



Nationwide Athlete of the Month Megan Hottman



(Frostbite Time Trial Fort Collins. Photo Credit Deian Smaic)

Megan Hottman, better known as the Cyclist-Lawyer; is just as likely to be found in her team kit racing fellow CAT 1 riders, as she is wearing her suit defending another fellow cyclist as her client. For Megan, being the Cyclist-Lawyer is the perfect combination of “passion and profession”. Her expertise as a lawyer is paired with her credibility as an avid cyclist. Megan has raced road, track, mountain, and cyclocross; she’s also been strapped to the backboard on an ambulance ride, been in the ER, and dropped races- inhibited by injury. When Megan looks

another cyclist in the eye and says “I get it”, she means it. Since establishing Hottman Law Office in 2010 she has represented over 50 cyclists in individual cases. Megan also provides legal counsel to cycling groups in Colorado and across the country.

Megan started cycling after her history of running transitioned to competing in triathlons. However, Megan realized that of the “swim, bike, run” cycling was the leg she enjoyed the most. She dropped the other two and focused on cycling races her last year of law school. Her passion for racing went up a few notches on the intensity scale when she and her husband Robert moved to Colorado in 2006. The huge community and competitive atmosphere of cycling in Colorado was the catalyst she needed to excel. She currently races CAT 1 in road, but has truly done it all to get there. She has also paid the excellence of Colorado cycling forward by being a corporate sponsor of BRAC for the past 3 years.



(Hottman Right and Katie Macarelli Left, courtesy of Megan Hottman)

Beyond her professional and legal support to the cycling community in Colorado, Megan affects cyclists in a more personal way. Her cycling team, TheCyclist-Lawyer.com, focusses on bringing in new racers. Her team supports new

CAT 5 men and CAT 4 women in crits, mtb races, time trials, cyclocross- really any category to get them hooked! She sees her team as the “launch pad” for up-and-coming racers. Even experienced cyclists can appreciate this since Megan is a huge advocate for bike law education. She teaches officers, bike shops, race teams, and as well as new and old cyclists about the importance of knowing the laws. What better mentor to have in the lead pack of the “launch pad” for future Colorado racers? Megan is an invaluable asset to the future of better, safer, cycling in Colorado. Case closed.