

## 2009 Annual Report

### Public Law Section

Date: December 28, 2009

Chair: Stephen C. Ross, Esq., Santa Fe County Attorney

### Activities Undertaken Since Last Report:

- Donation of \$1,250 in scholarship money to UMN Law School for summer internships. This donation was made in memory of Craig Othmer, Esq. who worked in federal and state government and gave many hours of his time working to improve governmental procurement practices.
- 2008 Public Lawyer of the Year Award, awarded to Gerald McBride for his many years of dedicated service to the state's most vulnerable adults through his work at the Adult Protective Services Division of the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services and its predecessor agencies. McBride protected and improved countless lives and inspired those who worked alongside him.
- In conjunction with the New Mexico Public Procurement Association, presented the Craig Othmer Memorial Procurement Code Institute, which was accredited for 3.0 hours of general credits and 1.0 hours of ethics credits through the State Bar of New Mexico.
- Board of Directors. The composition of the Board of Directors of the Section has changed this year. James C. Martin has been appointed Chair of the Section for next year. Richard B. (Rick) Word and Jay Barton Burham have left the Board. Jennifer Lynn Hower and Victoria B. Garcia are new members on the Board replacing Mr. Word and Mr. Burham. Mr. John H. Martinez has become a very valuable member of the Board of Director; Mr. Martinez is the public member. Shoshanna D. Epstein has been appointed by the Young Lawyers Division to serve as its representative. Deborah Moll continues on the Board of Directors and I occupy the past chair position. The Board is currently looking for a law student to serve as liaison to the Board.

**Ongoing Activities:**

- **The Board's scholarship donation program to help fund summer internships for NM Law School Students**
- **The Public Lawyer of the Year Award**
- **The Craig Othmer Memorial Procurement Code Institute**
- **The Administrative Law Institute**

**Issues Requiring Board of Bar Commissioner Action:**

- **None**

**In closing, the Public Law Section would like to thank Christine Morganti and Tony Horvat of the State Bar for all the assistance that they have given the Public Law Section this year and in years past.**