas of Expertise are:
 - Winter sports site evaluation and incident investigation – snowmobile and snow cat incidents, terrain park incidents, ski lift incidents, ski instruction incidents
 - Determination of causation, mechanism of injury, foreseeability of risk
 - Use of customary industry practices with regards to standards of care, and best practices
 - Training regimes, risk mitigation measures and feasibility
 - Evaluation of the safety policies of ski resorts, tubing and sledding areas, and snowmobile tour companies
 - Operational analysis of resort designs and terrain
 - Avalanche investigation and avalanche mitigation
 - Collisions with natural and man-made hazards, and with motor vehicles

OVERVIEW OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE - 51 Years, Beginning in 1968

- Incident Investigation and Reconstruction Expertise
 - The relationship of ski mountain terrain, geography, and topography to safety issues on:
 - Ski trails, alpine bowls, side country, and back country
 - Slow zones
 - Areas at or near merging trails
 - Terrain park analysis
 - Design and maintenance of winter sports facilities
 - Skiing patterns and collisions
 - Customary trail checking, opening, closing, and maintenance
 - Snowmobiling, tubing, sledding
 - Avalanches

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- Ski Patrol Experience
 - National Ski Patrol 1968-2019 (51 years)
 - Credentialed NSP Outdoor Emergency Care Provider
 - Attended numerous NSP-sponsored educational workshops, case study reviews, and ski patrol response scenarios
 - 37 years active ski patrolling experience – front line patroller, ski patrol director, assistant director, ski patrol trainer, trail sweep leader, and team leader/foreman
 - Logged thousands of hours observing skiers on the slopes and enforcing Your Responsibility Code
 - Trained and skilled in identifying reckless and out-of-control skiers, and assessing safe and unsafe skiing movements and tactics
 - Experience identifying risk, hazards, and responding to collisions and other injury-producing events, including being the first ski patroller on scene and caring for injured guests
 - Colorado Certified Emergency Medical Technician, 1980-2013
- Personal Ski and Snowsports Participation
 - Locations: United States, Canada, Australia, Austria, Switzerland, and Germany
 - Skied approximately 375 ski areas
 - Experience evaluating sledding and tubing at approximately 100 locations
 - Since 1970, operating snowmobiles on-trail, off-trail, and on ski slopes
 - Thousands of hours assisting ski lift operators – surface lifts and chairlifts
 - Back country ski guide in alpine and avalanche terrain, snowmobile guide
 - Copper Mountain Glacier Award, Fifteen Year Service Award, 1999
- Ski and Snowsports Teaching Experience
 - Decades of experience teaching and implementing Your Responsibility Code
 - Credentialed instructor by the Professional Ski Instructors of America
 - Attended classroom and on-snow classes on chairlift loading, movement analysis, offensive and defensive tactics, guest safety, supervision, and teaching methods

EDUCATION

- 1974 University of Northern Colorado, Greeley – Master of Arts
Education of the Visually Impaired, Grades K-12
Additional Certification: Orientation and mobility travel skills for the visually impaired

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Post-Graduate Studies

University of Northern Colorado
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado Mountain College

- 1970 State University of New York, College at Cortland – Bachelor of Arts
Major: Psychology, Minor: German
Intercollegiate Ski Team, 1967-1968
- 1968 University of Heidelberg, Germany
International Student: Psychology and German Studies

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY – SKI AND SNOWSPORTS

- 2016-2014 Colorado Snowmobile Association, Safety Director, Author of Safety Articles, and Safety Team Member
- 2015 Certified Colorado Snowmobile Instructor providing snowmobile safety instruction and snowmobile guiding
- 2006-2005 Ski Instructor – Vail Resorts, Keystone Resort
- 2005-1968 National Ski Patrol- 37 years active patrolling
- 2005 Ski Instructor – Loveland Basin Ski Area
- 2005-2000 Loveland Basin Ski Area: ski patroller, avalanche course instructor Level II, avalanche mitigation explosives crew, handled mountain education and on-snow tours, snowmobile duties, new patroller training, avalanche control, and served on professional ski patrol team for world cup and Olympic ski racers
- 2005-1990 Part-Time and Volunteer Guide – Snowcat Assisted Wilderness Skiing and Snowboarding Tours: handled terrain analysis, avalanche safety, snowcat safety, and guest safety

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- 2005 San Juan Snowcat
Assessed proposed terrain expansion
 - 2003 Mountain Fun Snowcat/Jones Pass– Extreme Ski and Snowboard
Competition- organized medical support team, participated with fellow
patroller and head guides in avalanche mitigation and terrain analysis
 - 1991 Chicago Ridge Snowcat Tours
 - 1990 Steamboat Powder Cats

 - 2004 Avalanche Instructor – National Ski Patrol
 - 2004 Owner/Operator – Colorado Ski Guides in partnership with Utah Ski Guides
 - 2002-1984 Copper Mountain Ski Area- Ski Patroller
Ski Patrol Team Leader/Foreman- trained and supervised new and
experienced ski patrollers
 - Slope Watch Safety Ski Patroller
Educated skiers and snowboarders on safe skiing/riding practices;
identified and controlled fast/reckless skiers and snowboarders
 - Race Crew Ski Patroller
Participated in course safety set up and spectator safety
 - High Alpine Senior Patroller
Patrolled terrain at the top of Copper Bowl and Tucker Mountain
 - 1984-1974 Arapahoe Basin Ski Area- Ski Patroller, Patrol Training Instructor, Assistant Ski
Patrol Director, Mountain Sweep Leader, National Ski Patrol Mountaineering
Instructor
 - 1974-1972 Hidden Valley Ski Area- Ski Patroller–Rocky Mountain National Park
 - 1971-1970 Ski Patrol Director, Part-Time Ski Instructor – Song Mountain. Tully, New York

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1968-1971 Ski Patroller, Greek Peak, Cortland, New York

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY – PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING

2004-1974 Team Leader, Supervising Teacher, Teacher Mentor
Teacher of Visually Impaired and Multi-Impaired – Preschool-Grade 12
Teacher – Grades 1-4, all subjects
Bergen Valley Intermediate School, Teacher of the Year 2004

1997-96 Teacher of Visually Impaired, Itinerant Resource Teacher/Consultant
International Teacher Exchange – New South Wales, Australia

1986-85 Gifted and Talented Teacher
Department Coordinator and Teacher, Computer Education Department
Teacher Exchange – Hilo, Hawaii

CERTIFICATIONS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

2015 Certified Snowmobile Instructor – Colorado State Parks

2013 Certified Colorado Emergency Medical Technician, Level B

2008 Certificate in Snowmobile Safety – Colorado State Parks

2006 Forensic Investigator Technician – National Association of Safety Professionals

2005 Certified Level I Instructor – Professional Ski Instructors of America

2005 Certified Avalanche Instructor – National Ski Patrol

2005 Certificate of Achievement, Instructor Development – National Ski Patrol

1987 Basic Trauma and Life Support

1977 Advanced Avalanche Training Level II – National Ski Patrol

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Snowpack analysis, route selection, terrain analysis, avalanche search and rescue, leadership skills

- 1974 Certified Outdoor Emergency Care Technician – National Ski Patrol System
- 1974 Avalanche Training Level I – National Ski Patrol
Safe mountain travel, avalanche recognition and dangers, group decision-making
- 1974 Advanced Mountaineering Training Level II – National Ski Patrol
Search and rescue, route selection, mountain leadership skills, terrain analysis, mountain overnight bivouac, and survival skills
- 1969 Mountaineering Training Level I – National Ski Patrol
Safe mountain travel, mountaineering skills and orienteering, equipment considerations
- 1967 First Aid Certificate – American Red Cross

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND CLINICS

- 2019 International Society for Skiing Safety, 23rd International Congress on Snowsports Trauma and Safety – Squaw Valley, California
Epidemiology, Risk and Resort Management, Bindings, Biomechanics I, Biomechanics II, Snow Park Jump Modeling, Upper Extremity, Other Mountain Activities, Injury Risk Prediction and Reduction, Technology
- 2019 American Society of Testing and Materials, Winter Meeting, Snowbird, Utah
Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding Equipment, Freestyle Terrain: Jumps and Measurement
- 2017 Colorado Avalanche Information Center and the American Avalanche Association 16th Annual Colorado Snow and Avalanche Workshop, Breckenridge, Colorado
- 2017 Ski Safety Advocates Meeting – Montrose, Colorado

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- 2017 National Ski Patrol, Powderfall Patroller Education Conference, Snowmass, Colorado
Risk Management, Accident Investigation, Toboggan Handling
 - 2016 International Snow Science Workshop, Merging of Theory and Practice
Breckenridge, Colorado
Interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and experiences among snow science researchers and practitioners from around the world
 - 2016 Colorado Snowmobile Association Convention, Buena Vista, Colorado
Participation and snow safety lecture
 - 2015 Colorado Snow and Avalanche Workshop, Breckenridge, Colorado
 - 2015 American Society of Testing and Materials, Winter Meeting, Denver, Colorado
 - 2015 Colorado Snowmobile Association Convention – Meeker, Colorado
Provided snow pit analysis and avalanche awareness training
 - 1968-2014 National Ski Patrol Annual Clinics, Participant and Instructor for
Medical Refresher and Ski Area on the Hill Clinics (36 years)
 - 2014 Piston Bully Snowcat Groomer Safety Training Workshop,
Grand Junction, Colorado
 - 2014 Colorado Snow and Avalanche Workshop – Breckenridge, Colorado
 - 2014 International Snowmobile Congress – Keystone, Colorado
 - 2013 American Society for Testing and Materials, Winter Meeting
Snow Skiing Committees– Salt Lake City, Utah
 - 2012-2005 Professional Ski Instructors of America Clinics and Workshops – Loveland Basin
Ski Area, Keystone Ski Resort, Aspen/Snowmass, Winter Park, Crested Butte;
Advanced Instructor Training, Skier Safety, Tactics for Keeping Customers Safe,
Terrain Choice Decisions, Movement Analysis, Supervision Strategies, All
Mountain Performance Skiing, Alpine Extreme Mountain Skiing,
 - 2011 American Society for Testing and Materials, Summer Meeting
Snow Skiing Committee – Burlington, Vermont

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- 2011 International Society for Skiing Safety, 19th International Congress on Ski Trauma and Skiing Safety – Keystone, Colorado
Mountain Resort Safety, Quality Management Systems, Ski and Snowboard Injury Epidemiology and Methods, Ski Racing Injuries and Barrier Protection, Terrain Park Design and Injuries, Ski Boot Binding, Wrist Protection, Helmets, Orthopedic Issues in Winter Sports
- 2010 American Society for Testing and Materials, Winter Meeting
Snow Skiing Committees – Denver, Colorado
- 2009 National Ski Patrol, Patroller Education Conference
Snowbird, Utah
- 2005 Annual International Conference on Recreation and Adventure, Law and Liability Program – Denver, Colorado

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

California Ski and Snowboard Safety Organization
Co-Founder and Past Board Member

American Society for Testing and Materials
Committee Member: Avalanche Airbags, Snow Skiing, Binding Test Procedures, Skis and Boots, Retail and Rental Shop Procedures, Snowboarding, Freestyle Terrain Jump Features, AT Ski Bindings

National Ski Patrol, Rocky Mountain Division

Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski (International Ski Patrol)

International Society for Skiing Safety

American Snowsports Education Association

Professional Ski Instructors of America

American Association of Avalanche Professionals/American Avalanche Association

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International Skiing History Association

Colorado Snowmobile Association

Colorado Mountain Club

Back Country Snowsports Alliance

PUBLICATIONS

Stanley Gale, “Ski Safety and the Savvy Instructor,” *Instructor to Instructor Magazine* – Journal of the Rocky Mountain Professional Ski and Snowboard Instructor Association (Fall 2006).

Stanley Gale, “Early Season Snowmobile Riding,” *Colorado Snow Scoop* – Official Newspaper of the Colorado Snowmobile Association (November/December 2014).

Stanley Gale, “Having the Right Gear, Avalanche Awareness and Riding Responsibly,” *Colorado Snow Scoop* – Official Newspaper of the Colorado Snowmobile Association (January/February 2015).

Stanley Gale, “Thinking About Safety, Lessons Learned and the 2015 CSA Convention in Meeker,” *Colorado Snow Scoop* – Official Newspaper of the Colorado Snowmobile Association (March-April 2015).

Stanley Gale, “Snowmobile Safety,” *Colorado Snow Scoop* – Official Newspaper of the Colorado Snowmobile Association (November/December 2015).