

BIOGRAPHY OF LILLIAN G. APODACA

Lillian G. Apodaca is a partner and shareholder in the law firm of Bingham, Hurst & Apodaca, P.C., where she practices in the areas of business and commercial litigation and transactions with an emphasis in construction law. She is a certified American Arbitration Association construction arbitrator and is a frequent seminar lecturer in construction law and alternative dispute resolution. She is licensed to practice law in Kansas and New Mexico.

Ms. Apodaca is a Past President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, an organization representing the interests of 35,000 Hispanic lawyers, law students, judges, and law professors in this country. She is also a past president of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) serving as Vice-President and has been the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico State Bar International Law Section. Ms. Apodaca currently sits on the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, has been an Ambassador for the ABA's Business Law Section, and has and continues to serve on various ABA committees.

Ms. Apodaca has been recognized by Hispanic Business magazine as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the nation. She has also been recognized as one of New Mexico's Power Brokers by New Mexico Business Weekly Magazine. Ms. Apodaca has served on the Board of Directors of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, a coalition of the major national Hispanic organizations, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and has been a member of the Host Committee of the Hispanic Heritage Awards. Ms. Apodaca has served as President of the Board of Trustees of the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation and most recently has been named to the Board of Trustees of her law school.

Ms. Apodaca is also very active in the Albuquerque business community. She currently serves on the Board of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and previously served on the Board of Directors of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce serving as Secretary for three years. She has also served as Chair of the City Labor Management Relations Board and served as the neutral member (chairperson) of the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute's Labor Relations Board in its first year of existence, during which period the Board created and implemented its policies and procedures, and certified all of the unions. Ms. Apodaca is also a member of the New Mexico Boy Scouts Executive Board of Directors, a member of the Advisory Council for Junior Achievement, and is a member of the International Women's Forum.

Ms. Apodaca, whose ancestors first settled in New Mexico in 1598, was born and raised in a small northern New Mexico ranching village. At the age of thirteen she started attending an all girls Catholic boarding school in Arizona, and also attended

Phillips Exeter Academy in the summer. She holds a Bachelors degree in Government, a Masters in Urban Administration and a Juris Doctorate degree.