



**Michael W. Khalili**  
*Attorney at Law*

**Bar Admissions:**

- Nebraska
- Iowa
- U.S. District Court  
District of Nebraska

**Professional Associations  
and Memberships:**

- Omaha Bar Association
- Nebraska State Bar  
Association
- American Association  
for Justice
- Nebraska Association  
of Trial Attorneys
- American Inns of Court
- American Immigration  
Lawyers Association

**Education:**

- Seattle University  
School of Law  
*Seattle, 2008*  
*Doctor of Jurisprudence*
- University of California  
*Los Angeles, 2003*  
*Bachelor of Science*

Michael Khalili is licensed to practice law in Nebraska, the U.S. District Court of Nebraska and the state of Iowa. He is an active member of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys and the Nebraska State Bar Association.

“I grew up in a small town in Texas and the playing field just wasn’t level for a lot of the Spanish population,” said Michael. “Most of my profession, most of my niche right now is workers’ comp, I work on personal injury cases as well, but again, workers’ compensation seems to be the best arena for me to level the playing field for working people. It’s mostly lower income people working at meatpacking plants, who just get pushed around by insurance companies and employers. A lot of my clients are undocumented workers. They don’t know their rights, and they would rather take unfair punishment than stir the pot. Essentially, they think they might get deported. One of the things I like to do is go out on speaking engagements and let potential clients know that just isn’t the case, and they deserve to be treated with the same level of respect as everyone else.”

Born in Guymon, Oklahoma, Michael grew up in Del Rio, Texas. He graduated, with honors from the University of California Los Angeles in 2003 and earned his law degree from Seattle University School of Law in 2008 after attaining the highest grade for overall achievement, and the best performance for Housing Law and Policy – which earned him the prestigious CALL award. He also received the Washington State Hispanic Bar Association Scholarship in 2007 and the Dean’s Diversity Scholarship award in 2005.

“I heard a lot of good things about Hauptman O’Brien and the excellent work they did. Before Hauptman O’Brien, I did half plaintiff work and half defense work,” Michael explained. “I disliked tracking billable hours and having to account for every hour throughout the day. It interfered and distracted from the pertinent aspect of my cases. I enjoy the fact that now I am fully focused on plaintiff work – no billable hours. The culture here is excellent as well – you always feel free to talk to any attorney in the office about any case or strategy decision. There’s an open door policy, and everyone is collaborative. That sense of teamwork for the benefit of each client of the firm really sets Hauptman O’Brien apart; and I am glad to be part of the team because I know my clients are better off with this team approach. If any other attorney has questions about employment law or workers’ comp, they come to my office. It works both ways.”

“We are excited to have Michael as part of the firm, because he brings unique talents and a perspective to the firm that is geographically and culturally diverse,” said Partner Tim O’Brien. “His work is exceptional, and his eagerness to assist an underrepresented segment of our society demonstrates the same community based values that Hauptman O’Brien has always been built upon. It’s been great having Michael working here, and I look forward to his continued success on behalf of our clients.”

“As an attorney, I would say I’m loyal and I fight fiercely for my clients, because I know that no one else will,” said Michael. “Most of the time, my clients are on their last hope to get any kind of justice. I take that to heart. Ultimately, you want to win, but you also need to add a human element to the process. You need to be connected to your client. That’s how you can help them move forward beyond their present problems to a better life.”

After meeting his wife, who is a native Nebraskan, in law school, Michael moved to Lincoln and has made Nebraska his home. When he isn’t at work, or home raising his two children, Michael spends time speaking to anyone willing to listen about their legal rights – specifically: workers’ compensation, personal injury and employment matters. Michael frequently has speaking engagements at schools and unions.