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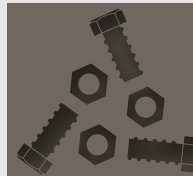
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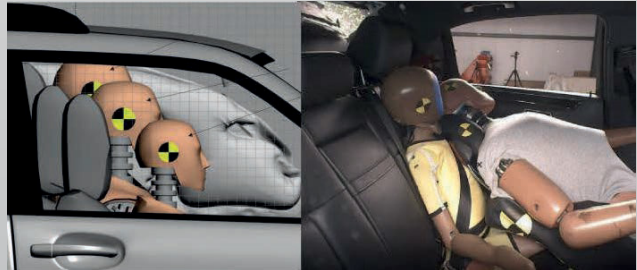
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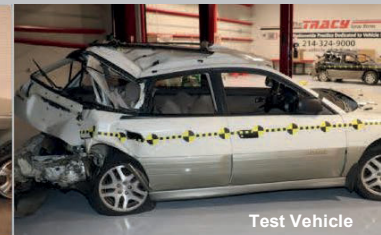
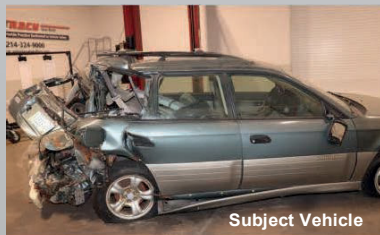


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Nominated and elected by the members of the New Mexico Collaborative Practice Group, here's what they have to say about this year's winner:

“I have worked with James for many years. In fact, my first Collaborative Case was with James more than ten years ago. He consistently listens to both his own client and the other party. He works with the other professionals in a productive manner and generally exhibits the best traits of a Collaborative Practitioner.”

“Third times the charm! James has been nominated each year since this award began! Obviously, he is respected by the Collaborative Practice community.”

“James is the quintessential Collaborative Divorce attorney who I can always count on to be thoughtful in his approach to cases, whether it's a Collaborative case or not, and who I trust implicitly when he is representing the other party.”

“James has been integral in keeping Collaborative Practice alive and thriving in Santa Fe. Well-deserved!”

“His attitude is always solution oriented, while being a zealous advocate--perfect for Collaborative Practice.”



We are excited to announce the New Mexico Collaborative Practice Group's
2024 Co-Best Collaborative Practitioner of the Year:

Jensen Wallace

Attorney

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“Collaborative Divorce allows each party to have an equal and valid spot at the table to negotiate. Being involved in that process and helping everyone work toward a shared goal is so rewarding and I truly feel the outcomes are better for everyone involved”.

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“Jensen consistently uses the Collaborative Process not only as a benefit to her client but as a benefit to the entire family unit. She is focused on creating post-divorce realities that are sustainable, equitable, and practical. She exhibits compassion as well as advocacy within every case.”

“Jensen is thoughtful and kind. She handles tough situations with grace and is focused on the parties' interests. She is able to listen to other professionals and the other side to truly get a sense of the issues to achieve the best outcome.”

“Newer to Collaborative Divorce work, I've seen Jensen embrace the task and advocate for her client while also being very cognizant of the team dynamics.”

“Jensen is deserving of this award because she embodies all the values we strive for in our Collaborative Practices. She is always working towards the betterment of the family and is an excellent listener and thought partner with her collaborative team. I watch her consistently raising the bar of her own practice and she is always striving to improve with each case.”



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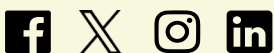
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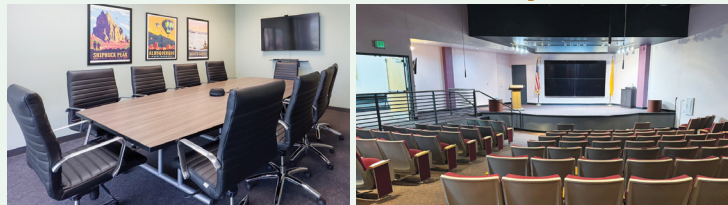
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STATE BAR NEWS

Access to Justice Fund Grant Commission 2025-26 ATJ Fund Grant Cycle Now Accepting Applications

The State Bar of New Mexico ATJ Fund Grant Commission solicits grant applications from qualified civil legal service providers for the provision of civil legal services to low-income New Mexicans. The deadline for proposals is April 1. The Request for Proposals can be found at <https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Commissions/Access-to-Justice-Fund-Grant-Commission>.

Professionalism Tip

With respect to opposing parties and their counsel:

I will clearly identify, for other counsel or parties, all changes that I have made in all documents.

Save the Date for the State Bar of New Mexico's 2025 Annual Meeting

The State Bar of New Mexico's 2025 Annual Meeting will take place at Sandia Resort & Casino in Albuquerque, N.M. from July 31 through Aug. 2. This year's keynote speaker is Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Bryan Stevenson is the author of the critically acclaimed New York Times Bestselling book, *Just Mercy*. More information and registration will be coming soon to <https://www.sbnm.org/AnnualMeeting2025>.

New Mexico Lawyer Assistance Program Monday Night Attorney Support Group

The Monday Night Attorney Support Group meets at 5:30 p.m. (MT) on Mondays by Zoom. This group will be meeting every Monday night via Zoom. The intention of this support group is the sharing of anything you are feeling, trying to manage or struggling with. It is intended as a way to connect with colleagues, to know you are not in this alone and feel a sense of belonging. We laugh, we cry, we BE together. Join the meeting via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/attorneysupportgroup>.

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The New Mexico State Bar Foundation and its partner legal organizations gratefully welcome attorneys and paralegals to volunteer to provide pro bono service to underserved populations in New Mexico. For more information on how you can help New Mexican residents through legal service, please visit www.sbnm.org/probono.

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Notices

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A Message from **New Mexico State Bar Foundation President**

Stefanie K. Davis

Greeting Peers and Fellow Advocates,

My name is Stefanie K. Davis, and I am proud to introduce myself as this year's President of the New Mexico State Bar Foundation ("the Bar Foundation"). I recognize the gravity and significance this role carries, and I intend to rise to this occasion in close collaboration with the New Mexico State Bar Foundation Board as we expand on the many achievements of my predecessors.

For those who may not know me, I'd like to provide a brief introduction. I was born and raised in Gallup, N.M. (once a Bengal, always a Bengal!) and received my undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico. I attended law school in Washington, DC, where I lived with my husband until 2017, when we returned to New Mexico. I have spent my entire career in public service, working to ensure that people experiencing homelessness, persons with disabilities and veterans, among other underserved populations, get the legal and social support they need. And that career path was driven by growing up here, seeing the unmet needs of so many of our fellow New Mexicans and wanting to play a role in addressing those needs.

I want to pay tribute to the Bar Foundation's recent Past Presidents. I am preceded by esteemed members of New Mexico's legal community, including Gerald G. Dixon (2024), Hon. Carl J. Butkus (2022 – 2023) and this year's State Bar of New Mexico President, Aja N. Brooks (2021). I am honored to follow in the footsteps of these individuals, each of whom I profoundly respect for their commitment to justice and steadfast approach to cultivating and strengthening helpful and robust resources for New Mexicans seeking legal assistance. Their efforts have collectively laid strong groundwork for the Bar Foundation and its programs as they are known today.

At its core, the New Mexico State Bar Foundation "advances the legal community's commitment to serve the legal profession and people of New Mexico." Empowered by contributions from the legal community, the Bar Foundation has been a legal resource for the public and is supported by our legal community's passion for public service. Two of the Bar Foundation's longest-standing programs—the Legal Resources for the Elderly Program ("LREP") and the Center for Legal Education ("CLE")—continue to exemplify the Bar Foundation's central purpose.

The Legal Resources for the Elderly Program, which has been assisting the New Mexico senior community and providing families with peace of mind for over 34 years, served over 4,000 New Mexicans in 2024 alone. Going on its fourth decade of service, the Legal Resources for the Elderly Program has proven a strong and robust resource, and the Bar Foundation will continue to proudly promote as a key program for years to come.

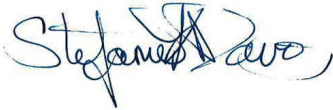
In addition to our legal service programs, the Center for Legal Education provides attorneys with the sharpened tools they need for impassioned advocacy for New Mexicans through insightful and educational programming. Your support of the Bar Foundation's CLE programs helps fund our legal service programs. For instance, in 2024, the Center for Legal Education facilitated over 70 programs fulfilling the Equity in Justice CLE Credit, whose mandate was implemented by the New Mexico Supreme Court. The Center for Legal Education is constantly evolving and is committed to supporting legal professionals with quality legal education.

Since 2022, one of the Bar Foundation's most significant and successful programs is the Modest Means Helpline. Due to its high call volume, the Modest Means Helpline recently expanded its efforts by hiring additional staff and increasing its hours of operation. Having benefitted nearly 14,800 New Mexicans as of January 2025, the Modest Means Helpline has become a critical legal resource in New Mexico for residents with limited fiscal means. I look forward to its continued growth and success in 2025.

One of the Bar Foundation's goals for 2025 is to increase our fundraising efforts for the Bar Foundation's programs. Following our successful annual Golf Classic in 2024, I'm pleased to announce our 2025 Golf Classic will be held this Fall. Stay tuned for registration and more information and other exciting fundraising events.

All these efforts and accomplishments go towards one distinct goal: supporting the needs of the public with legal resources and vital programs. I look forward to working with my Bar Foundation colleagues and with all of you to strengthen our programs and expand the legal assistance available to low- and moderate-income New Mexicans. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



Stefanie K. Davis
President, New Mexico State Bar Foundation



2025-26 ATJ FUND GRANT CYCLE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The **State Bar of New Mexico ATJ Fund Grant Commission** solicits grant applications from qualified civil legal service providers for the provision of civil legal services to low-income New Mexicans.

The deadline for proposals is April 1, 2025. The Request for Proposals can be found at <https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Commissions/Access-to-Justice-Fund-Grant-Commission>.



Reflections

New Mexico is an incredibly diverse place and the mission of the **State Bar of New Mexico's Equity in Justice Program** is to work to develop a legal profession that is representative of and reflective of the people of New Mexico. With that in mind, each quarter, we will be curating a list of Reflections for you to read, listen to and watch.

We call these **"Reflections"** because they not only reflect to our diverse legal community that they belong and are valued, but also because we hope it encourages you to reflect on how you interact with people and communities in New Mexico that may be different from you and your experiences. A legal profession that understands and embraces inclusivity will attract talent to its employ and clients to engage it!

In honor of **Black History Month**, we bring you this **Reflections** curated in collaboration with State Bar of New Mexico's first Black President, Aja N. Brooks.



Watch

"Defining Intersectionality" - Learn about intersectionality from a world-renowned expert on the subject, Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw. <https://bit.ly/Intersectionality-Definition-Video>

"Origin" - This film by Ava DuVernay is based on the life of Isabel Wilkerson as Wilkerson writes the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. It can be viewed on many streaming sites such as Hulu and Apple TV.

"Blackdom" - Learn about Blackdom, a historic Black homesteader colony in New Mexico located about 15 miles south of Roswell founded in 1903 and occupied until the 1920s. <https://bit.ly/Blackdom-Video>

"We Need to Talk About an Injustice" - Watch this Ted Talk by State Bar of New Mexico's 2025 Annual Meeting keynote speaker Bryan Stevenson. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2tOp7OxyQ8>



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Lovely One - Read this memoir of her life penned by Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black female United States Supreme Court Justice. Available wherever books are sold, as well as for free at the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library both in print and in audiobook.

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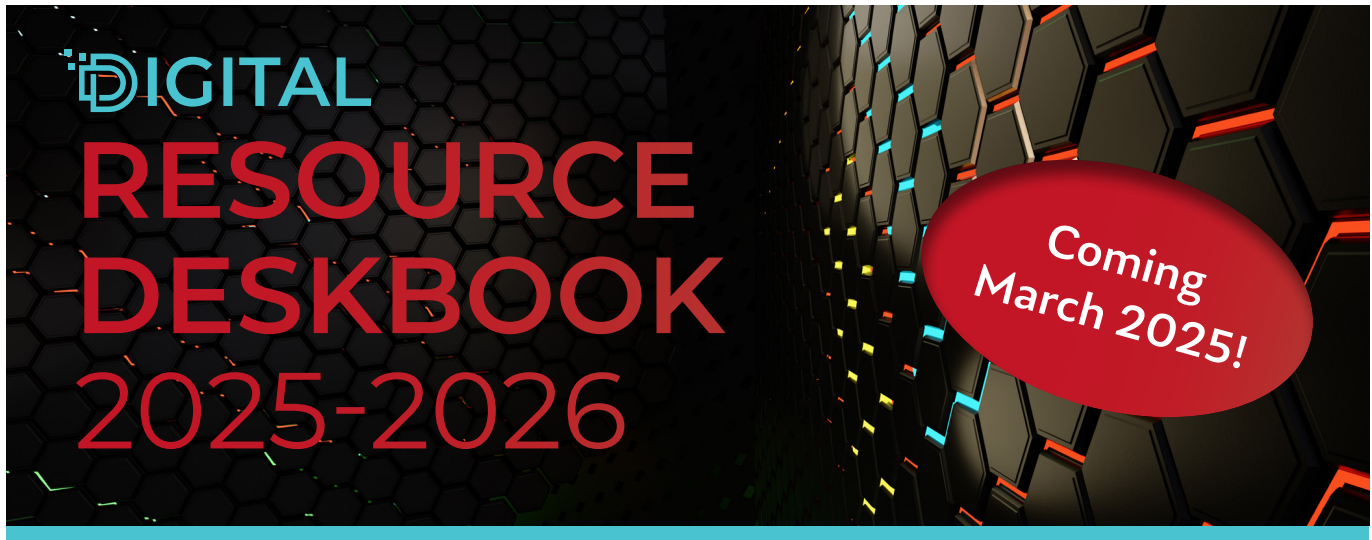
BRYAN STEVENSON is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

Bryan Stevenson is the author of the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller, *Just Mercy*, which was named by Time Magazine as one of the 10 Best Books of Nonfiction for 2014 and has been awarded several honors, including the American Library Association's Carnegie Medal for best nonfiction book of 2015 and a 2015 NAACP Image Award. *Just Mercy* was adapted as a major motion picture and the film won the American Bar Association's 2020 Silver Gavel Award as well as four NAACP Image Awards. Mr. Stevenson is also the subject of the Emmy Award-winning HBO documentary *True Justice*. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government.

More information and registration coming soon!

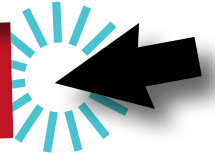
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Opportunities for Pro Bono Service CALENDAR

February

- 27 **Legal Fair**
In-Person
New Mexico Legal Aid
bit.ly/NMLALegalFairSignUp
Location: Grants

March

- 11 **Economic Justice Workshop**
In-Person & Remote
New Mexico Immigrant Law
Center
www.nmilc.org/economic-justice
Location: New Mexico Immigrant
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625 Silver Ave. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Location: Hobbs

- 28 **Legal Fair**
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Location: Law-La-Palooza

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February

- 26 **Consumer Debt/Bankruptcy
Workshop**
Virtual
State Bar of New Mexico
Call 505-797-6094
Location: Virtual

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► **In Memoriam As Of Sept. 2024**

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Richard B. Walker

In Memoriam

Dave Romero, Jr. born on October 21, 1952, in Las Vegas, New Mexico to Dave and Mollie Romero, was a beloved husband, father, brother, adventurer, and friend. He passed away on November 21st, 2024 at Christus St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe surrounded by his loving family. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories. Dave attended West Las Vegas High School, where he graduated in 1970. From there, he pursued his undergraduate studies at New Mexico Highlands University, setting the stage for a lifelong passion for learning and excellence. In 1978, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico's School of Law, embarking on what would become a distinguished and impactful career. He later attended Columbia University's School of Business, where he completed the first year of the Master of Business Administration program before transferring to Harvard. In 1985, he graduated from the Harvard School of Government with a Master of Public Administration. Dave considered himself to be a plaintiff's attorney and was a member of the state and national trial lawyers association. He always preferred representing the individual against the larger insurance law firms. He always advocated for the underdog. He has always been a politician at heart, and because of his political expertise was employed by many governmental entities throughout his career. He served as General Counsel for the largest regulatory body in New Mexico also known as the Corporation Commission. He was also the General Counsel for the State Treasurer, the State Auditor and the Association of Counties. Regarding local government he has been the City Attorney for most communities in Northeastern, New Mexico. Most recently he served as San Miguel County Attorney for 5 years and City Attorney for Las Vegas for more than 8 years. He was president of the New Mexico Municipal Attorney's Association. Dave also has many years of court appointments in State Custody cases where he represented fathers and mothers who were accused of abuse and neglect. In this process, he also served the children as Guardian ad Litem and Youth Attorney. He has also worked in the mental health legal field where he has protected the due process rights of those committed to the state mental institution. Dave was known for his competitive spirit; he turned even the simplest moments into fun experiences. At the local rec center, he often bet a Gatorade over a friendly game of racquetball, turning every match into a joyful occasion. He was a proud lover of New Mexican cuisine, he could often be found at Hillcrest, savoring a good meal, reading the paper, and sipping coffee. He just didn't like his green chile too hot. Those early mornings reflected his appreciation for life's simple pleasures and his ability to find contentment in the everyday. He loved to adventure, even if it meant taking the long route for the scenic view on road trips. He also brought the same sense of his dedication to his role as a father, showing up to every sports event and practice for his children. His presence was always felt. His forgiving nature and unwavering ability to put others first touched everyone he met, leaving a mark on the lives of those who knew him. Dave is survived by his wife, Diane Lujan-Romero, his daughters, Melyora Trujillo and Raven Romero, his son Dave Romero, III and his grandson Easton

Romero. He is also survived by his brothers, Pete Romero and wife Carla Romero, Martin Lopez and wife Sally Lopez. His nieces and nephews, Kimberly Rosales (Edgar), David Romero (Stephanie), Kelly Giesler (Alex), Kristen Nguyen (Brian), Amadeus 'Amadeo' Lopez and Alizandra 'Ali' Lopez and his numerous cousins whom he loved dearly.

Sally A. Hagan of Englewood, Florida, age 70, passed away peacefully at a hospice on October 19th after a brave and arduous battle with breast cancer. Sally was born October 4, 1954 to Michael J. Hagan Sr. and Irene M. Hagan, in Rego Park, Queens, NY. She attended St. Michael's Academy in Manhattan and later was graduated from Queens College with degrees in Psychology and Sociology. She worked initially as a senior claims examiner for the Teachers Insurance Company. Sally later attended New York Law School, was graduated with honors, and embarked on a distinguished career as a litigation attorney with several prominent New York law firms. Subsequently, Sally relocated to Corrales, New Mexico where she continued her litigation practice, working at several of the leading Albuquerque law firms. After spending 12 years in New Mexico, she relocated to Jacksonville, FL to work at the Department of Labor, adjudicating employment claims of federal government employees. Sally retired subsequently to reside in Englewood. Throughout her life, she was a very caring dog lover. Sally was active in a number of environmental causes, including Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Foundation. Sally was an avid skier and, while in New Mexico, an enthusiast hot-air balloonist. Throughout her long illness, Sally displayed the courage, tenacity and deep concern for others that were hallmarks of her character. She is survived by her loving brother, Michael J. Hagan Jr., her loving sister-in-law Madelaine R. Morgan and by many close and caring cousins, including Nancy King, and her husband John, and Michael J. McClymont, and his wife Carolyn. For those who wish to honor Sally's memory, donations may be made to the non-profit organization, the Suncoast Humane Society at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224.

Richard Louis Gerding "Dick" was born July 8, 1938 in Denver Colorado. He passed away peacefully on Monday, December 23, 2024. His family eventually relocated to Albuquerque, NM where he graduated from Highland High School. After high school he and his twin brother enlisted in the Army, where they served 6 months. When they returned to Albuquerque, they enrolled at the University of New Mexico where he studied English, and they joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity. After he completed his B.B.A. in English he decided to go on to law school. He graduated in 1961 with his J.D. Upon passing the state bar exam he moved to Farmington where he quickly became a well-known and talented attorney. His interests included flying his Cessna 182 airplane, reading and helping the local library by serving on the Board, fly fishing, tying his own flies and taking any opportunity to teach people, especially children, about the joys of fishing. Because of his love of fishing and children he worked with the Four Corners

In Memoriam

Home for Children to create the San Juan Bi-Fly tournament as a charitable event. He was involved with this event for 28 years. His love of fishing took him on many adventures including a trip to Mongolia to fish. Dick was preceded in death by his mother Claribel Gerding, father Louis Gerding, Sister Clarilou Bryce, Twin Brother Robert “Bob” Gerding and step-mother Millie White Gerding. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eileen Hutchison Gerding, his daughter Christine and wife Bett, his son David and wife Shelly and their two sons, Ian and Ben Gerding and his step-sister Millie McMahan.

LaMerle Boyd, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and steadfast community member, passed away on October 31, 2024, at the age of 84 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Born in East Texas on November 25, 1939, to Edwin Monroe Matthews and Relda White, LaMerle was the eldest of four children. Raised at the end of the Great Depression on a small farm in Anderson County, LaMerle often remarked, “I came from the pea patch.” By the late 60s, she was a mother of three young children, living in Athens, TX, and married to Dr. Curtis Boyd. In 1971, after visiting Santa Fe and finding it different in all the right ways, the young family pulled up roots and relocated to New Mexico. LaMerle was drawn to the unique beauty, culture, and spirit of the Southwest. The family settled into an old adobe home on lower Canyon Road. Despite her first marriage coming to a close, LaMerle often said that moving to Santa Fe was the best decision she ever made. She was an avid gardener, birdwatcher, and enjoyed hiking and camping in the wilds of New Mexico. In the early 1970s LaMerle chose to pursue her law degree at the University of New Mexico. As one of just a handful of female students she excelled and went on to become a respected real estate attorney, earning awards and accolades. She was a savvy entrepreneur who built a flourishing business, Capital City Title Company. Throughout her career, former employees would say she was the best in the business and always considered her as a friend as well as a boss. LaMerle met John T. Midyette III in the mid-70s, a local architect and larger-than-life character whom she would later marry. For fifteen years he was a partner and ally who stepped into her world and helped raise her trio of rambunctious offspring, while supporting her dreams and career. In 1988, with the children out of the house and Midyette in the rear view mirror, LaMerle became reacquainted with an old friend, Frank Hoback. A pilot and bluegrass musician with a keen ear for a corny pun, Frank stole her heart on their first date. They became inseparable and for the next 35 years LaMerle and Frank built a life filled with love, adventure, and mutual respect. They were each other’s best friends and forever soul mates. We imagine them in the skies above, playing Mexican Train, reading good books, listening to great tunes, and holding hands among the stars. LaMerle was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Hoback of Santa Fe, NM and parents Edwin Monroe Matthews and Relda White of Palestine, TX. She is survived by children Curt Boyd (Susan) of Archer, TX, Lori de Ravello (Renan Ravello) of Santa Fe, NM, and Kyle Boyd (Charlotte Angel) of

Brooklyn, NY; siblings Edwina Huddleston (Bobby), Danny Matthews (Yvonne), and Nima West (Tim), all of Palestine, TX. LaMerle was the proud grandmother of four and a dotting great-grandmother. She loved Frank’s children (Joe Hoback and Denise Lynch) and their children as her own.

Clifford Charles Gramer, “George”, passed away on December 5th, 2024, just short of his 83rd birthday. Cliff was an early Christmas present to his parents, Clifford Arthur Gramer and Mary Curtis Gramer, in Chicago IL. He was joined later by his twin siblings Linda Hawkins Sperling and Arthur Curtis Gramer in 1946. The family of five lived in Riverside Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. A big athletic guy, with curly auburn hair, Cliff was a popular student-athlete. Cliff (or “George” as his family called him), graduated Riverside-Brookfield High School in 1958, where he held the 100-meter butterfly record for at least two decades and excelled scholastically. Amidst his boyish antics on and off-the-field, Cliff met the love of his life... golf. Cementing the foundation for one of his principal philosophies, “always be learning”, after graduating Cliff went on to attend Yale University. While earning his B.A. in English Literature from Yale, Cliff continued his swimming career, earning All-American honors. After graduating in 1966, Cliff moved to Chicago and began the next leg of his academic career at Northwestern Law School, earning his J.D. in 1968. After a brief first marriage and stint at a prestigious Chicago law firm, Cliff decided the traditional path he had been walking wasn’t for him. He left Chicago behind, spending the early part of the 1970s driving his green van and golf clubs across the Southwest and Mexico; working on his tan and scuba diving in cenotes. Supporting himself with part-time jobs as he explored, Cliff eventually decided on becoming a ‘ski-bum’ landing a job at Hotel Edelweiss in Taos, N.M. After a year of living on the slopes, Cliff decided to utilize his education and began studying for the New Mexico bar. Coincidentally at another bar on the Santa Fe plaza, Cliff met his future wife of 44 years, Mary Sundstrom, sealing their fate with a kiss on New Year’s Eve of 1976. Mary, a well-known artist, and Cliff with his own law practice, decided to put roots down in Santa Fe, NM, marrying in an outdoor ceremony April 19, 1980. A year later the couple welcomed their first child, Ilsa Sundstrom Gramer. Cliff kept the family name going with the birth of Clifford Anders Gramer in 1985. In 1989, their third and final child, Anna Marie Gramer, was born. The family of five later moved to Albuquerque in 1990. Committed to being a good father, and probably scared of the consequences of not “paying attention”, Cliff structured his life around attending practices, coaching his kids, and keeping his law practice going. He was a lifelong learner and student, with some of the best penmanship one could hope for. An inscrutable and private man, Cliff spoke when he had something to say. Cliff is survived by his siblings, his wife Mary, his kids and his grandchildren, Layla Hayden Gramer, Clifford Ari Gramer, and Evelyn P. Waid.

In Memoriam

The **Hon. Patrick Joseph Francoeur** made it to the final green and hung up his clubs. He was with family when he drew his final breath on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Born on December 9, 1940, in Ponce City Oklahoma, Patrick was the third child of Paulina and Edwin Francoeur. Pat graduated high school in 1958. He then went to the University of New Mexico where he graduated with his Bachelors in Business Administration in 1965. In 1968 Pat chose to serve his country and enlisted in the Air Force on Jan. 25th. After being Honorably Discharged for his service in Vietnam, Pat returned to New Mexico and earned his Juris Doctorate from UNM in 1975. Soon after, he moved to Hobbs N.M. with his family and served as an attorney for the Public Defender's office and maintained a private practice from 1976-1979. In 1980 he was appointed to the bench and served as a District Judge for the State of New Mexico until his retirement in 2000. Pat was known as a stern judge in the courtroom, and his grandchildren would have you believe he was the same at home. One Christmas the grandchildren created such a ruckus they broke a closet door, and grandpa immediately scolded them for their misadventure. They all came into the living room morose and full of gloom, and as they plopped themselves on the couch, they all protested in unison that grandpa said they could no longer have fun. Despite the grandchildren's claim of

not being able to have fun, Pat would often go to their elementary schools and read to their class during story time. He would take the time to craft golf clubs to their size and teach them to play his most cherished game. There would be hunting and fishing trips; almost annual trips to Disney World; and of course, random trips in the Winnebago to points unknown. Pat loved tinkering with old European sports cars and golf. When visiting his daughters, he would often take his sons-in-law on epic trips looking for a car listed on the internet, and when he found it, he would satisfy his curiosity and move on to the next car and great adventure hauling his sons-in-law around. Pat was also a practitioner of Zen and the art of the golf swing. The man spent countless hours just working on his swing. On most days he could be found at the country club where he would often catch his son skipping school. Pat is preceded in death by his parents; sisters Mary and Theresa; and brother Albert. He is survived by his wife Emma his children Patrice Pace and husband Kent; Erin Bussey and husband Eric, Jason Marquez, and wife Hana; Renae Marquez and his eleven grandchildren: Anna Bosarge, Brian Gereke, Jessica Pals, Nicodemus Marquez, Caitlin Welch, Sebastian Marquez, Lexandra Marquez, Jaedyn Gazzano, Riley Bussey, Isadora Marquez, Gillian Marquez, and his three great-grandchildren: Genevieve, Georgia, and Jade.

FORMAL OPINION

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Filing Date: 2/6/2025

No. A-1-CA-41036

**ANDRAS SZANTHO, as Personal Representative
for the Wrongful Death Estate of BILL FOSTER,**

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

**THI OF NEW MEXICO AT SUNSET VILLA,
LLC d/b/a SUNSET VILLA CARE CENTER
and THI OF NEW MEXICO, LLC,**

Defendants-Appellants.

**APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

Bryan Biedscheid, District Court Judge

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for Appellants

► Introduction of Opinion

In this appeal we address two issues raised by Defendants THI of New Mexico at Sunset Villa, LLC d/b/a Sunset Villa Care Center and THI of New Mexico, LLC, who operate a long term care facility in Roswell, New Mexico: whether the district court erred in (1) declining to refer the question of whether an arbitration agreement can be enforced against a non-signatory to the arbitrator for decision under the arbitration agreement's delegation clauses, and (2) rejecting Defendants' argument that Plaintiff should be compelled to arbitrate his claims against Defendants because Plaintiff is an intended third-party beneficiary of the arbitration agreement.

{2} These issues arise out of a wrongful death lawsuit regarding the care Bill Foster (Father) received while a resident at Defendants' facility. When Father was admitted to the facility, one of his children, Don Foster (Son), signed the admission paperwork, including a stand-alone arbitration agreement. Son did not have power of attorney for Father and the parties agree that Son did not sign the documents as Father's legal representative. Father did not sign any of the documents. **View full PDF online.**

Megan P. Duffy, Judge

WE CONCUR:

Zachary A. Ives, Judge

Shammara H. Henderson, Judge

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No. A-1-CA-40030

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER, CYNTHIA WEEHLER, and CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY,

Appellants,

v.

SECRETARY OF NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT,

Appellee,

and

UNITED STATES o/b/o UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY; and SALADO ISOLATION MINING CONTRACTORS, LLC, as current co-permittee in substitution of Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC,
Intervenors-Appellees,

IN THE MATTER OF NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HEARING DETERMINATION REQUEST CLASS 3 “EXCAVATION OF A NEW SHAFT AND ASSOCIATED CONNECTING DRIFTS” PERMIT MODIFICATION TO THE WIPP HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT.

APPEAL FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT

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Santa Fe, NM

Joni Arends, Et al.
Santa Fe, NM

for Appellants

► Introduction of Opinion

Southwest Research and Information Center, Cynthia Weehler, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS), and Deborah Reade (collectively, SW Research) appeal the New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) final order granting the United States Department of Energy’s (DOE) and Salado Isolation Mining Contractors, LLC’s (Salado) (collectively, Permittees) request for a modification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant’s (WIPP) operating permit to allow modifications to the ventilation system at the WIPP facility. The PMR sought approval of the excavation and construction of a fifth vertical ventilation shaft and associated horizontal tunnels (drifts), a major, Class 3, change to the WIPP facility and its operations from the original plan. See 40 C.F.R. § 270.42(d)(2)(iii) (2017) (defining Class 3 modifications as changes that “substantially alter the facility or its operation”). **View full PDF online.**

Jane B. Yohalem, Judge
WE CONCUR:
J. Miles Hanisee, Judge
Megan P. Duffy, Judge

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

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No. A-1-CA-40803
State of New Mexico
v.
Dale A. Little

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Dale A. Little appeals his conviction for possession of a controlled substance. Defendant challenges the district court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence seized during an encounter with a sheriff's deputy. Because we agree with the district court that the encounter was consensual, we affirm.

Jennifer L. Attrep, Chief Judge
WE CONCUR:
Gerald E. Baca, Judge
Katherine A. Wray, Judge

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please visit:
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No. A-1-CA-41070
State of New Mexico
v.
Dennis Chad Denney

Introduction of Opinion

The State appeals the district court's determination of the number of valid previous offenses that were used to enhance Defendant Dennis Chad Denney's sentence for aggravated driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (DWI) as a second or subsequent offense, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 66-8-102 (2016). The State claims that the district court abused its discretion when it demanded the State produce proof of Defendant's previous DWI offenses before conviction and that it denied the State an adequate opportunity to produce that evidence. We affirm.

Kristina Bogardus, Judge
WE CONCUR:
J. Miles Hanisee, Judge
Zachary A. Ives, Judge

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please visit:
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No. A-1-CA-40781
State of New Mexico
v.
Moda James Bentley

Introduction of Opinion

Defendant Moda James Bentley was convicted of one count of aggravated battery with great bodily harm for stabbing Victim. On appeal, Defendant argues that (1) the district court erred by denying his requested self-defense instruction; and (2) trial counsel's failure to secure a medical expert to testify on his behalf constitutes ineffective assistance of counsel. For the reasons articulated below, we affirm.

Gerald E. Baca, Judge
WE CONCUR:
Jennifer L. Attrep, Chief Judge
Megan P. Duffy, Judge

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A Personal Message from Mark and Alexis Breyer and the entire Husband & Wife Law Team to the New Mexico Legal Community

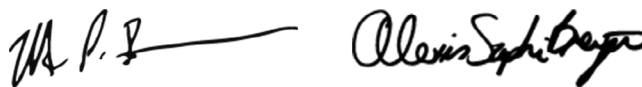
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Before joining YLAW in early 2025, Stephanie spent eleven years as a law clerk to United States District Judge John E. Conway in New Mexico, one of the busiest federal districts in the country, followed by more than a decade of civil practice, including serving on national counsel trial teams in New Mexico and other jurisdictions.

Stephanie received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College, where she was a member of the rugby club, and her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law, where she competed in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy competition ("Moot Court"). Her practice focuses primarily on defending manufacturers and other companies in catastrophic injury matters, often involving fires, explosions, oil field, trucks and heavy equipment.

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Plaintiff Associate Attorney- Parnall Law Firm

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Position Job ID: Various

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The Santa Fe City Attorney's Office seeks a full-time lawyer to advise and represent the City in a variety of matters, including advice and counsel to the City's departments, boards, and commissions. The City Attorney's Office seeks applicants who are dedicated to public service and have excellent interpersonal skills, strong academic credentials, and exceptional written and verbal communication. Experience in government general counsel work, litigation, appellate practice, and related law, particularly in the public context, is preferred. Evening meetings may be required up to a few times a month. The pay and benefits package are excellent and are partially dependent on experience. The position is based in downtown Santa Fe at City Hall and reports to the City Attorney. The position is exempt and open until filled. The Office will begin reviewing applications on March 3. Qualified applicants are invited to apply online at <https://santafenm.gov/human-resources>.

Request for Proposals

The Office of Superintendent of Insurance is soliciting proposals from attorneys to provide high-quality, cost-effective litigation services in New Mexico and federal and district courts, and for administrative enforcement of agency statutes and rules. All interested attorneys may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals from the OSI website at: <https://www.osi.state.nm.us/pages/about-us/rfps> Deadline for submission is May 5, 2025.

Assistant City Attorney

The City of Albuquerque Legal Department is seeking an attorney to join the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) General Counsel division. Attorneys in this division advise APD regarding policies and procedures, review uses of force, draft legal opinions, review memoranda of understanding, and other assignments as needed. Familiarity with criminal and constitutional law strongly encouraged. For more information or to apply please send a resume and writing sample to Angela Aragon at amaragon@cabq.gov.

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The City of Albuquerque Legal Department is hiring for various Assistant City Attorney positions. 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. The City is currently looking for attorneys to act as general counsel to various City departments, to handle code enforcement hearings and land use decision appeals, to represent the City's Air Quality Program, to provide policy advice to the Albuquerque Police Department, to provide advice on labor issues and handle employment claims, and to represent the City in civil litigation claims. 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. Hybrid in person/remote work schedule available. For more information or to apply please send a resume and writing sample to Angela Aragon at amaragon@cabq.gov.

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#0000518 & #00054600**

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Associate Attorneys

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Legal Assistant

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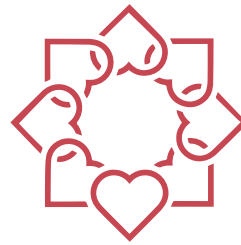
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