



# MEET THE 2011 BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS



## PRESIDENT JESSICA A. PÉREZ

is a native of Bernalillo where she practiced for five years with her father, former District Court Judge George Pérez, her brother Christopher, and her mother Veronica, their paralegal. She is currently employed as a field representative for U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, primarily handling health care policy and issues. Pérez was previously employed as an assistant attorney general and as an analyst for the New Mexico State Senate. A Bar Commissioner since 2003, she is past chair of the Personnel Committee and a member of the Bylaws and Policies, Annual Meeting Planning, Bench and Bar Relations, Finance, and Governmental Affairs committees. She is also the current president of the Sandoval County Bar Association. Pérez received a B.A. in political science from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and a J. D. from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Pérez and husband Al Park have one daughter. Pérez represents the 3rd Bar Commissioner District.



## PRESIDENT-ELECT HANS VOSS

through the Voss Law Firm, maintains a general civil practice in Las Cruces and throughout the state representing plaintiffs, businesses and governmental entities. He was born, raised and educated in Los Alamos (LAHS 1983). He is an alumnus of the University of New Mexico (J.D. 1998); M.A. in economics 1994; B.A. in economics 1992; and A.S. in engineering 1991). He is participating in the ABA Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section's Leadership Academy and is also the president of the State Bar Foundation, a commissioner on the Access to Justice Committee, vice chair of the ABA Government Law Section, and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. In addition, he is a member of the SBNM Executive Committee, the Policy and Bylaws Committee, the Governmental Affairs Committee and is the BBC liaison to the Uniform Jury Instruction Committee (civil) and the Appellate Rules Committee. Voss is the proud father of Kaila Naomi Voss. He also represents the 7th Bar Commissioner District.

## VICE PRESIDENT ANDREW J. (DREW) CLOUTIER

is a partner in the Roswell office of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin LLP. He has practiced law for 23 years, primarily in the areas of oil and gas, commercial, and complex litigation. He is a 1987 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and received a B.A. from the University of Dallas in 1984. Cloutier is licensed to practice law in New Mexico and Texas. He is a review officer for the Disciplinary Board, a member of the Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, and was previously a director of the Bankruptcy Law Section. He presently serves as president of the Sidney Gutierrez Middle School Foundation, on the executive board of the Conquistador Boy Scout Council, and as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 149. Drew and his wife, Carrie-Leigh, have three sons. Cloutier also represents the 6th Bar Commissioner District.



## SECRETARY-TREASURER ERIKA ANDERSON

received her undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado in 1992, her Masters in Counseling from UNM in 1995 and her J.D. from the UNM School of Law in 2001. She has worked for the law firms of Robles, Rael & Anaya PC and Long, Pound & Komer PA. She does civil litigation, primarily involving civil rights, employment, business and personal injury law. Anderson also clerked for eight judges in the 5th Judicial District and for the Honorable Gene Franchini and the Honorable Richard C. Bosson on the New Mexico Supreme Court. She served on the board of directors for the Young Lawyers Division and was president in 2007.

She also served on the board of directors for the 1st Judicial District

Bar Association and was president in 2008. Anderson also serves on several BBC committees, including the Governmental Affairs Committee, the Policies and Bylaws Committee and the Awards Committee. Anderson also represents the 1st Bar Commissioner District.



## FIRST BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT



### MARTHA CHICOSKI

has a wide range of litigation experience in both civil and criminal law. In August 2010, she founded Chicoski Law Firm, LLC. Previous experience includes Orraj, Anderson & Obrey-Espinoza, Public Safety Division of the Albuquerque City Attorney's Office, Robles, Rael & Anaya PC, and Walz and Associates. Chicoski is immediate past chair of the Young Lawyers Division and currently serves as treasurer of the New Mexico Women's Bar

Association. She received a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and a B.A. from George Washington University. She is admitted to practice in New Mexico and Massachusetts as well as before the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. She enjoys spending free time running, skiing, and attempting to train her dogs, Doug Flutie and Ty Webb.



### DAVID M. BERLIN

is the managing partner of the Albuquerque law firm of Duhigg, Cronin, Spring, Berlin PA, where he practices in the areas of medical negligence, insurance law and other personal injury law. Berlin received a B.S. degree from Michigan State University and his J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from New York Law School. He is a member of the New Jersey, New York, Texas and New Mexico state bars, as well as a member of the New Mexico and Texas Trial Lawyers

associations. Berlin is chair of the board of directors for the Center for Civic Values and chairs the Pro Hac Vice Grant Committee. He coaches the Volcano Vista High School Mock Trial Team and has been involved in the program in various forms since 1988. He also serves on the National High School Mock Trial Championship Board.



### MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

has led efforts to shift public policy to improve the quality, dignity and independence of New Mexicans. She served as director of Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program from 1987 until 1991 when Governor Bruce King appointed her director of the Agency on Aging, where she served continuously until Governor Bill Richardson appointed her secretary of Aging and Long-Term Services in 2002. During her tenure, Lujan Grisham took a small program and turned

it into a groundbreaking agency, known nationwide for such innovative practices as undercover evaluations of nursing homes and enhanced legal protections for elders; and she spearheaded reorganization of state programs for seniors and people with disabilities. In 2004 Governor Richardson appointed her secretary of Department of Health. Lujan Grisham is currently the co-owner of Delta Consulting Group which specializes in health and long term care consulting. In November, she was elected a Bernalillo County commissioner.



### DANNY W. JARRETT

is managing partner of Jackson Lewis LLP's Albuquerque office. He served as a *New Mexico Law Review* staff editor and graduated from the UNM School of Law. He earned a B.S. in biology from UNM where he attended on a Presidential Scholarship. Jarrett represents employers, government entities and tribal organizations in labor and employment issues.

His experience involves the Civil Rights Act, the ADA, the FLSA, the FMLA and Davis-Bacon Act. He has had success before the NLRB, EEOC, and WCA. He represents management's interests in union organizing campaigns, responding to unfair labor practice charges and negotiates collective bargaining agreements. He serves on several ABA labor and employment committees and on the boards of the Association of Commerce and Industry and Junior Achievement of New Mexico. He is a contributing editor to national FLSA and FMLA treatises.



### TWILA B. LARKIN

is a shareholder with Sutin, Thayer & Browne, practicing exclusively in domestic relations/family law. She earned a B.S. from Texas Tech University and a J.D. from the UNM Law School. She is a board-recognized specialist in family law and a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She served on the N.M. Board of Legal Specialization and the ABA Committee on Legal Specialization.

She is a former chair and board member of the Family Law Section and represented Region V on the board of the ABA Family Law Section. Larkin has chaired or been a member of numerous committees at the national, state and local levels and has been a member of the Albuquerque Rotary Club since 2004.



### HILARY NOSKIN

is a thirteenth generation New Mexican experienced in intellectual property, environmental science and regulations, government relations and business practices. She is a registered patent attorney and a member of the State Bar of New Mexico and the District of Columbia Bar. She works at Peacock Myers, P.C. Noskin has a B.A. in biology from the University of San Diego, an M.S. in environmental sciences from New Mexico Highlands University, and

a Ph.D. in environmental biology from UNM. She earned her J.D. from the UNM School of Law. Noskin worked as an environmental scientist for the INEEL and LANL and was the director of Government Affairs for Giant Industries, Inc. She also served on the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board. Noskin is active in community boards including Albuquerque Hispano Chamber, the Association of Commerce and Industry, the Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and as an Honorary Commander for Kirtland Air Force Base-Directed Energy Unit.



### **RAYNARD STRUCK**

received a B.A. from Pitzer College (Claremont Colleges, CA) in organizational management with minors in economics and sociology. He received his J.D. degree from the UNM School of Law in 1999. At the law firm of Medrano, Hess & Struck PC (“MHS Law”), Struck practices in the areas of personal injury law, insurance law, GAL, insurance bad faith and other civil matters. Struck is a member of the New Mexico

Trial Lawyers Association, the Sports Lawyers Association, and the Hispanic Bar Association. He is a mentor for Artisco Academy High School. Raynard has served as general counsel for the Albuquerque Isotopes and the New Mexico Scorpions. He currently sits on the New Mexico Bowl Executive Board.

## **SECOND BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**



### **R. DAVID PEDERSON**

is a native of Gallup and has practiced there for 33 years. He earned a B.U.S. degree from UNM in 1975 and a J.D. degree from the UNM School of Law in 1978. Pederson was an associate with a local law firm and then a bank officer. He has had contracts as county attorney, public defender, and GAL. Currently, he is the acting city manager and city attorney for the City of Gallup. Pederson was in the state legislature for eight years and served as vice-chair or chair of the

House Judiciary Committee. He was also a member of the District Court Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee. Pederson is past president of the local bar association and a current member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association.

## **THIRD BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**



### **J. BRENT MOORE**

is a shareholder in the Santa Fe office of Montgomery & Andrews PA. His practice focuses primarily on the fields of governmental relations, insurance regulation, and environmental law. As a part of his practice, Moore assists clients with their regulatory needs before government agencies and their lobbying efforts before the New Mexico Legislature. Moore was previously the general counsel for the Insurance Division of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission,

having also served as deputy superintendent. He is a 1994 graduate of Texas Christian University and a 1998 graduate of the UNM School of Law. After law school, he participated in the Legal Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. He has also served as agency counsel for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency and assistant general counsel for the New Mexico Environment Department.



### **DEBORAH ARMSTRONG**

is co-owner of Delta Consulting Group and executive director of New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool. She is a former cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department, serving four years under Governor Bill Richardson. She was also ALTSD director of Elder Rights and taught legal-medical ethics as a university adjunct faculty. Armstrong currently serves on the Acupuncture and

Oriental Medicine Licensing Board and chairs the State Legislature’s Health Reform Working Group. She attended the University of Michigan (B.A., 1975) and the UNM School of Law (J.D., 2001), receiving the Judge Oliver Seth Scholarship for legal ethics, the Health Law Scholar Award and honors in clinical law. Armstrong has 35 years’ experience in healthcare, administration and regulatory compliance in both public and private sectors and is a licensed physical therapist.

## **FOURTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**



### **BRIGITTE LOTZE**

graduated from Alamogordo High School, ended an 11-year career in banking to return to UNM (J.D., 1980), opened her law office in Taos in 1981, and has maintained a private practice there. The Brigitte Lotze Law Office accepts personal injury, complex litigation and family law cases. Lotze is the president of the newly re-established Taos County Bar Association and was the former organization’s president in the mid-90s. She is serving her second year as

a member of the board of directors of the State Bar Senior Lawyers Division. She has served on the board of directors of the State Bar Family Law Section and as chair in 1993-94. Lotze is a member of the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, AAJ and the ABA.

## **FIFTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT**



### **WESLEY O. POOL**

is the principal and owner of Pool Law Firm PC, with offices in both Clovis, New Mexico, and Muleshoe, Texas. The firm focuses on commercial litigation in addition to real estate, bankruptcy, probate, wills and estate planning, criminal defense, and domestic relations. He is a member of the Curry/Roosevelt Bar Association, the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, the

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. Pool has been elected to the board of directors of the Business Law Section and is the BBC liaison to the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board.

## SIXTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT



### DOMINIC E. (DON) DUTTON

has his law practice in Ruidoso, offering services in gaming licensing/hearings, Racing Commission licensing/hearings, mediation, real estate and civil litigation. He was formerly the vice chair and held the attorney position for the New Mexico Gaming Control Board. Dutton is a past president of the North American Gaming Regulators Association, an international organization with members throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and

Indian Country. He is also a licensed New Mexico realtor, associated with BuyRuidoso.com. The Congressional District 2 vice chair of the New Mexico Democratic Party, Dutton is active in his community and in local and State Bar activities.



### STEPHEN S. SHANOR (IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT)

is a partner in the Roswell office of Hinkle Hensley Shanor & Martin LLP. His practice involves litigation, primarily in the areas of medical malpractice defense, general liability and tort defense, water law and real estate. Shanor received a B.A. degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and his J.D. degree from the University of Denver, College

of Law. He was a law clerk for the 5th Judicial District in New Mexico, served as president of the Eddy County Bar Association and was Quadrant 3 director for the Young Lawyers Division. He was a member of the 5th Judicial District Local Rules Committee, the Bench/Bar Relations Committee, and was co-chair of the 5th Judicial District Bench and Bar Conference Committee. Active in his community, Shanor served on the board of the Roswell Symphony Orchestra and the Professionals Division of the United Way. He is currently on the board of Noon Optimist Little League Baseball and is a cubmaster for Pack 25 of the Rio Hondo District, Conquistador Counsel of the Boy Scouts of America. Shanor and wife Heidi have three children, Katelyn, Andrew, and Matthew.

## SEVENTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT



### ROXANNA M. CHACON

is a staff attorney for the 3rd Judicial District Court. She previously practiced civil litigation for law firms in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. Chacon received her bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and her law degree from the UNM School of Law. She is a former chair of the Young Lawyers Division and is the immediate past district representative for the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers

Division. She serves on the boards of New Mexico Legal Aid, the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association and the UNM School of Law Alumni Board. Chacon was the State Bar Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year (2003) and was recently named a "Star of the Quarter" by the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for her work in implementing the "Serving Our Seniors" public service project.

## SENIOR LAWYERS DIVISION DELEGATE



### JOHN P. (JACK) BURTON

is a full-time director and shareholder of the Rodey Law Firm, having joined the firm upon his graduation from law school in 1968. His practice includes transactions and dispute resolution (mediation, arbitration and litigation) in all types of business and property matters. Burton has been active in the Senior Lawyers Division and several sections of the State Bar, including the Business Law Section, and the Commercial Litigation Section, serving as chair. He was

named Business Lawyer of the Year in 2004 by the State Bar Business Law Section. He attended Louisiana Tech University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 65) and Harvard Law School (LLB, 68). He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in five categories and in *Southwest Super Lawyers*, has the highest rating in Martindale-Hubbell, and is a member of the Lawdragon 3000. He and his wife Anne live in Santa Fe.

## YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION CHAIR



### ERNESTINA CRUZ

is a partner at the Narvaez Law Firm, P.A. in Albuquerque. Her practice primarily focuses on civil litigation, employment law, civil rights, and education law. Cruz attended UNM (B.A., 1996; J.D., 2001) and a M.A. from the University of Notre Dame (M.A., 1998). She serves on various boards, including the Board of Bar Examiners, the Employment and Labor Law Section, and Committee on Women and the Legal Profession. In 2009, she served as an

ABA/YLD scholar and currently serves as the ABA/YLD liaison to the ABA's Law Practice Management Section. In 2008, she was recognized by the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association as the "Young Lawyer of the Year" and in 2010 was recognized as one of the top Hispanic attorneys under 40 by the Hispanic National Bar Association.

## PARALEGAL DIVISION LIAISON



### KAY L. HOMAN

is a certified paralegal at Cuddy & McCarthy LLP working in the areas of probate, estate planning, tax, corporate, real estate, quiet title, litigation document control, systems development and legislation. She is a charter member of the Paralegal Division and was chair in 2004. She is currently serving on the State Bar Law Practice Management Committee and Membership Services Committee and the BBC UPL Task Force. She served on the BBC in 2004 and 2009.