



A member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Tammi M. Lambert, J.D., was appointed by Governor Bill Richardson to be the Director of the Governor's Office of Victim Advocacy in January 2004. She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, with a B.A. in political science, and a Juris Doctorate, with a certificate in Indian Law. She was admitted to the New Mexico State Bar in 1999. Prior to her appointment by Governor Richardson, she owned and operated a successful law practice, focusing on domestic violence issues in family law, and family law issues in Indian jurisdictions.

As Director of the Governor's Office of Victim Advocacy, she has structured and implemented policy objectives to facilitate Governor Richardson's commitment to victim's rights in the criminal justice system. She was instrumental in the 2005 passage of the Governor's priority Victim Rights legislation that dramatically increased victim participation in the courtroom and that provided collection tools for victims to actually receive restitution owed to them by offenders. She initiated and developed the Statewide Victim Rights Coalition, now the Victim Rights Alliance, which was created by the Governor's 2005 Executive Order.

Throughout her career, Ms. Lambert has directed her expertise toward victim advocacy. She was the 2002 recipient of the Women's Bar Association Power and Caring Award, and the 1999 recipient of the Elizabeth Ann Randall Award for Initiative and Innovation Toward Race and Gender Justice. She has spoken locally and nationally on domestic violence and victim rights issues, and been highlighted in national and local publications. In her work, Ms. Lambert has promoted the effective administration of justice as it affects victims of crime, through representation, trainings, advocacy, collaborative efforts with state agencies, and community involvement.

