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## Bar Admissions:

- Nebraska
- U.S. District Court District of Nebraska
- U.S. Federal Courts
- U.S. Court of Appeals 8th Circuit

## Professional Associations and Memberships:

- Omaha Bar Association
- Nebraska State Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys
- The Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America

## Education:

- Creighton University School of Law Omaha, 1979 Doctor of Jurisprudence
- Olivet College Michigan, 1976 Bachelor of Arts Alvin M. Bentley Fellow

Tim O'Brien was born, raised and educated in Houghton, Mich. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Olivet College in 1976 and a law degree from Creighton University in 1979. Tim was admitted to the Nebraska and Omaha Bar Associations in 1979, and is admitted to the State and Federal Courts in Nebraska.

"For me, the legal profession has always been as much about family as it is about justice," said Tim. "I've had an interest in the law since an early age, because my father and uncles were attorneys, and that tradition continues now with my wife and my son also working as attorneys for Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf & Lathrop. Managing a successful law firm and a successful family really comes down to the same set of core values. Listening openly, caring deeply and pursuing goals vigorously with a high degree of empathy."

Mr. O'Brien handles plaintiff Personal Injury and focuses on Interstate Trucking Collisions, Automobile Collisions and Product Liability. He is a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Nebraska State Bar Association, Omaha Bar Association, the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, and a Fellow of the Nebraska Bar Foundation.

"There is something very gratifying about building a strong reputation within the community, as a force for positive change and serving as a strong advocate for people who deserve to be heard on a more equal footing in disputes with governmental entities and large corporations. One of the main reasons I chose Personal Injury law as my primary area of focus is the fact that, all too often, valid claims get brushed aside by large organizations simply because they have the resources to delay and frustrate an injured person until they give up their claim. Our firm never gives up, because we represent our clients with the same vigilance and passion as we would put into representing our own family. As I mentioned, in my eyes, our clients are a part of our extended family and our firm has an obligation to provide that same standard of service for every client we represent."

Away from the office, Tim is an enthusiastic outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, scuba diving, and golf with his family. His wife, three children, and six grandchildren are a part of the fabric of the local community and are an important reason why Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf & Lathrop remains fully engaged in local civic causes with noteworthy efforts that include the acclaimed Safe Ride Home program.

"Preventing an accident or injury can be even more important than fighting for full compensation after an unfortunate incident occurs," said O'Brien. "The Safe Ride Home program we sponsor has prevented countless DUIs and automobile accidents, assisted many people in seeking to free themselves from domestic distress – and like anything else, it reinforces the idea that actions matter far more than wishful thoughts. When it comes to improving the lives of our clients, Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf & Lathrop is about more than just the highest quality team of attorneys in Nebraska, we provide swift and effective action."

"What people need to know most is this firm's passion," explained Tim. "My wife works here, my friends work here, my son works here, and in a lot of ways the firm itself is almost like having another person in our family. Each day we do all we can to protect, represent and seek justice for every client because at the end of the day, what we are all most interested in doing is helping to alleviate the burden of legal challenges that compound the hardships people face when they become injured or are somehow taken advantage of by others. I listen to our clients because I actually care, and as I told my son when he graduated from law school, it all starts with caring. If you truly care, you can make a huge difference in people's lives."