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ChatGPT Unveiled: Revolutionizing the Practice of Law in the AI Era

1.0 G
11 a.m.–Noon
Webinar

NOVEMBER 1

Ethics in Discovery Practice

1.0 EP
11 a.m.–Noon
Teleseminar

NOVEMBER 7

2024 Indian Law Institute

5.0 G, 1.0 EP, 1.0 EIJ
7:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
In-Person & Webinar

NOVEMBER 7

How Secondary Trauma Affects Attorney Mental Health

1.0 EP
11 a.m.–Noon
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NOVEMBER 7

When Business Partners Want Out: Business Divorce, Part 1

1.0 G
11 a.m.–Noon
Teleseminar

NOVEMBER 8

When Business Partners Want Out: Business Divorce, Part 2

1.0 G
11 a.m.–Noon
Teleseminar

NOVEMBER 8

10th Annual Symposium on Diversity and Inclusion

2.0 G, 1.0 EP, 3.0 EIJ
8:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m.
In-Person & Webinar

NOVEMBER 13

2024 Cannabis Law Institute

4.0 G, 1.0 EP, 1.0 EIJ
8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
In-Person & Webinar

NOVEMBER 13

Ethics in Trust and Estate Practice

1.0 EP
11 a.m.–Noon
Teleseminar

NOVEMBER 13

Clarence Darrow: Crimes, Causes and the Courtroom

3.0 EP
11 a.m.–2:20 p.m.
Webinar

NOVEMBER 14

2024 Probate Law Institute

6.0 G, 1.0 EP
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Webinar

NOVEMBER 15

2024 Real Property Institute

3.0 G, 1.0 EP
9 a.m.–2:15 p.m.
In-Person & Webinar

NOVEMBER 19

2024 Business Law Institute

5.0 G, 1.0 EP
8:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
In-Person & Webinar

Stay Ahead of the Pack:

Earn Newly Required **Equity in Justice (EIJ) Credits**

OCTOBER 29

Battling Gender Bias: How Bill Cosby and Other Sexual Predators Escape Punishment

1.0 EIJ
11 a.m.–Noon
Webinar

OCTOBER 30

Key Foundations and Frameworks for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Legal Field

1.0 EIJ
Noon–1 p.m.
Webinar

NOVEMBER 8

How to Maintain A Diverse Legal Workforce and Eliminate Bias, In Any Economic Environment

1.0 EIJ
11 a.m.–Noon
Webinar

NOVEMBER 14

Elimination of Bias—Combating Age Bias in the Legal Field

1.0 EIJ
11 a.m.–Noon
Webinar

NOVEMBER 19

Practical Lessons in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Law Practice

1.0 EIJ
11 a.m.–Noon
Teleseminar

NOVEMBER 20

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and How Attorneys Can Combat Bias

1.0 EIJ
11 a.m.–Noon
Webinar

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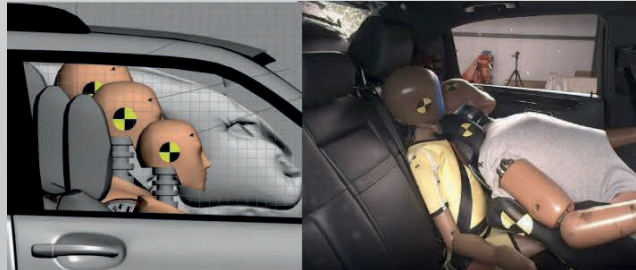
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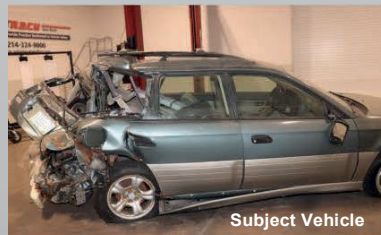


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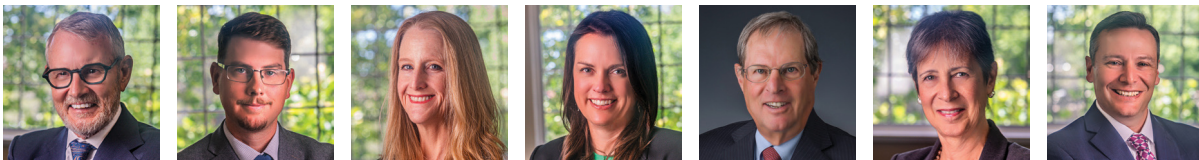
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Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Request for Proposals

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Request for Proposals No. 24-003 for Professional Defense Attorney Team Member Services for Specialty Court Programs. The purpose of the RFP is to solicit sealed proposals to establish a contract through competitive negotiations to select offerors to provide professional legal services for the Court's Specialty Court programs. The RFP will be issued on Sept. 20. Offerors may download the RFP at metro.nmcourts.gov/about-this-court/request-for-proposals. A virtual, non-mandatory, pre-proposal conference will be held on Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. (MT). Proposals must be received by Gary Markel, the procurement manager, by no later than 3 p.m. (MT) on Oct. 24. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Professionalism Tip

With respect to opposing parties and their counsel:

I will agree to reasonable requests for extensions of time or waivers of formalities when legitimate interests of my client will not be adversely affected.

STATE BAR NEWS 2024 Annual Meeting Last Chance to Register for the State Bar of New Mexico's 2024 Annual Meeting on Oct. 25

The Annual Meeting looks a little different this year! "Be Inspired" during one full day of legal education featuring keynote speaker Camille M. Vasquez, Esq., networking with colleagues, inspirational speakers and activities, entertainment and much more. Join us either in-person at the State Bar Center or virtually and earn all 12 of your CLE credits for the year for only \$199! The deadline for virtual registration is Oct. 23. Register today and view more information at <https://www.sbnm.org/AnnualMeeting2024>.

Board of Bar Commissioners Appointment to New Mexico Access to Justice Commission

The Board of Bar Commissioners will make one appointment to the NM Access to Justice Commission for a three-year term. The Commission is dedicated to expanding and improving civil legal assistance by increasing pro bono and other support to indigent people in New Mexico. For more information about the Commission, visit <https://accesstojustice.nmcourts.gov/>. Active status attorneys in New Mexico who would like to serve on the Commission should send a letter of interest and brief resume by Nov. 22 to bbc@sbnm.org.

Appointment to New Mexico State Bar Foundation Board

The Board of Bar Commissioners of the State Bar of New Mexico will appoint one director to the New Mexico State Bar Foundation Board for a three-year term. The New Mexico State Bar Foundation's mission is to advance the legal community's commitment to serve the legal profession and people of New Mexico. Through mem-

ber donations, fundraising and programs, the Foundation provides and promotes access to legal services to underserved New Mexicans. The Foundation also supports public service, education, and diversity, as well as organizations consistent with its mission. For more information about the Bar Foundation, visit <https://www.sbnm.org/Bar-Foundation>. Active status members interested in serving on the Board should submit a letter of interest and resume to bbc@sbnm.org by Nov. 22.

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Proposed Constitutional Amendment

New Mexico Constitutional Amendment 3 is on the ballot this November. It can be found at <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/24%20Regular/final/SJR01.pdf>. Passage of the amendment would allow the Dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law to appoint a designee to chair judicial nominating commissions when needed. The Dean will continue to oversee all judicial nominating commissions and will continue to chair most commissions. This change would allow the Dean to designate a faculty member, retired faculty member, associate dean, or former dean of the UNM School of Law to chair a commission in the case of the Dean's illness or if pressing matters require the Dean's presence at the School of Law.

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Legislative Research Library Hours

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New Mexico Christian Legal Aid Notice of Upcoming Training Seminar

New Mexico Christian Legal Aid invites New Mexico's legal community to join them for a Training Seminar on Nov. 1, from noon to 5 p.m. (MT) at the State Bar Center located at 5121 Masthead St NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109. Join them for free lunch, free CLE credits and training as they update skills on how to provide legal aid. For more information or to register, contact Jim Roach at 505-243-4419 or Jen Meisner at 505-610-8800 or christianleg-alaid@hotmail.com.

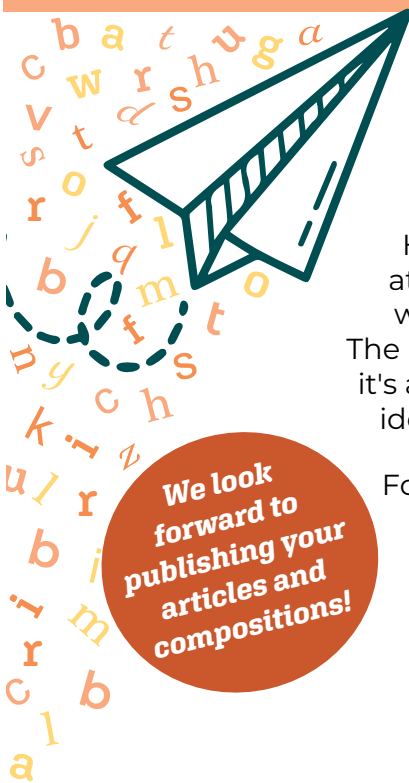
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A Message From
New Mexico State Bar
FOUNDATION
President Gerald G. Dixon:

Staying Committed to New Mexico



Greetings Peers and Fellow Advocates:

As we enjoy this beautiful fall season, I find myself reflecting on the progress made by the New Mexico State Bar Foundation (“Bar Foundation”) over the past year. The Bar Foundation has been a vital force for positive change in the legal community, thanks to its commendable initiatives, programs, and efforts that address the needs of our great state.

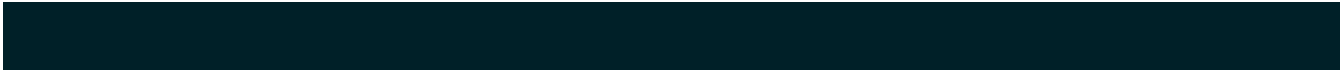
I would like to provide an update on the Modest Means Helpline (“MMH”). Since it was first established in Oct. 2022, MMH has experienced remarkable growth in its success and service to many New Mexicans. As of Aug. 31, MMH has received over 30,000 telephone calls and opened more than 4,300 cases, benefiting approximately 11,200 individuals. MMH assists clients with civil legal needs whose income is at or below 500% of the Federal poverty level. The program employs eight staff members and relies on a panel of volunteer attorneys who generously provide legal services, in certain cases, on a pro bono basis. There is a significant need for more volunteer attorneys, and even taking on one case per year would make a tremendous difference. Please sign up to be a volunteer at (<https://www.cognitiforms.com/SBNM2/DirectRepresentationAttorneyVolunteerSignUp>).

The Strategic Plan, which outlines several important goals for both the State Bar of New Mexico (“State Bar”) and the Bar Foundation, has played a crucial role in our progress and will continue to do so in 2025. One of the plan’s key priorities is to further establish the Bar Foundation as an independent entity while fostering a strong relationship with the State Bar. Although this process is ongoing, the Bar Foundation has made excellent strides in creating its own identity through a development program that has led to events, projects, and campaigns coordinated with the State Bar.

This year, one of the most significant developments has been the Bar Foundation’s fundraising efforts. We have launched multiple campaigns to raise awareness of the Bar Foundation and its services while providing the necessary resources for our programs to operate effectively. The New Mexico State Bar Foundation’s 2024 Golf Classic, held on September 30, was a collaborative fundraising event that featured both a traditional golf tournament and two large raffles to benefit the Bar Foundation. The Golf Classic was a resounding success, and it was enjoyable to connect with so many colleagues in support of a good cause.

The year isn’t over yet! In just a few days, the 2024 Annual Meeting will take place at the State Bar Center on October 25, where the Bar Foundation will announce the winners of our exciting New Mexico Staycation Raffle. Valued at over \$1,000 each, the winners will have the opportunity to enjoy a luxurious getaway right here in New Mexico. We encourage everyone to participate in this raffle, as it not only offers a chance to win but also supports the vital work of the Bar Foundation. There’s still time to purchase raffle tickets at www.sbnm.org/2024Raffle, or scan the QR code. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be contacted following the Annual Meeting.





Before I conclude, I'd like to give a special mention to the Bar Foundation's Immediate Past-President and my friend and colleague, Hon. Carl J. Butkus. After serving as President of the Bar Foundation for two terms, in late July, Judge Butkus was appointed to the National Conference of Bar Foundations' Board of Directors, which is quite an achievement. A testament to both his work as a member of the New Mexico judiciary and legal profession, as well as the State Bar Foundation.

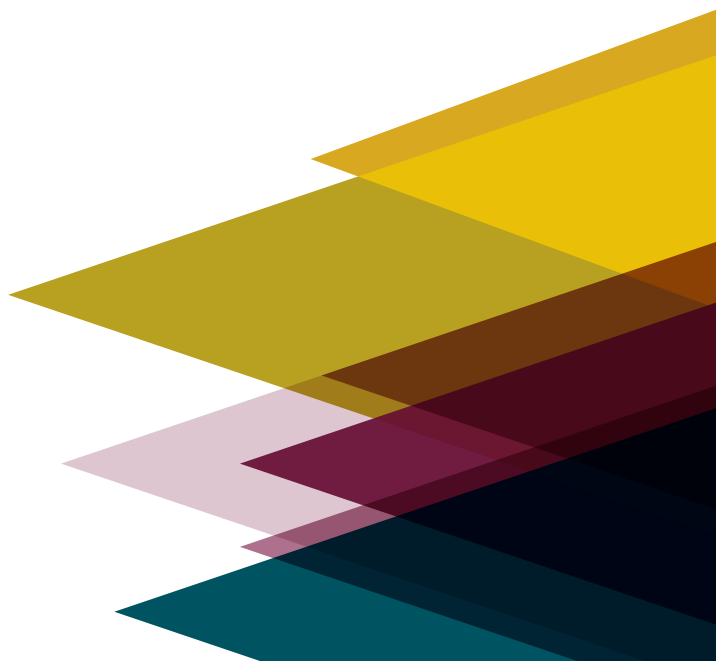
I also want to express my gratitude to all the volunteers, donors, and supporters who have contributed to our mission. Your dedication and commitment have made a significant impact on the lives of many New Mexicans in need of legal assistance. Together, we can continue to build a stronger legal community and ensure access to justice for all.

In closing, I invite you to stay engaged with the Bar Foundation and the State Bar. Your feedback, suggestions, and involvement are invaluable as we strive to enhance our services and outreach. Thank you for your continued support.

Enthusiastically,



Gerald G. Dixon, President
New Mexico State Bar Foundation



Congratulations to the

2024 Annual Awards Recipients



The State Bar of New Mexico is pleased to announce the 2024 Annual Awards recipients. The Annual Awards recognize those who have distinguished themselves or who have made exemplary contributions to the State Bar or legal profession in the past year. The awards will be presented at the awards ceremony during the 2024 Annual Meeting at the State Bar Center in Albuquerque on Friday, Oct. 25. For a schedule of events for the Annual Meeting and registration information, please visit: www.sbnm.org/CLE-Events/Annual-Meeting-2024.

Distinguished Bar Service Non-Lawyer Award

KATINA WATSON

◆ Recognizes nonlawyers who have provided valuable service and contributions to the legal profession over a significant period of time.

Excellence in Well-Being Award **BRIGGS F. CHENEY**

◆ Many individuals have made significant contributions to the improvement of legal professional well-being to include destigmatizing mental health, strengthening resiliency and creating a synergic approach to work and life. This award was created to recognize an individual or organization that has made an outstanding positive contribution to the New Mexico legal community's well-being.

Judge Sarah M. Singleton Distinguished Service Award **GEORGE DAVID GIDDENS, JR.**

◆ Recognizes attorneys who have provided valuable service and contributions to the legal profession, the State Bar of New Mexico, and the public over a significant period of time.

Justice Pamela B. Minzner Professionalism Award

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◆ Recognizes attorneys and/or judges who, over long and distinguished legal careers, have by their ethical and personal conduct exemplified for their fellow attorneys the epitome of professionalism.

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**AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CENTER
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◆ Recognizes outstanding, extraordinary law-related organizations or programs that serve the legal profession and the public.

**Outstanding Young Lawyer
of the Year Award**

CAMERON S. BUSH

◆ Awarded to attorneys who have, during the formative stages of their legal careers by their ethical and personal conduct, exemplified for their fellow attorneys the epitome of professionalism by demonstrating a commitment to clients' causes and to public service, enhancing the image of the legal profession.

**Robert H. LaFollette
Pro Bono Award**

RONALD T. TAYLOR

◆ Presented to an attorney who has made an exemplary contribution of time and effort, without compensation, to provide legal assistance over his or her career to people who could not afford the assistance of an attorney.

**Justice Seth D. Montgomery
Distinguished Judicial Service Award**

JUDGE ROBERT H. SCOTT

◆ Recognizes judges who have distinguished themselves through long and exemplary service on the bench and who have significantly advanced the administration of justice or improved the relations between the bench and the bar.



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www.communityfoundationofsouthernnewmexico.org</p> | <p>14 Elimination of Bias-Combating Age Bias in the Legal Field
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Live Program
New Mexico Medical Review Commission
www.nmms.org</p> | <p>8 How to Maintain A Diverse Legal Workforce and Eliminate Bias, In Any Economic Environment
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7.0 CLE credits
Virtual
Texas Tech University School of Law
law.ttu.edu</p> | <p>8 10th Annual Symposium on Diversity & Inclusion
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In-Person or Webcast
DWI Resource Center/Victims Rights Project
www.victimrightsnm.org</p> |

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FORMAL OPINION

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WESTERN ALBUQUERQUE LAND HOLDINGS, LLC,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

WESTLAND PARTNERS, LLC,

Defendant-Appellant.

**APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT
OF BERNALILLO COUNTY**

Denise Barela Shepherd, District Court Judge

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► Introduction of Opinion

The two cases before us arise from the district court's exercise of equitable and legal jurisdiction to resolve a business dispute between Western Albuquerque Land Holdings, LLC (WALH) and Westland Partners, LLC (Westland), which together engaged in a joint venture in the form of an entity that came to be known as Westside Economic Investments, LLC (the Company). WALH's predecessor in interest owned a parcel of real property (the Land), which it contributed to the Company for development, management, and sale. Eventually, the parties deadlocked about the continued feasible operation of the Company and each party brought claims to the district court. To resolve the impasse, the district court dismissed Westland's claim for breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; granted WALH's motion for equitable dissolution of the Company; determined that Westland must pay certain outstanding property taxes associated with the Land; and awarded limited attorney fees to WALH. Westland appeals. We decline to disturb the district court's good faith analysis or legal and equitable determinations and affirm.

Katherine A. Wray, Judge

WE CONCUR:

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge

Kristina Bogardus, Judge

To read the entire opinion, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/A-1-CA-40760>

FORMAL OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-41467

**IN THE MATTER OF HEATHER LEWIS,
a person alleged to be in need
of mental healthcare.**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v.

HEATHER LEWIS,

Respondent-Appellant.

**APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT
OF CHAVES COUNTY**

James M. Hudson, District Court Judge

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► Introduction of Opinion

Respondent Heather Lewis appeals the district court's order involuntarily committing her to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute (NMBHI) for thirty days, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 43-1-11(A) (2009); and its order denying the Petitioner State of New Mexico's motion seeking an extension of that commitment, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 43-1-12 (2009). On appeal, Respondent argues that the district court exceeded its statutory authority and violated her due process rights by delaying the start of her commitment until she was transported to NMBHI without the additional protections required by Section 43-1-12 for extending involuntary commitments. For the following reasons, we hold that the district court exceeded its statutory authority.

Kristina Bogardus, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge

Jane B. Yohalem, Judge

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FORMAL OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-40864

CORINNE R. FLORES,
Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

KERRI MCLAIN and PATRICK FLORES,
Respondents-Appellees.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY

Mary W. Rosner, District Court Judge

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► Introduction of Opinion

Corrine Flores (Grandmother) petitioned for visitation privileges with her granddaughter (Child) under the Grandparent's Visitation Privileges Act (the GVPA), NMSA 1978, §§ 40-9-1 to -4 (1993, as amended through 1999). While the GVPA proceeding was pending, a no-contact order (the original no-contact order) that had been issued in a separate proceeding under the Kinship Guardianship Act (the KGA), NMSA 1978, §§ 40-10B-1 to -15 (2001, as amended through 2023), was clarified to prohibit contact between Grandmother and Child (the revised no-contact order). The district court determined that the revised no-contact order precluded the GVPA petition as a matter of law. Grandmother appeals. We hold that the revised no-contact order was a binding but modifiable order entered in a family proceeding in which the district court had ongoing jurisdiction. As such, the revised no-contact order had a qualified preclusive effect and could be modified on a showing of changed circumstances. See *Cherpelis v. Cherpelis*, 1996-NMCA-037, ¶ 18, 121 N.M. 500, 914 P.2d 637. **View full PDF online.**

Katherine A. Wray, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge
Zachary A. Ives, Judge

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FORMAL OPINION

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Filing Date: 9/23/2024

No. A-1-CA-39966

SUSAN L. SIEBERT,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

REBECCA C. OKUN, M.D. and

WOMEN'S SPECIALISTS OF

NEW MEXICO, LTD.,

Defendants-Appellants.

**APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT
OF BERNALILLO COUNTY**

Victor S. Lopez, District Court Judge

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► Introduction of Opinion

The Medical Malpractice Act (MMA), NMSA 1978, §§ 41-5-1 to -29 (1976, as amended through 2023), imposes caps on liability, one of which limits “a health care provider’s personal liability” for “monetary damages and medical care and related benefits.” Section 41-5-6(D) (1992). When, under a judgment or settlement, a plaintiff is owed an amount “in excess of” the amount of the provider cap, the excess “shall be paid from the patient’s compensation fund” (PCF). *Id.* This appeal, which is the second to this Court in this litigation, presents two questions of first impression about the recovery of pre- and post-judgment interest when a plaintiff is owed more than the statutorily capped amount for provider liability. First, are pre- and post-judgment interest recoverable on the capped amount plus the excess or only on the capped amount? We hold that interest is recoverable on the total of the capped amount and the excess. That holding raises a second question: Must the liable provider pay only the interest on the capped amount, or must the provider also pay the interest on the excess, even though the PCF is liable for amounts over the statutory cap? **View full PDF online.**

Zachary A. Ives, Judge

WE CONCUR:

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge

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FORMAL OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-40870

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

**COURTNEY MCCALED a/k/a
COURTNEY LEON MCCALED,**
Defendant-Appellant.

**APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT
OF BERNALILLO COUNTY**

Joseph A. Montano, District Court Judge

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for Appellant

► Introduction of Opinion

The memorandum opinion filed June 10, 2024, is hereby withdrawn, and this opinion is substituted in its place. Defendant Courtney McCalep appeals his conviction of aggravated battery without great bodily harm, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-5(A), (B) (1969). On appeal, Defendant argues the district court abused its discretion in denying two untimely motions he filed to suppress evidence of the victim's prior, out-of-court identification of Defendant as well as the victim's forthcoming in-court identification of him. Defendant argues that police procedures used to obtain the victim's out-of-court identification at the scene of the arrest were unduly suggestive of Defendant's guilt in violation of his due process rights under Article II, Section 18 of the New Mexico Constitution and the per se prohibition of such impermissibly obtained identifications announced in *State v. Martinez*, 2021-NMSC-002, ¶¶ 72, 79, 86, 478 P.3d 880. **View full PDF online.**

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge
Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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the following link:
<https://bit.ly/A-1-CA-40870-Updated>

HIGHLIGHTING PRO BONO IN NEW MEXICO

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Pro Bono and the History of PRO BONO MONTH in New Mexico

As the American Bar Association website states, "Pro bono work is a professional responsibility and an individual ethical commitment of each lawyer." Naturally, it makes sense for our national legal community to honor pro bono with an annual weeklong celebration – the National Celebration of Pro Bono. With this issue of the *Bar Bulletin* launching during the week of the National Celebration of Pro Bono (October 20 – 26) it seems appropriate to provide a brief explanation of pro bono and the history of this celebration in New Mexico.

Pro Bono is a shortened reference to *pro bono publico*, which in Latin means "for the public good." As a part of our professional responsibility, lawyers are expected to provide some amount of free legal services, also known as pro bono services, to those who are unable to pay. The New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct 16-601 through 16-605 give detailed instructions about what is considered pro bono service. We are fortunate in New Mexico because we have many organizations serving people of limited means, and these organizations are always looking for volunteer attorneys (see pages 8-10 for more about the many legal services organizations in our state who need your help). The opportunities to do pro bono service are considerable, and include direct representation of clients, providing legal advice over the phone at teleclinics, providing legal advice and assistance with simple court forms at in-person legal clinics or fairs, and contributing financial support to organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means or promote improvement of the law, the legal system or the legal profession. The rules also consider pro bono services to be the provision of legal services without fee or expectation of a fee to charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters that are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means.

Pro Bono is so important, it is annually celebrated around the entire nation. Founded in 2009 by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, the National Celebration of Pro Bono falls annually during the final week of October. The American Bar Association was the first legal institution to establish a weeklong nationwide event recognizing the importance of pro bono work. On its website, the ABA states that during the past several National Celebrations of Pro Bono, thousands of sponsors coordinated over 10,000 events in 50 states, a number of territories and Canada. National Celebration

of Pro Bono week has been instrumental in boosting pro bono legal representation, and it brings pro bono work the attention it warrants.

Here, in New Mexico, we don't just celebrate Pro Bono for one week a year; our annual Celebration of Pro Bono lasts for the entire month of October. But why is that? Pro Bono has been a topic of conversation in New Mexico for a long time. The high level of poverty in New Mexico, combined with our state's largely rural nature, can make accessing legal services a challenge. Our legal community understands that although it is just one piece of the puzzle, pro bono services are essential to providing access to justice. Therefore, although the ABA's Pro Bono Week is celebrated the last week in October, here in New Mexico, we have expanded the celebration to encompass all of October!

Pro Bono is an area where New Mexico has been a national leader; we have created unique pro bono opportunities designed for our state's needs. For example, the Legal Services and Programs Committee of the State Bar was conducting virtual legal fairs using Skype years prior to the onset of the pandemic – long before anyone had heard of Zoom. Another pro bono opportunity, which is especially helpful in a state of our geographic size, is the pro bono teleclinics sponsored by New Mexico Legal Aid's Volunteer Attorney Pool. Because of the rural nature of our state, teleclinics are very useful in increasing access to pro bono legal services for people who not only can't afford an attorney, but who also are hours from the nearest courthouse or attorney's office.

During Pro Bono Month in New Mexico, there are increased opportunities to provide pro bono service and representation to New Mexicans in need which results in a large increase in pro bono services provided. Pro bono representation binds communities together in very important ways by bringing together courts, legal service providers, attorneys, and New Mexico residents of limited means. New Mexico's Pro Bono Month provides opportunities for us to work in our communities collaboratively to serve those in need, and it is an inspiring annual tradition to look forward to each year. And of course, let's not forget that the act of doing pro bono work is itself very fun, enjoyable, and inspiring for many, many reasons (be sure to check out all the quotations from pro bono attorneys about why they do pro bono service on pages 2-3).



“What Do You Find Most Rewarding About Doing Pro Bono Work?”

Many attorneys who engage in pro bono service have a variety of reasons for doing so. From fulfilling pro bono requirements to the gratification of serving underrepresented populations, the reasons for pro bono work are bountiful.

Here are a few inspirational quotes and testimonials from attorneys who regularly provide pro bono representation for New Mexicans of modest means.

“Receiving genuine and sincere appreciation for providing legal assistance to someone who would ordinarily not be able to afford it.”

– Jeffrey Jones

“When the client is truly grateful that they found an attorney willing to help them, and with that help, they can see light at the end of the tunnel that brought them to us.”

– George Wright Weeth

“I love that such a small amount of my time can make such a difference in their lives.”

– Cassandra Brown

“Pro bono work is exceedingly rewarding in that it allows me to serve individuals who would otherwise lack access to justice. The bonus for me is that I learn something new with each case.”

– Brooke Nowak-Neely

“It is a true honor to rekindle someone’s faith in the inherent goodness of humanity.”

– Rebecca Kitson

“The most rewarding thing about the clinics is meeting and helping people from all walks of life. The most rewarding thing about taking on a pro bono client is that you definitely know you have made a definite good difference in their life.”

– Twila Larkin

“Helping immigrants who have little money navigate technical issues in immigration law.”

– Arslan Umarov

“We are met with praise, gratitude and respect from our clients.”

– Donna J. Lynch

“I think the most rewarding part of doing Pro Bono Work is the opportunity to give back to our community.”

– Allison Pieroni

“My pro bono clients tell me I’ve solved problems and given them the ability to move on past a difficult relationship. With only a little effort and time, I give my pro bono clients information or options that can change their lives in such a positive way. I like knowing I’ve made a difference.”

– Lucy Sinkular

"I recently accepted my first two Modest Means cases for representation. I am learning what a big difference pro bono attorneys can make in the lives of people who need help with serious issues, such as evictions and electricity shut offs. We live in the midst of much suffering due to income inequality, generational poverty and racism. As attorneys, we have much to learn about the nature of those injustices from the people in our communities. At the same time, attorneys can often help to alleviate severe crises. This is because the legal system is in many ways a microcosm of our larger society. In other words, we have a lot to learn but a lot to share, too."

– Jane Yee

"The 'Thank Yous' and the 'Giving Back.' First, almost if not all, Pro Bono clients I have helped over the many years give you heartfelt, many times emotional, thank you's for the help you provide. Second, I have been fortunate that practicing law has been personally rewarding to me on many levels and so giving back to the community builds good karma and is the right thing to do."

– Allan Wainwright

"It just felt the right thing to do as an attorney to help people of very limited means, and who, like the paying client, lived daily with a legal problem that needed to be resolved. And I cannot remember a single pro bono client whoever failed to say 'thanks!' or 'millones de gracias!'"

– Ron Taylor

"That I can help someone navigate a complex system and help them feel empowered."

– Meredith Baker

"We, as attorneys, possess a very unique set of skills that we can draw from in order to contribute to our society. Anyone can volunteer at a homeless shelter or a food pantry, but we are uniquely situated to give back in a way that others cannot. I am rewarded by the knowledge that I have both the opportunity and the obligation to give and do more with what is inherently within me."

– Sheryl Saavedra

"I enjoy helping people."

– Linda Ellison

"Pro Bono is the intersection of remedy and access on the unbalanced, disproportionate road to justice. Pro Bono Service is NOT an idea, an aspiration or a burden. Pro Bono Service IS an action, a necessity, a responsibility, a reciprocity and an honor."

– Pamela Faris

"I feel that I am helping my community and that, as someone trained in the law, that I should give back to my community."

– Stefanie Beninato

"As a foreclosure defense attorney, my pro bono work is most fulfilling when I help people stay in their homes. It is especially gratifying when I help widows and widowers who have been taken advantage of by financial predators."

– Vanessa DeNiro

"I love the feeling of satisfaction that comes from meeting with someone who has a real problem and having the ability to take steps towards a solution in a short window of time. There is always a way to help even if the answer is that there is no legal solution. Providing a client with a path forward is a wonderful feeling and the gratitude that is shared is pretty amazing too!"

– David Humphreys

"Most rewarding part of pro bono work is getting to help clients you may never have met otherwise navigate problems that are large challenges in their lives!"

– Damon Hudson

"When I have been able to craft a solution for pro bono clients, the depth of gratitude has always been overwhelming. It reminds me that helping someone in need is its own reward."

– Orlando Lucero

The Robert H. LaFollette Pro Bono Award:

An Inspirational Look Back At Previous Winners

Each year, the State Bar of New Mexico's Annual Awards highlight multiple exceptional legal professionals who exemplify various areas of law and elevate the profession to the next level. The Robert H. LaFollette Pro Bono Award is presented to an attorney who has made an exemplary contribution of time and effort, without compensation, to provide legal assistance to people who could not afford the assistance of an attorney. We would like to recognize the previous five inspirational recipients of the Robert H. LaFollette Pro Bono Award ahead of the 2024 Annual Awards that will be presented at the State Bar Center on Oct. 25.

Please note: Each winner listed below includes short biographies from the Annual Meeting Program corresponding to the winner's year of nomination.



2023

Ella Joan Fenoglio

Ella Joan Fenoglio was born in Indianapolis with parents who were active in church committees, school activities, Boy and Girl Scouts and even the neighborhood volunteer fire department. She majored in Spanish in college and increased her fluency as an exchange student in Bogota, Colombia. She received a Masters in Community Organization from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. Ella Joan then moved to Albuquerque, being attracted to the University of New Mexico School of Law, known for its clinical program and people-oriented curriculum. She has been able to use her Spanish all these years as a lawyer, partnering with the NM Immigration Law Center, ABQ Faithworks and the Social Justice Committee of La Mesa Presbyterian Church. She volunteers with the Albuquerque Friends Meeting (Quakers) in their work with the homeless and unhoused. Ella Joan was honored to be chosen for this award and accepted it on behalf of the many lawyers in New Mexico who give so much to their communities.



2022

Darlene T. Gomez

Darlene T. Gomez is a lifelong native of New Mexico, having been born and raised in Lumberton, near where her ancestors homesteaded in Dulce before the establishment of the Indian Reservation for the Jicarilla Apache Nation. She has been practicing for over 21 years and specializes in Indian Law, Complex Family Law, Corporate Law and advocacy for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives (MMIWR).

Darlene attended the University of New Mexico School of Law where she first began her pro bono work fighting for clean water in her hometown. She was the inaugural recipient of the Carlos Vigil Scholarship.

Darlene is tirelessly passionate about giving a voice to the voiceless through her pro bono work since she began in 2001. She is a member of the NM MMIW Task Force and serves as general counsel for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Medicine Wheel Ride. She is widely considered a leading expert in MMIWR throughout the US and her persistent efforts on behalf of victims have led to an increase in both domestic and international media attention for the MMIWR Crisis.

2021

Torri A. Jacobus

Torri Jacobus is the head of the City of Albuquerque's Office of Civil Rights and Managing Attorney in the Office of the City Attorney. She is expanding the City's efforts to document and address civil rights complaints. Additionally, she provides legal guidance to the City of Albuquerque to develop, promote, and implement policies reflecting the City's commitment to equity and inclusion. Torri is Chair of the New Mexico Supreme Court Commission on Equity and Justice. She is also Vice President of the New Mexico Black Lawyers Association, and she is actively involved in several initiatives to increase equity in the legal profession and broader community. Torri earned her bachelor's degree from Xavier University of Louisiana, her master's degree from the University of Tulsa, and she graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law. When not working, Torri spends time with her husband and three children and enjoys reading novels.



2020

Julia H. Barnes

Julia is a pro-bono attorney with the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center and Santa Fe Dreamer's Project. She graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a J.D. in 1989 and from Stanford University with a B.A. in 1983. Julia's legal work is divided into a public practice and a private practice. Her public practice includes pro bono work in immigration law assisting immigrants to gain documented status. She is also the lead policy analyst for the New Mexico Speaker of the House, Brian Ego. Julia's private practice is primarily focused on insurance matters and mediation.

Julia and a team of lawyers, paralegals and interns are working to establish a program focused on youth justice. The program streamlines cases involving juvenile immigrants who qualify for special immigrant status. The project, called the Third Friday Project, began in spring 2019 and is intended to provide all qualified immigrant youth in the state with the required state court rulings needed for their immigration application free of charge. The project has moved to the next level of sustainability to expand to a caseload of 40-80 cases annually in manner which focuses on four core elements: respect for immigrant families, excellence in the legal work provided, up to date legal research to ensure that the state court orders supporting the immigration application addresses the most current family law and immigration requirement and sustainability and funding for staff to support the pro bono attorneys.



2019

Robert J. Andreotti

Robert Andreotti represents airmen, mechanics, and aviation companies in regulatory enforcement actions initiated by the Federal Aviation Administration and represents persons and companies in aviation-related civil disputes. He has over twenty-five years of experience in the aviation community, including experience as a flight instructor, an engineer and an attorney. Andreotti attended Southern Methodist University (J.D., 1993) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (B.S., Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1985). He is licensed in the State Bar of New Mexico and State Bar of Texas, before the Northern District of Texas, the Fifth Circuit, and the District of New Mexico and is a Texas registered professional engineer.



Stars

In Pro Bono Work

Across the state of New Mexico, there are many attorneys routinely engaging in pro bono representation of New Mexicans with limited financial resources. Starting with this issue of the *Bar Bulletin*, we will be highlighting attorneys who have conducted exemplary work in pro bono service in New Mexico across its diverse regions, from its rural areas to its bustling cities.



Lucy Sinkular

Lucy Sinkular, a very busy family law practitioner, manages to find time to be a Pro Bono Star for the Modest Means Helpline (MMH), which is a statewide civil legal helpline for New Mexico residents with incomes up to 500% of the federal poverty guidelines. Lucy has been generous with her time and has volunteered for pro bono direct representation of multiple MMH clients with family law matters. In fact, Lucy holds the distinction of being the volunteer attorney for the very first pro bono referral the Modest Means Helpline attempted to place back in December 2022! Lucy took one MMH case in which the very low-income client didn't speak English and lived over 200 miles away in the Southern part of the state. Lucy's pro bono representation of this client lasted for over a year and resulted in a positive result for the client regarding the marital property.



Damon Hudson

Damon Hudson is a Pro Bono Star for volunteering time for many different pro bono programs in New Mexico. He regularly volunteers for the online American Bar Association's Free Legal Answers program which is administered by the New Mexico State Bar Foundation. Damon volunteers for the quarterly pro bono teleclinics and he has taken pro bono direct referrals from the Modest Means Helpline. When he was the Chair of the State Bar of New Mexico's Young Lawyers' Division, Damon also provided valuable help in recruiting other members of the YLD to provide volunteer services for the New Mexico Bar Foundation programs.

Paul Cash has been a Pro Bono Star for the New Mexico Immigration Law Center through his dedication to his NMILC pro bono clients. NMILC's mission is to advance justice and equity by empowering low-income immigrant communities through collaborative legal services, advocacy, and education. Mr. Cash plays a significant role in making the work of NMILC's Children's Programs possible. Over the past two years, Paul has provided pro bono representation to seven immigrant children via NMILC's Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) program. Not only that, but he has also mentored numerous other pro bono attorneys at the SIJS clinics to help them better understand how to represent immigrant children in SIJS proceedings. Paul's dedicated commitment to NMILC's SIJS clients makes him an invaluable Pro Bono Star for the NMILC!



Caela Baker is a Pro Bono Star through her volunteer work for the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change, whose mission is to strengthen and support the well-being of low-income women, children, and families with children by ensuring racial and gender equity, and economic, educational and healthcare equity.

Caela is known around the KWH Law Center as the Queen of Justice for her work to help low-income survivors of domestic violence overcome financial barriers to ensure they have a pathway to access justice. Caela is described as an exceptional attorney who elevates equity and fairness for every person without regard to their financial status.



This husband-and-wife team of **Sheryl Saavedra** and **Harold (Hal) Atencio** are Pro Bono Stars for their volunteer work in providing much needed pro bono representation for clients of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change. Sheryl and Hal, combined, bring nearly 60 years of legal experience to bear in their pro bono representation of clients of the KWH Law Center who are survivors of domestic violence. Through their dedication and generous contribution of their time, Hal and Sheryl work with the KWH Law Center to advance the health, safety and social justice needs of low-income individuals.



Does your legal service organization have any Pro Bono Stars that you would like featured? Email your submissions to notices@sbnm.org, including their name, a photo and a brief biography.

How to Volunteer for and Contribute to Legal Service Providers in New Mexico Now

New Mexico's legal service providers come in a wide variety, from practice area to region of the state. As some of our largest contributors to pro bono representation in New Mexico that provide opportunities for volunteering in the legal community, there are many ways you can contribute to meet your pro bono requirements for the year and/or go above and beyond in pursuit of justice for New Mexicans seeking civil justice.

For more on how you can assist our state's legal service providers, please see the list below for information on ways to volunteer or contribute your time and resources. To view more about New Mexico's legal service providers, visit https://www.sbnm.org/CivilLegalServiceProviders_And_OtherResources.



New Mexico
State Bar Foundation
Modest Means Helpline

Modest Means Helpline (MMH)

Tel: 505-797-6013 or 888-857-9935

Website: www.sbnm.org/MMH

How to Volunteer/Contribute: The Modest Means Helpline has a panel of pro bono attorneys to whom cases can be referred if the client needs more help than MMH can offer and the case is found to be appropriate for pro bono representation. In addition, MMH utilizes the services of pro bono business attorneys to assist in the creation and presentation of its three annual small business webinars. Prospective volunteers may sign up at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SBNM2/DirectRepresentationAttorneyVolunteerSignUp>.



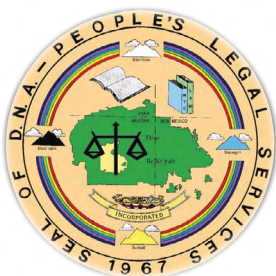
New Mexico
State Bar Foundation
Legal Resources for the
Elderly Program

Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP)

Tel: 505-797-6005 or 1-800-876-6657

Website: www.sbnm.org/LREP

How to Volunteer/Contribute: When callers to LREP's helpline need assistance beyond legal advice, if appropriate, in limited cases, LREP may seek a pro bono attorney to provide the client legal advice, limited representation or full representation. Prospective volunteers may sign up at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SBNM2/DirectRepresentationAttorneyVolunteerSignUp>.



DNA-People's Legal Services

Tel: 1-928-871-4151

Website: www.dnalegalservices.org

How to Volunteer/Contribute: DNA has a private attorney and volunteer lawyer program through which we partner with attorneys throughout the state to pay them a reduced hourly fee in exchange for representing clients and presenting at our community legal clinics and education events. For more information, visit <https://dnalegalservices.org/volunteer-opportunities-2/> and/or contact Annie Woods, senior attorney of NM advocacy, at awoods@dnalegalservices.org or 505-325-8886.



Enlace Comunitario

Enlace Comunitario

Tel: 505-246-8972

Website: www.enlacenm.org

How to Volunteer/Contribute: Interested legal professionals are encouraged to reach out via phone at 505-246-8972 ext. 49 or community@enlacenm.org for more information on volunteer opportunities with Enlace Comunitario. Enlace Comunitario always seeks community ambassadors to host Needed Items Drives or third-party fundraisers in support of its clients and client-centered work. Individuals may donate at www.enlacenm.org/donate.



KWH Law Center

Tel: 505-242-6317

Website: www.kwhlawcenter.org/

How to Volunteer/Contribute: Attorneys and others can make tax deductible donations to KWH Law Center to help the Law Center in carrying out its mission and goals. If an attorney would like to volunteer to help with a case, or part of a case, they can join the KWH Law Center Volunteer Attorney Pool. KWH Law Center asks that attorneys only commit to handling one case, or part of a case, a year. Donations may be made at <https://www.kwhlawcenter.org/will-you-help-us-fight-injustice>.



Native American Disability Law Center

Tel: 505-566-5880

Website: <https://www.nativedisabilitylaw.org/>

How to Volunteer/Contribute: The Native American Disability Law Center accepts volunteers who will assist with co-counseling on complex litigation, as well as Board or Advisory Council membership. Donations may be made at www.nativedisabilitylaw.org.



New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty

Tel: 505-255-2840

Website: www.nmpovertylaw.org

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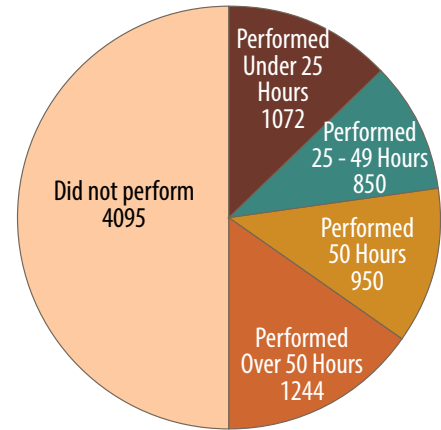
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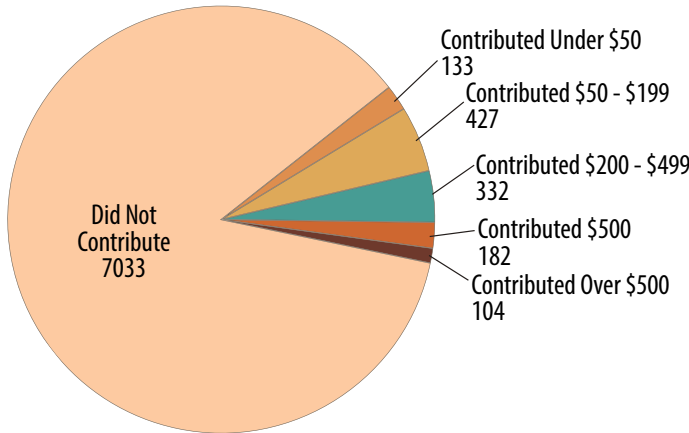
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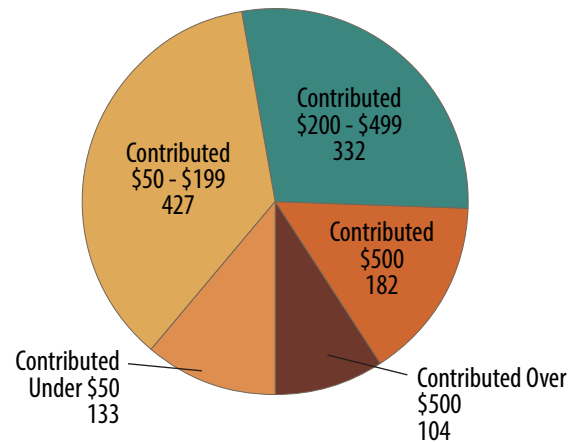
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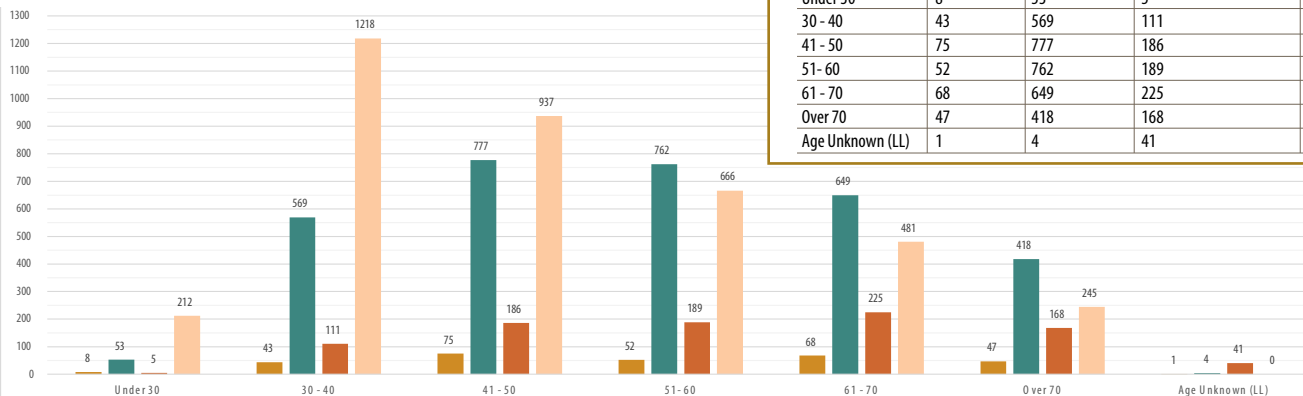


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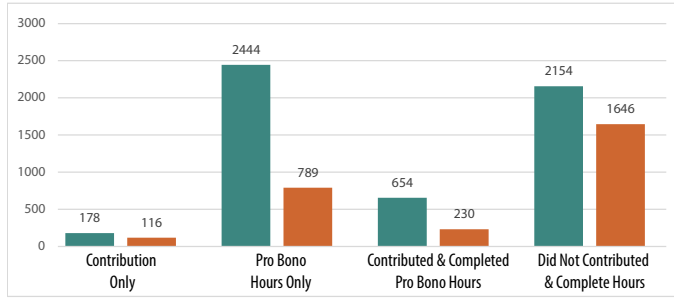
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Pro Bono by Age Range



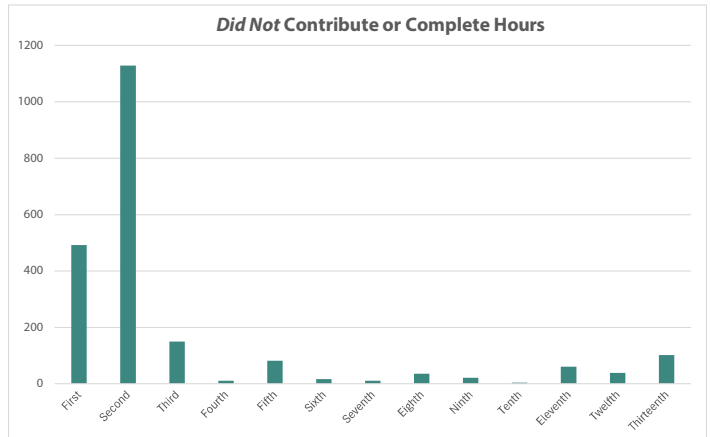
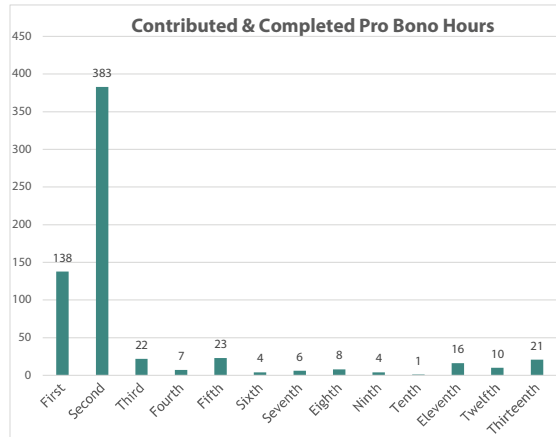
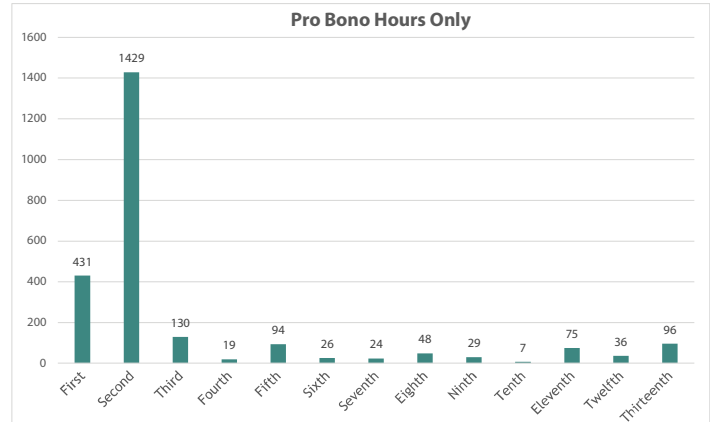
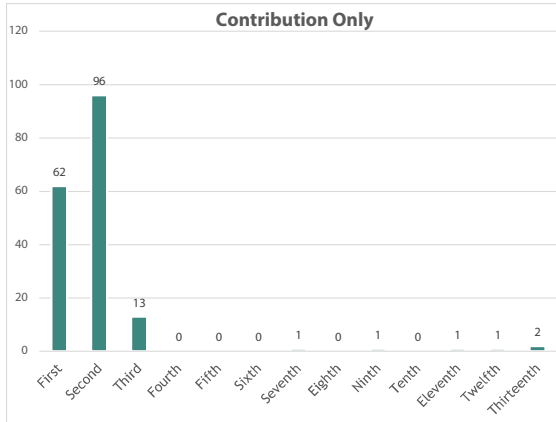
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Under 30	8	53	5	212
30 - 40	43	569	111	1218
41 - 50	75	777	186	937
51 - 60	52	762	189	666
61 - 70	68	649	225	481
Over 70	47	418	168	245
Age Unknown (LL)	1	4	41	0

New Mexico vs. Out of State Pro Bono Reporting



	New Mexico	Out of State
Contribution Only	178	116
Pro Bono Hours Only	2444	789
Contributed & Completed Pro Bono Hrs	654	230
Did Not Contribute or Complete Hrs.	2154	1646

New Mexico Judicial District Pro Bono Reporting



County	Contribution Only	Contributed & Completed Pro Bono Hours	Did Not Contribute or Complete Hours	Pro Bono Hours Only
First	62	138	492	431
Second	96	383	1128	1429
Third	13	22	150	130
Fourth	0	7	11	19
Fifth	0	23	82	94
Sixth	0	4	17	26
Seventh	1	6	11	24
Eighth	0	8	36	48
Ninth	1	4	21	29
Tenth	0	1	4	7
Eleventh	1	16	61	75
Twelfth	1	10	39	36
Thirteenth	2	21	102	96

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No. A-1-CA-40155
State of New Mexico
v.
James D. Lujan

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant James Lujan appeals his convictions for one count of intimidation of a witness, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-24-3(A)(3) (1997), and one count of harboring a felon, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-22-4 (1963), following a jury trial in Santa Fe County. Defendant contends that his convictions should be reversed because the district court erred in (1) changing the trial venue from Rio Arriba County to Santa Fe County, (2) limiting Defendant's cross-examination of two witnesses, and (3) failing to replace an allegedly sleeping juror. Defendant also asserts that his convictions were not supported by sufficient evidence. For the reasons set forth below, we affirm.

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Megan P. Duffy, Judge
Zachary A. Ives, Judge

To read the entire opinion,
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No. A-1-CA-39714
State of New Mexico
v.
Jeremiah Mayer

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Jeremiah Mayer rented a home in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, from Plaintiff Dale Slep beginning in January 2012. In August 2020, after Defendant fell behind on his rent, Plaintiff filed a petition by owner for restitution under the Uniform Owner-Resident Relations Act (UORRA), NMSA 1978, §§ 47-8-1 to -52 (1975, as amended through 2007), in Sandoval County Magistrate Court. After the magistrate court issued the requested judgment for restitution, and denied Defendant's request for reconsideration, Defendant appealed to the district court. **View full PDF online.**

Gerald E. Baca, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Kristina Bogardus, Judge
Jane B. Yohalem, Judge

To read the entire opinion,
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Nos. A-1-CA-40358
& A-1-CA-40386
In the Matter of Sherri Trevino

Introduction of Opinion

In these consolidated appeals, the State challenges two district court orders imposing sanctions for actions taken by counsel on behalf of the State in three cases. For the reasons that follow, we reverse.

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Gerald E. Baca, Judge
Katherine A. Wray, Judge

To read the entire opinion,
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No. A-1-CA-40732
Johnny Higgins

v.

Advanced Tower Services, Inc.

Introduction of Opinion

Worker Johnny Higgins appeals from two orders of the Workers' Compensation Judge (the WCJ): an order denying Worker's application for bad faith and/or unfair claims processing and an order denying Worker's motion for reconsideration. **View full PDF online.**

Zachary A. Ives, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge
Megan P. Duffy, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-41294
State of New Mexico

v.

Alika Arisumi

Introduction of Opinion

This case concerns the sale of a 2008 Ford Escape (the car) by Defendant Alika Arisumi to Victim. Defendant appeals his convictions of improper sale, disposal, removal or concealing encumbered property, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-18 (2006), and fraud, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-6 (2006). **View full PDF online.**

Kristina Bogardus, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Zachary A. Ives, Judge
Gerald E. Baca, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40893
State of New Mexico

v.

Michael Palomino

Introduction of Opinion

A jury convicted Defendant Michael Palomino of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-5(C) (1969). On appeal, Defendant argues: (1) the district court committed fundamental error by failing to instruct the jury that a defendant acting in self-defense has no duty to retreat; and (2) prosecutorial misconduct deprived him of a fair trial. We affirm for the following reasons.

Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Shammarra H. Henderson, Judge
Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40445
State of New Mexico

v.

Edgar Alejandro Mendez

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Edgar Alejandro Mendez was convicted in the First Judicial District Court, in Santa Fe County, of multiple charges arising out of two separate incidents: a motor vehicle accident occurring on June 7, 2018, and an altercation with police officers a week later on June 13, 2018.¹ On appeal, Defendant argues the following: (1) several of his convictions related to the June 13 incident violate double jeopardy; (2) the jury instructions for the charges of accidents involving death or personal injuries omitted an essential element; (3) Defendant was coerced into waiving his right to a speedy trial; (4) Defendant was deprived of his right to enter into a conditional plea agreement; **View full PDF online.**

Gerald E. Baca, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Kristina Bogardus, Judge
Zachary A. Ives, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40400
State of New Mexico

v.

Omar Adan Baltazar

Introduction of Opinion

A jury convicted Defendant of eight counts of third degree criminal sexual penetration (CSP III), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-9-11(F) (2009); one count of first degree kidnapping, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-4-1 (2003); and one count of aggravated battery against a household member, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-16(B) (2018). On appeal, Defendant argues that (1) the multiple CSP III charges violate double jeopardy protections; (2) prosecutorial misconduct warrants a new trial; (3) two of the convictions are not supported by the evidence; **View full PDF online.**

Katherine A. Wray, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Kristina Bogardus, Judge
Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge

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<https://bit.ly/A-1-CA-40400>

No. A-1-CA-41269
Angela Martinez

v.

Olivia Montoyaa

Introduction of Opinion

Appellees Angela Martinez and Manuel Montoya brought a wrongful death claim for the death of their daughter, Zyan-na Montoya (Decedent). Appellant Olivia Montoya, Decedent's grandmother, moved to intervene under Rule 1-024(A) NMRA, arguing that as a matter of right she was entitled to be a party because, at the time, she was the legal guardian of E.M.,¹ Decedent's younger sibling, who may be eligible to receive proceeds from a judgment on the claim. The district court denied Appellant's motion, reasoning that Rule 1-024(B) controlled and that allowing intervention at this point "would be confusing and cumbersome for any third party to deal with competing claims of representation." **View full PDF online.**

Bruce D. Black, Judge Pro Tem.
WE CONCUR:
Jennifer L. Attrep, Chief Judge
Zachary A. Ives, Judge

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-39409
State of New Mexico

v.
Isaias Lobato-Rodriguez

Introduction of Opinion

Following a jury trial, Defendant Isaias Lobato-Rodriguez was convicted of second degree murder, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-2-1(B) (1994). On remand from the New Mexico Supreme Court, see *State v. Lobato-Rodriguez*, 2024-NMSC-014, ¶ 34, 548 P.3d 21, we address the four remaining issues raised in Defendant's direct appeal: whether (1) the district court erred in denying Defendant's request for a self-defense instruction, (2) the district court should have suppressed statements Defendant made to border patrol agents, (3) the district court erred in denying Defendant's request to correct an error in the translation of his trial testimony, and (4) cumulative errors require reversal. We affirm.

Megan P. Duffy, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Zachary A. Ives, Judge
Gerald E. Baca, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40313
State of New Mexico

v.
John Dent

Introduction of Opinion

Following a jury trial, Defendant John Dent was convicted of six crimes: (1) kidnapping in the first degree, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-4-1 (2003); (2) criminal sexual penetration (CSP) in the third degree, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-9-11(F) (2009); (3) aggravated battery against a household member (strangulation), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-16(C) (3) (2018); (4) aggravated battery against a household member (great bodily harm), contrary to Section 30-3-16(C)(1); (5) bribery or intimidation of a witness (threats) (reporting), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-24-3 (1997); and (6) interference with communications, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-12-1 (1979). **View full PDF online.**

Megan P. Duffy, Judge
WE CONCUR:

Kristina Bogardus, Judge
Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40463
High Plains Livestock, LLC

v.
Barry Allen

Introduction of Opinion

Plaintiffs High Plains Livestock, LLC, Michael Flen, Calvin Pareo, and Darcie Pareo (collectively, Plaintiffs) appeal the district court's grant of a motion to dismiss in favor of Defendants Barry Allen, Shawn Davis, Ray Baca, and the New Mexico Livestock Board (the Board) (collectively, Defendants). Plaintiffs argue that (1) the New Mexico Civil Rights Act (the CRA), NMSA 1978, §§ 41-4A-1 to -13 (2021), waives sovereign immunity as a defense for Defendants; (2) Defendants were given proper notice and their claims were made within the statute of limitations, pursuant to the New Mexico Tort Claims Act (the TCA), NMSA 1978, §§ 41-4-1 to -30 (1976, as amended through 2020); **View full PDF online.**

Michael D. Bustamante, Judge,
Retired, Sitting by designation.

WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge
Shammara H. Henderson, Judge
concurring in result only.

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-40896

Judith Tallman

v.

**Board of Regents of the
University of New Mexico**

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico appeals from a jury verdict in favor of Plaintiff Judith Tallman regarding her claims alleging hostile work environment on the basis of her gender, constructive discharge, and retaliation, all of which the jury found to be in violation of the New Mexico Human Rights Act (NMHRA or the Act), NMSA 1978, §§ 28-1-1 to -14 (1969, as amended through 2024). Defendant raises numerous issues on appeal, broadly challenging the jury's verdict for lack of support by sufficient evidence, its award of damages, and various related district court rulings. **View full PDF online.**

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Kristina Bogardus, Judge

Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40639

State of New Mexico

v.

Edward Bingham

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Edward Bingham appeals the jury's convictions of sexual exploitation of children (SEC), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-6A-3(D) (2016) (recording) and Section 30-6A-3(A) (possession). Defendant challenges various pretrial rulings regarding the circumstances of the detention and arrest, the warrantless seizure of the vehicle, the sufficiency of a search warrant, and the district court's determination that hearsay evidence from Victim was admissible based on forfeiture by wrongdoing principles. **View full PDF online.**

Katherine A. Wray, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Jacqueline R. Medina, Judge

Gerald E. Baca, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40470

Loretta Naranjo Lopez

v.

**New Mexico Public Employees
Retirement Association**

Introduction of Opinion

Plaintiff Loretta Naranjo Lopez, an elected board member of the New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), filed suit against Defendants PERA, PERA Board members Francis Page, Claudia Armijo, Roberto Ramirez, Paula Fisher, PERA General Counsel Misty Schoeppner, and the General Services Department (GSD). Plaintiff appeals from the district court's order granting Defendants' motions to dismiss for failure to state a claim and dismissing Plaintiff's complaint. Plaintiff also contends the district court abused its discretion in denying her motion for leave to amend her complaint. We affirm.

Megan P. Duffy, Judge

WE CONCUR:

J. Miles Hanisee, Judge

Kristina Bogardus, Judge

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Location: Virtual

12 **Legal Fair**
In-Person
New Mexico Legal Aid
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Location: Alamogordo

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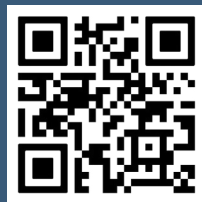
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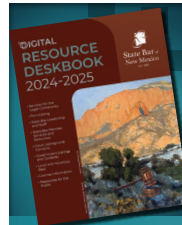
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Positions

Various Assistant City Attorney Positions

The City of Albuquerque Legal Department is hiring for various Assistant City Attorney positions. Hybrid in person/remote work schedule available. The Legal Department's attorneys provide a broad range of legal services to the City and represent it in legal proceedings in court and before state, federal and administrative bodies. Current open positions include: Labor/Employment Attorney: The City is seeking an attorney to represent it in litigation related to employment and labor law in New Mexico State and Federal Courts, before the City of Albuquerque Personnel Board, and before the City of Albuquerque Labor Board; General Counsel: The City is seeking attorneys to provide a broad range of general counsel legal services to the Mayor's Office, City Council, various City departments, boards, commissions, and agencies in the Municipal Affairs and Real Estate and Operations divisions. The legal services provided by the divisions include, but are not limited to, drafting legal opinions, reviewing and drafting ordinances and executive/administrative instructions, reviewing and drafting contracts, and providing general advice and counsel on day-to-day operations for various Departments throughout the City; Land Use and Enforcement Division: The City is seeking an attorney to enforce traffic violations and provide general counsel support to various Departments and programs, including, but not limited to, Animal Welfare and automated speed enforcement; Air Quality Attorney: The City is seeking an attorney for the Real Estate and Operations Division. This attorney will serve as general counsel to the City's Environmental Health Department ("EHD") regarding Air Quality issues throughout Bernalillo County including at federal and state facilities. This attorney will provide a broad range of legal services to EHD including, but not limited to, administrative enforcement actions, litigation and appeals, stationary source permits and "fugitive dust" permits, air quality monitoring and quality assurance, guidance regarding EPA grants, control strategies, work with EHD teams to develop new or amended regulations to be proposed to the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board ("Air Board"), attend and represent EHD staff at rulemaking and adjudicatory hearings, review and draft intergovernmental agreements regarding air quality issues, review and draft legislation regarding air quality. Attention to detail and strong writing and interpersonal skills are essential. Preferences include: experience with litigation, contract drafting and review, government agencies, government compliance, and policy writing. Salary based upon experience. For more information or to apply please send a resume and writing sample to Angela Aragon at amaragon@cabq.gov.

Child Support Attorneys Needed

NO BILLABLE HOURS! STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS! ELEVEN PAID HOLIDAYS! The Child Support Services Division (CSSD) of the New Mexico Health Care Authority (previously the Human Services Department) is HIRING entry level and experienced attorneys to work in the Las Cruces, Los Lunas, Clovis, or Roswell offices. Salary is based on SPO's NEW pay bands (LH) with a midpoint of \$108,296.00, that is adjusted depending upon experience. CSSD offers fitness and wellness leave (2 hours/week) and alternative work schedules once you have completed probation. Newly licensed attorneys or those wishing to relocate to New Mexico are encouraged to apply. Apply online: State Personnel Office (<https://careers.share.nm.gov>), or contact Reina Owen DeMartino at Reina.OwenDeMartino@hca.nm.gov.

Appellate Attorney

Appellate boutique Durham, Pittard & Spalding LLP is looking for bright, motivated, and talented lawyers to join our growing and successful team in our office in Santa Fe. Our firm specializes in civil appeals and provides trial support to some of the best trial lawyers in New Mexico and throughout the country in high-stakes, complex litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. Our practice is heavily focused on catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation, including product liability, toxic tort, medical malpractice, and trucking, but our attorneys also handle a wide variety of other civil matters including civil rights, employment, and the occasional domestic relations or criminal appeal. We are looking for candidates who enjoy researching, writing, and presenting oral argument to trial and appellate courts. The position offers the opportunity to learn from experienced practitioners and to develop the skills of a top-notch appellate attorney. If interested, please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to: jkaufman@dpslawgroup.com.

Full-Time Associate Attorney

Whitener Law Firm, P.A. is seeking a full-time associate attorney to assist with briefing, to attend hearings, depositions, and mediations as well as managing a caseload of personal injury cases. Candidates must be highly motivated, client oriented and enjoy working in a fast-paced environment. Candidates must be licensed to practice in the state of New Mexico. Must have at least five years of experience. Salary competitive and commensurate to experience and qualifications. Please send resume to Leanne Duree, Whitener Law Firm, P.A., 4110 Cutler Avenue, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110, fax to 505-242-3322 or e-mail to leanne@whitenerlawfirm.com.

New Mexico Legal Aid – Current Job Opportunities

New Mexico Legal Aid (NMLA) provides civil legal services to low income New Mexicans for a variety of legal issues including domestic violence/family law, consumer protection, housing, tax issues and benefits. NMLA has locations throughout the state including Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Gallup, Roswell, Silver City, Clovis, Hobbs, Las Vegas, Taos, and Santa Ana. Managing Attorney: Multiple positions; Staff Attorney Positions: Multiple positions; Paralegal: Multiple positions. Please visit our website for all current openings, NMLA benefits, Salary Scales and instructions on how to apply - <https://newmexicolegalaid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>

Senior Trial Attorneys, Trial Attorneys, and Assistant Trial Attorneys

The Eleventh Judicial District Attorney's Office, Div. II, in Gallup, New Mexico, McKinley County is seeking applicants for Assistant Trial Attorneys, Trial Attorneys and Senior Trial Attorneys. You will enjoy working in a community with rich culture and history while gaining invaluable experience and making a difference. The McKinley County District Attorney's Office provides regular courtroom practice, supportive and collegial work environment. You are a short distance away from Albuquerque, Southern parts of Colorado, Farmington, and Arizona. We offer an extremely competitive salary and benefit package. Salary commensurate with experience. These positions are open to all licensed attorneys who are in good standing with the bar within or without the State of New Mexico. Please Submit resume to District Attorney Bernadine Martin, 201 West Hill, Suite 100, Gallup, NM 87301, or e-mail letter to Bmartin@da.state.nm.us. Position to commence immediately and will remain open until filled.

Managing City Attorney – Policy

The City is seeking an individual to work on the analysis of proposed legislation. This position requires analytical and advocacy skills and will work closely with the Mayor's Office, City Council and Council Services, and City Departments. This position will analyze, evaluate, and assist with the drafting of legislation, track legislation through the process, address legal issues, and must be willing to support the City Attorney at City Council meetings. Attention to detail and strong writing and interpersonal skills are essential. Salary based upon experience. For more information or to apply please send a resume and writing sample to Angela Aragon at amaragon@cabq.gov.

Commercial Litigation Associate: Albuquerque

At Brownstein, we pride ourselves on having the top legal minds in the industry, powerful policy knowledge and best-in-class business acumen to solve businesses' toughest challenges. Brownstein is a law and lobbying firm that has been making moves for more than 50 years to stay at the vanguard of its industry. You'll find this firm at the heart of many of the most important cases, the most significant deals and the country's most pivotal legislation. With 12 offices, 600+ employees and 300+ attorneys and policy professionals nationwide, we're committed to creating strong relationships with not only our clients, but with each other and our communities. At Brownstein, we're committed to defending our client's best interests—whether that's in or out of the courtroom, through trial or appeal, in federal or state court. With a strong track record, senior representation and extensive geographic reach, there's no better litigation team to tackle our client's biggest challenges. At Brownstein, we approach every case with a strategy that meets the client's needs and expectations. Depending on our early case evaluation and litigation risk analysis, we can determine if pre-litigation dispute resolution is the best route forward. But when a case does progress to the courtroom, it's our preparation and experience that help us achieve the right results. Are you looking for camaraderie, collaboration and a challenge? If so, we want you at Brownstein. We are looking for a Commercial Litigation Associate with 2-5 years of experience to join the firm's Albuquerque office. Ideal candidates should have a proven track record in legal research and writing, including, but not limited to, the drafting of briefs, complaints, pretrial motions, memoranda and discovery requests. Superior analytical abilities, strong verbal and interpersonal skills, and the ability to work in a team environment required. Judicial clerkship preferred. Colorado bar admission preferred. Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and law school transcript. Please apply here: <https://www.bhfs.com/careers/lateral-attorneys>

Family Legal Assistance Attorney

Pueblo of Laguna, NM – Great employer and benefits, competitive pay DOE! Seeking full-time attorney to provide legal advice and representation to Laguna members on broad range of civil matters, including consumer, probate, benefits, and family issues. Leisurely commute from Albuquerque metro, Los Lunas, or Grants, and partial remote-work available. Apply now, will fill quickly. Application instructions and position details at: <https://www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov/elected-officials/secretarys-office/human-resources/employment/>

Civil Litigation Attorney

Description: Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A. is currently seeking attorneys with Civil Litigation experience to work in our Albuquerque office. Qualifications: Ideal candidate must have strong academic credentials, excellent references, solid writing skills, deposition experience, hearing experience, and must be licensed in New Mexico. Experience in professional liability, medical negligence or personal injury is preferred. Candidates should possess the desire to work as a team, to mature their legal skills, and to represent their clients well. Rodey offers comprehensive benefits package, including health, dental and vision; professional development and multi-faceted mentoring program; FSA and HSA plan option(s); 401K plan/employer match; group life and long-term disability insurance; employee assistance program; wireless phone/services stipend. We are excited about our opportunity to partner with qualified candidates looking to advance their legal career. For consideration, please include a cover letter, resume, law school transcript and writing sample and submit via email to Ali Dyer, Human Resources Director at: jobs@rodey.com with "Litigation Attorney" in the subject line. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Rodey is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Rodey Law Firm is not accepting unsolicited resumes from search firms for this position.

Full-Time Transactional Attorney

Blackgarden Law is looking for a full-time transactional Attorney with at least 2 years of meaningful experience in Business and Corporate Law. Corporate securities law is a requirement. This is an in-person or hybrid position. Visit our website at blackgardenlaw.com/careers for a full job description and application instructions.

Associate Attorney

Atkinson, Baker & Rodriguez, P.C. is a successful and established Albuquerque-based complex civil commercial and tort litigation firm seeking motivated and talented associate attorney candidates with great academic credentials. Join our small but growing focused Firm and participate in litigating cases from beginning to end with the support of our nationally recognized, experienced attorneys! Come work for a team that fosters development and growth to become a stand-out civil litigator. Highly competitive compensation and benefits. Send resumes, references, writing samples, and law school transcripts to Atkinson, Baker & Rodriguez, P.C., 201 Third Street NW, Suite 1850, Albuquerque, NM 87102 or. Please reference Attorney Recruiting.

Attorneys

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission has openings for attorneys. Job Details: The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission serves New Mexico by ensuring safe operations and reliable utility services at fair, just, and reasonable rates consistent with the State's legal, economic, environmental, and social policies. The PRC has openings for attorneys in three divisions: the Legal Division, the Office of General Counsel, and the Hearing Examiners Division. Our Legal Division represents staff in matters before the Commission, and also may provide legal services to staff regarding, for example, contract review, employment matters, and IPRA responses through the Records Bureau. The Office of General Counsel serves as the attorneys for the Commission itself. In the Hearing Examiners Division, hearing examiners serve as administrative law judges in complex utility proceedings to which they are designated by the Commissioners and in which they serve as Commissioner proxies. Minimum Requirements: Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited school of law and four (4) years of experience in the practice of law. Must be licensed as an attorney by the Supreme Court of New Mexico or qualified to apply for limited practice license (Rules 15-301-1 and 15-301.2 NMRA). For more information on limited practice licenses, please visit <http://nmexam.org/limited-license>. Employment Requirements: All Attorney classifications must be and remain licensed as an attorney, in good standing, by the Supreme Court of New Mexico, or licensed as an attorney and in good standing by the highest court of another state and eligible pursuant to the limited license provisions (See Rules 15-301.1 and 15-301.2 NMRA). Must maintain a valid NM driver's license and successfully pass a background check. How to apply: Please visit our website at <https://www.prc.nm.gov/prc-job-opportunities/> to review specific job opportunities and requirements within our organization. Instructions regarding how to apply will be found in the specific job listings.

Litigation Attorney

Busy Plaintiff's civil litigation firm located near the Journal Center is accepting resumes for an associate attorney with 5 (or more) years of practical experience. Candidates should possess strong oration skills, be proficient in conducting and defending depositions, have critical research and writing abilities and be familiar with motion practice. Practice areas include civil litigation/personal injury and general tort issues. Litigation experience preferred, but will not bar consideration. Salary commensurate with experience. Please forward a letter of interest along with a Resume and writing sample to: paralegal3.bleuslaw@gmail.com.

Associate Attorney

Mid- size downtown Defense litigation firm looking for associate with 3-5 years to do litigation including depositions and trials. Pay range varies with experience \$70,000. To \$120,000. Congenial and easy-going firm. Please contact Karen Arrants at Stiff, Garcia & Associates, karrants@stiffllaw.com

Assistant Trial Attorney or Trial Attorney

Assistant Trial Attorney or Trial Attorney wanted for immediate employment with the Seventh Judicial District Attorney's Office, which includes Catron, Sierra, Socorro and Torrance counties. Employment will be based primarily in Sierra County (Truth or Consequences, NM). T or C is approximately a one hour commute from Las Cruces. Must be admitted to the New Mexico State Bar. Salary range will be \$72,301 - \$90,377 and commensurate with experience and budget availability. Will also have full benefits and one of the best retirement plans (PERA) in the country. Send resume to: Seventh District Attorney's Office, Attention: J.B. Mauldin, P.O. Box 1099, 302 Park Street, Socorro, New Mexico 87801. Or email to: jbmauldin@da.state.nm.us .

Litigation Attorney

Tired of billable hours? The Law Offices of Erika E. Anderson is seeking a highly motivated attorney. The law firm is a very busy and fast-paced AV rated firm that specializes in civil litigation on behalf of Plaintiffs. We also do Estate Planning and Probate litigation. The candidate must be well organized, pay close attention to detail, be willing to take on multiple responsibilities, and be highly skilled when it comes to both legal research and writing. This is a wonderful opportunity to join an incredible team that works hard and is rewarded for hard work! The position offers a supportive and collaborative work environment, a competitive salary, and a generous benefits package. If interested, please send a resume to accounting@eandersonlaw.com.

Attorney

The Carrillo Law Firm, P.C., located in Las Cruces, NM, is seeking an Attorney to join the firm. The firm handles complex litigation as well as day-to-day legal matters from government and private clients. Applicant must have a current license to practice law in New Mexico, and possess strong legal research and writing skills, have a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and desire to learn. We offer competitive benefits to include health insurance, profit sharing plan, and an excellent work environment. Please send letter of interest, resume, references, and writing sample via email to deena@carrillolaw.org. All responses are kept confidential.

Request For Proposals

Real Estate Counsel Services

The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) seeks competitive sealed proposals for Professional Services for Real Estate Counsel Services. The complete Request for Proposals including the Scope of Services may be obtained by email via the link under Ads & Notices at www.amafca.org. beginning October 20, 2024. Services will be required in the following areas of Real Estate law: Real Estate Contracts and Agreements, Easements and Right-of-Way, Inter-Governmental Real Estate Transactions, Condemnation, Real Estate Law. It is estimated that approximately 20-25 hours per month will be required to perform these services. Proposals shall be received at the proper email address as indicated in the complete RFP packet between Tuesday November 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 13, 2024. For more information, please visit www.amafca.org beginning October 20, 2024.

Santa Fe County - County Attorney

Santa Fe County is seeking an experienced attorney with a passion for public service to lead its internal legal office, which includes six other attorneys, two paralegals, and an administrative assistant. Salary range is from \$51.96/hr. to \$75.91/hr., depending upon qualifications and budget availability. Applicants must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico and have ten (10) years of legal experience as an attorney, of which a minimum of two (2) years must have been in a supervisory capacity. The ideal candidate has experience in diverse practice areas, including litigation and transactional work, as well as a proven record of problem solving and working effectively with a diverse group of client constituents and Elected Officials. Candidates must apply through Santa Fe County's website, at http://www.santafecountynm.gov/job_opportunities.

Medical Malpractice Litigation Associate

Saiz, Chanez, Sherrell + Kaemper, P.C. is looking for a full-time associate who enjoys collaboration and challenging work for a variety of healthcare clients. Join our small and growing law firm and take advantage of mentorship from a diverse group of medical malpractice attorneys. We offer a flexible and collegial work environment with the opportunity for professional growth and litigation experience, along with a competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume and writing sample to Isabel Blea at iblea@sclawnm.com.

Attorney – Civil Litigation

Join Sutin, Thayer & Browne where you can grow your legal practice and thrive while having flexibility and support! We have been New Mexico's trusted choice for legal services for over 75 years and we're seeking to energize the traditional big law firm model. You'll be part of a supportive team where excellence meets a vibrant workplace culture. Our teams handle everything from business transactions to litigation with a unique, client-focused approach and a collaborative spirit that sets us apart. Here's what we offer: competitive compensation structure, flexible remote work, and opportunities for growth and mentorship. We have a fantastic benefits package including medical, dental, and vision insurance, 401(k) matching, profit sharing, and employer-paid life and long-term disability insurance. Join us and dive into diverse areas of law while looking forward to one day leading a team. Ready to grow with us? Let's make it happen! We are looking to hire a full-time Attorney with at least 4-5 years of relevant experience to join our Litigation practice. A book of business is NOT required. Interest in commercial and governmental law is a plus. To apply, please send please send a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample to both: Eduardo Duffy, Recruiting Chair, at EAD@sutinfirm.com and Danielle Smith, HR Manager, at DSS@sutinfirm.com

City of Albuquerque – Contract Attorney

The City of Albuquerque, through the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board ("Air Board"), is seeking a qualified attorney to contract with to provide legal representation and general legal services to the Air Board. This position is an independent contractor, and is not an employee of the City of Albuquerque. Applicant must be admitted to the practice of law by the New Mexico Supreme Court and be an active member of the Bar in good standing. A successful candidate will attend all Air Board meetings, have strong communication skills, knowledge of board governance and Robert's Rules of Order, the NM Open Meetings Act, and knowledge of environmental rules and regulations including the Clean Air Act. Prior experience with, or advising, boards and commissions is preferred. Please submit a resume to the attention of "Air Board General Counsel Application"; c/o Angela Aragon; Executive Assistant; P.O. Box 2248, Albuquerque, NM 87103 or amaragon@cabq.gov.

Children's Court Attorney for CYFD

The Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) is hiring full-time and contract attorneys of all levels of experience, as well as law clerks, to fill multiple Children's Court Attorney vacancies in the Legal Department statewide. Children's Court Attorneys are established in the Children's Code for each judicial district and provide legal services in protective services cases (child abuse and neglect matters) including consultation, counsel, filing and initiation of new cases, interpretation of law, research, litigation, and mediation. These positions offer the opportunity for challenging and fast-paced litigation, including civil evidentiary trials, and to work with CYFD to find solutions for children and their families and to make a difference in the community. Qualifications: JD from an accredited law school, and admission to the NM state bar in good standing or if barred in another state, the ability to acquire a limited law license. Children's Court Attorneys are in pay band LH, with an annual salary range from \$77,354 to \$139,238 and a competitive full benefits package. Individual contracts will be negotiated up to \$60,000/year. For more information or to apply, please contact Dawn Walters (dawn.walters@cyfd.nm.gov; (505) 526-5925) or go to www.spo.state.nm.us. The State of New Mexico is an EOE.

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Request for Proposals for Electronic-Filing System & Case Management System RFP No. NM 2025-0001

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) has issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. NM 2025-0001 for software licenses, professional services related to software development, implementation/configuration, user training, annual software maintenance, support and additional software enhancements. A copy of the RFP may be found on the PRC website <https://www.prc.nm.gov/rfp> or obtained from Lori Narvaiz, Procurement Manager. Requests for the RFP may be sent to Lori Narvaiz, via email at lori.narvaiz@prc.nm.gov. Offerors shall submit their proposals to PRC no later than 3:00 p.m. MST/MDT, on November 19, 2024. All proposals shall be submitted to the email provided above.

Contract Prosecutor

The Eleventh Judicial District Attorney's Office, Div. II, in Gallup, New Mexico, McKinley County is seeking applicants for a Contract Prosecutor to assist in the prosecution of criminal misdemeanor cases, felony cases and conflict of interest cases. The Contract Prosecutor position requires substantial knowledge and experience in criminal prosecution, rules of evidence and rules of criminal procedure; trial skills; the ability to draft legal documents and to research/analyze information and situations and the ability to work effectively with other criminal justice agencies and Law Enforcement. This position is open to all attorneys who have knowledge in criminal law and who are in good standing with the New Mexico Bar. Limited License is okay. Salary will result in a contractual agreement between the contract prosecutor and the District Attorney. Submit letter of interest and resume to District Attorney Bernadine Martin, 201 West Hill, Suite 100, Gallup, NM 87301, or e-mail letter to bmartin@da.state.nm.us.

Assistant District Attorney

The Fifth Judicial District Attorney's office has immediate positions open for new and/or experienced attorneys. Salary will be based upon the New Mexico District Attorney's Salary Schedule with salary range of an Assistant Trial Attorney (\$ 72,301.00) to a Senior Trial Attorney (\$85,222.00), based upon experience. Must be licensed in the United States. These positions are located in the Carlsbad and Roswell, NM office. The office will pay for your New Mexico Bar Dues as well as the National District Attorney's Association membership. Please send resume to Dianna Luce, District Attorney, 102 N. Canal, Suite 200, Carlsbad, NM 88220 or email to nshreve@da.state.nm.us

Entry Level and Experienced Attorneys

The Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney's Office is seeking both entry level and experienced attorneys. Positions available in Sandoval, Valencia, and Cibola Counties. Enjoy the convenience of working near a metropolitan area while gaining valuable trial experience in a smaller office, providing the opportunity to advance more quickly than is afforded in larger offices. The 13th Judicial District offers flex schedules in a family friendly environment. Competitive salary starting @ 83,000+ depending on experience. Contact Krissy Fajardo @ kfajardo@da.state.nm.us or visit our website for an application @ <https://www.13th.nmdas.com/> Apply as soon as possible. These positions fill fast!

Experienced Personal Injury Litigation Paralegal with 10 Years of Expertise Wanted

Experienced Personal Injury Litigation Paralegal with 10 Years of Expertise Wanted Kane Personal Injury is looking for a dedicated and skilled Personal Injury Litigation Paralegal to enhance our legal team. We are looking for someone with 10 years of focused experience in personal injury law, who brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to effectively manage cases from inception through trial. Skills Required: Comprehensive Case Management – Skilled in handling all phases of personal injury litigation, including pleadings, motions, discovery, and trial preparation; Client Relations – Provide compassionate and professional communication, ensuring clients are well-informed and supported throughout the legal process; Discovery & Document Preparation – Expert in drafting and responding to interrogatories, requests for production, and deposition summaries, ensuring timely and thorough litigation support; Trial Preparation – Experience in preparing trial exhibits, witness lists, and coordinating with experts, giving attorneys the support needed for a successful outcome; Legal Research – Conduct in-depth research to assist attorneys in developing strong case strategies and drafting legal documents; Knows how to Request Medical Records and IPRA; Know how to file court documents; Have 10 Years of Proven Experience in personal injury litigation, with a track record of contributing to successful settlements and trial outcomes; Highly Organized and Detail-Oriented – Capable of managing multiple cases efficiently while maintaining accuracy and meeting deadlines; Strong Communication Skills – Liaison between attorneys, clients, court personnel, and medical professionals, ensuring seamless case management; Must type well and have strong technology skills. Please send resume to the below email address—all inquires will be kept strictly confidential. samuel@kane-injury.com

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We are currently hiring for the following positions: Paralegal; Legal Assistant; Receptionist. What We Offer: Competitive salaries with opportunities for growth, comprehensive health, dental, and vision insurance, paid time off, including vacation, sick leave, and holidays, continuing education and professional development support, and a positive, collaborative work environment. Roybal-Mack & Cordova is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply, visit roybalmacklaw.com/careers or send your resume and cover letter to brenda@roybalmacklaw.com.

Receptionist/Legal Assistant

Receptionist/Legal Assistant needed for criminal firm. Start immediately for part or full-time position. Phones, correspondence, simple legal drafting, transcription, case and client management. Court/legal experience preferred but not required \$17 and up DOE. Call Frechette & Associates at 505-247-8558 or email at Frechette@frechettelaw.com

Telephone Helpline Intake Screener

The New Mexico State Bar Foundation seeks qualified applicants to join our team as a full-time (40 hours/week) Telephone Helpline Intake Screener. The successful applicant will answer Bar Foundation Legal Helplines incoming calls, conduct/complete intakes and establish case files in the Legal Services Programs electronic case management systems. Fluency in Spanish is required. \$17-\$19/hour, depending on experience and qualifications. Generous benefits package included. This position qualifies for partial telecommuting. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to HR@sbnm.org. Visit www.sbnm.org/SBNMjobs for full details and application instructions.

Full-Time Legal Assistant/ Legal Secretary

Madison, Mroz, Steinman, Kenny & Olexy, P.A., a well-established civil litigation firm, seeks a full-time Legal Assistant/Legal Secretary. The ideal candidate should have a minimum of 5 years civil litigation experience, with preference towards medical malpractice, the ability to multitask effectively in a fast-paced environment, possess excellent skills in case management and calendar procedures, ability to assess priorities, highly motivated, detail oriented, strong work ethic, knowledge of State and Federal court rules, and proficient in Odyssey and CM/ECF e-filing. We offer an excellent fully funded health insurance plan, 401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan, paid designated holidays, PTO, and a professional and team-oriented environment. Please submit your resume to: becky@madisonlaw.com, or mail to Office Administrator, P.O. Box 25467, Albuquerque, NM 87125-5467.

Litigation Paralegal

Description: Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A. is accepting resumes for a litigation paralegal in the firm's Albuquerque office to assist attorneys in an active litigation practice. Qualifications: In this role, you will support attorneys by managing a variety of essential tasks, including maintaining effective communication with clients and organizing case files, pleadings, attorney notebooks, and other critical documents. You will also be responsible for summarizing articles, reports, witness statements, and depositions. Accurate and detailed timekeeping is required. The ideal candidate will have a Paralegal certification, minimum of 2 years of experience providing legal support in mid-size or large-size law firm, excellent organizational skills, demonstrate initiative, resourcefulness, and flexibility, be detail-oriented and able to work in a fast-paced, multi-task legal environment. Rodey offers comprehensive benefits package, including health, dental and vision; professional development and multi-faceted mentoring program; FSA and HSA plan option(s); 401K plan/employer match; group life and long-term disability insurance; employee assistance program; wireless phone/services stipend. We are excited about our opportunity to partner with qualified candidates looking to advance their legal career. For consideration, please include a cover letter and resume and submit via email to [Ali Dyer, Human Resources Director at: jobs@rodey.com](mailto:Ali.Dyer@rodey.com) with "Litigation Paralegal" in the subject line. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Rodey is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Rodey Law Firm is not accepting unsolicited resumes from search firms for this position.

Paralegal

Paralegal position in established commercial civil litigation firm. Prior experience preferred. Requires knowledge of State and Federal District Court rules and filing procedures; factual and legal online research; trial preparation; case management and processing of documents including acquisition, review, summarizing, indexing, distribution and organization of same; drafting discovery and related pleadings; maintaining and monitoring docketing calendars; oral and written communications with clients, counsel, and other case contacts; proficient in MS Office Suite, AdobePro, Powerpoint and adept at learning and use of electronic databases and legal software technology. Must be organized and detail-oriented professional with excellent computer skills. All inquiries confidential. Salary DOE. Competitive benefits. Email resumes to or Fax to 505-764-8374.

Experienced Full-Time Paralegal

Our law firm is a well-established and respected personal injury law firm in Santa Fe. We are seeking an experienced full-time paralegal to join our busy team. The position requires excellent attention to detail and organization as well as strong writing skills. Applicants must be able to prioritize and multi-task in our fast-paced environment. Litigation experience is a plus. The right candidate will be friendly, dedicated and a team player. The firm offers 100% employer paid health insurance premiums, competitive salary, and a 401K plan with profit sharing. Please send a resume to santafepifirm@gmail.com.

City of Albuquerque Paralegal

The City of Albuquerque Legal Department is seeking a Paralegal to assist an assigned attorney or attorneys in performing substantive administrative legal work from time of inception through resolution and perform a variety of paralegal duties, including, but not limited to, performing legal research, managing legal documents, assisting in the preparation of matters for hearing or trial, preparing discovery, drafting pleadings, setting up and maintaining a calendar with deadlines, and other matters as assigned. Excellent organization skills and the ability to multitask are necessary. Must be a team player with the willingness and ability to share responsibilities or work independently. Starting salary is \$28.01 per hour during an initial, proscribed probationary period. Upon successful completion of the proscribed probationary period, the salary will increase to \$29.50 per hour. Competitive benefits provided and available on first day of employment. Please apply at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cabq>.

Legal Assistant

Solo practitioner seeking an experienced, professional, full-time legal assistant. Practice limited to probate, elder law, guardianships, and an occasional plaintiff's personal injury case. The ideal candidate will have experience with MS Office, QuickBooks, Odyssey, SOPA, and legal billing software. The ideal candidate will possess above-average writing and speaking skills. Duties will include reception, answering multiple telephone lines, scheduling appointments, filing, client billing, bookkeeping, and general office administrative duties. Position offers a very pleasant working environment. Experience preferred but willing to train the right well-qualified candidate. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send a cover letter and resume to ben@benhancocklaw.com.

Litigation Paralegal – Las Cruces

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Will Search

Searching for a Will (or other estate planning documents) for decedent Alvin Leon Martin who died 1-24-24. Decedent was a resident of Rio Communities (Valencia County). Decedent reportedly had an attorney helping him with a dispute before the IRS as recently as fall of 2023. Anyone with knowledge of such documents please contact the Law Office of Benjamin Hancock at 505-508-4343, or via e-mail at ben@benhancocklaw.com.

Search for Will

Will of David Paul Powers: If you possess or have information about a Will for David Paul Powers, formerly of Lindrith and Albuquerque, NM, please contact Jerry Powers, 15 Blanco Dr. Edgewood NM 87015, or telephone 505-321-6161.

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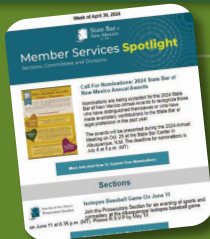


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