

James D. “Mitch” Vilos is a prominent Utah personal injury trial lawyer. He has the notable distinction of being a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum for having obtained numerous six and seven figure recoveries for his injured clients involving tractor-trailer accidents, car and motorcycle accidents, birth injuries, medical malpractice, products liability, on-the-job injuries and accidents involving firearms. His focus has been on brain, spinal cord, burns and other serious injuries.

Mitch’s success as a personal injury lawyer has allowed him to delve into a unique area of the law in which he has an interest and passion - firearms law. In May of 2006 Mitch won a “NOT GUILTY” jury verdict to the charge of “brandishing” in the highly publicized case of computer industry magnate Dell Schanze (“SUPERDELL”). Another notable victory for Mr. Vilos was his participation in the defense of premier candle company, Salt City Candle Company, which was sued for \$150 Million dollars by a related company, Party Wicks and Scents, Inc. Mr. Vilos was retained by Salt City’s team of attorneys as lead trial counsel in that case and was instrumental in getting the majority of the claims against Salt City Candle completely dismissed.

James D. “Mitch” Vilos is a graduate of J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. He has practiced law since 1978 in Utah and Alabama. Mr. Vilos' Utah law practice focuses on primarily two areas of law, personal injury law and firearms law. He has authored and co-authored articles relating to personal injury litigation and insurance law in legal publications such as the Utah State Bar Journal and Utah Trial Lawyers Journal.

Mitch has a Federal Firearms License (FFL), is a member of the National Rifle Association, the American Self-defense Institute, and Single Action Shooting Society (Badge No. 10,586, Alias “Pancho Vilos”). He is the author of *Utah Gun Law: Good, Bad and Ugly*, *Utah Gun Law II: Pancho’s Wisdom*, *Utah Gun Law*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. and the *Utah Spotlighting and Night Hunting Manual*. He has written an article entitled, “Not Guilty But Bankrupt, Civil Liability for Negligent Self Defense,” published in the American Self-Defense Institute’s ASDI Oracle, 1997, Issue 2. He is a Utah State authorized concealed weapon instructor. Mitch is also a graduate of the Ogden Metro Swat Basic Training Course (affectionately known as “Hell Week”) and Davis County Sheriff’s Citizen’s Academy.

Mr. Vilos participates in educating the public, including on radio and television, about legal topics such as negligence law, medical malpractice, insurance law, representing people with traumatic brain injuries, constitutional law and firearms (self-defense) law.