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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE BAR

Dear Members of the State Bar of New Mexico,

As your president for 2008, I’d like to take this opportunity to ….

Wait a minute! This is where I can give you a spiel on all the wonderful things planned for 2008. I’ll do that later in another column. Instead, let me “cut to the chase” on an issue that stirs significant debate this time every year—your bar dues!

Question: I just paid at least $365 to the State Bar for my membership. What was that all about?

Stop right there! You did not pay $365 for your membership to the State Bar. You only paid $215 (a fee that has not been increased since 1992). The other $150 goes to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court. The State Bar merely collects it for them. It is not part of the State Bar’s revenue. You would pay this fee regardless of whether the State Bar was unified or voluntary.

Question: Okay, $215 sounds more reasonable, but what am I getting for that?

A boatload! Before I share with you all of the benefits of your membership, let me explain how the State Bar budget works. The State Bar operates on an annual budget of about $4,000,000. Of that amount, only $1,400,000 comes from your bar dues. The remaining amount comes from other revenue-generating sources, such as advertising in the Bar Bulletin and the Bench and Bar Directory, public service grants, fees, etc. In simple terms, for every one dollar in dues received from you, your State Bar provides almost three dollars worth of administration, programs and services to our membership and the public. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

* The Bar Bulletin, a comprehensive publication devoted to our legal profession and mailed each week to more than 7,000 individuals. This publication alone is worth more than $215!
* The Bench and Bar Directory, a complete list of the lawyers in New Mexico for your easy reference. No other entity could produce this benefit.
* The Web site, which includes thousands of active pages containing all there is to know about our legal community and your State Bar.
* The Bar Center, which provides visiting attorney lounges and rooms available at no or minimal cost. It’s also a perfect space for meetings, depositions, arbitrations, computer training, CLE, etc.
* The Client Attorney Assistance Program, which mediates disputes between clients and lawyers before they escalate to a disciplinary board complaint.
* The Client Protection Fund, which reimburses those clients who have been harmed by inappropriate lawyer conduct.
* The Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program, which has been serving our seniors for more than 25 years.
* The Lawyers Assistance Committee, which helps our legal community with mental health and substance abuse issues.
* The Risk Management Hotline and Ethics Committee, which guides members through ethical issues.
* Casemaker, a free online legal research tool for our members paid for by the State Bar.
* Sections and Committees for almost every interest and specialty area in our profession.
* The most comprehensive database of New Mexico attorneys available, updated daily.
* CLE programs specifically targeted to New Mexico lawyers with the most competitive pricing.
* Referral programs to help our community, ranging from pro bono to modest means.
* Public workshops on important issues, such as consumer debt and family law.
* Administration of the Equal Access to Justice fundraising campaign to raise money for civil legal services.
* Administration of the Access to Justice Commission and the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Commission.
* The Alliance Program, which provides numerous discounted services for our membership.

In a nutshell, you are getting a heck of a bang for your buck! Be proud of your Board of Bar Commissioners and State Bar staff. They are working hard for you and the public.

I want to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to Dennis Jontz for serving as State Bar president in 2007. Dennis had a remarkable year and served our membership well.

I am proud to be a lawyer and privileged to be president of a phenomenal unified bar association that is top ranked in our nation. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2008.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

2008 State Bar President
The KOB LawLine 4 Call-In is regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month. The hours are 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please note that the November 12 date is the second Wednesday of the month, also, there will be no sessions in January or December.

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP NOW SO YOU CAN CALENDAR YOUR PARTICIPATION. This is a tentative commitment: someone will call you 10 days to 2 weeks in advance of each scheduled date to confirm the date, time and your continued ability to participate.

NAME: __________________________________ PHONE: _______________________
I have some questions. Please call me at: ______________________________________

(Check the box after the DATES AND TIMES you want to sign up for)

- February 20 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.   - July 16 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 19 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.   - August 20 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 16 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.   - September 17 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 21 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.   - October 15 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- June 18 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.   - November 12 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

I have an attorney associate/ friend/ acquaintance that might be interested in participating.
NAME: __________________________________ PHONE: _______________________

☐ You may use my name as a reference. ☐ DO NOT use my name as a reference.

If you have any questions, please call Jorge at 797-6067. Email: jjimenez@nmbar.org
Fax sign up form to the attention of Jorge at 505.797.6074

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Professionalism Tip

With respect to parties, lawyers, jurors and witnesses:
I will do my best to ensure that court personnel act civilly and professionally.

Cover Artist: Susan Seligman Kennedy is a native New Mexican from a pioneer New Mexico family. She graduated from UNM with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Kennedy is a professional calligrapher as well as a professional watercolorist. She shows her work at the Weems Artfest in November. To see the cover art in its original color, visit www.nmbar.org and click on Bar Bulletin.
Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

Upcoming Meeting

The Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission was created by the New Mexico Supreme Court for the purpose of providing voters with fair, responsible and constructive evaluations of trial and appellate judges and justices seeking reappointment in general elections. The results of the evaluations also provide judges with information that can be used to improve their professional skills as judicial officers. The Commission’s next regular meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 25, at the State Bar Center, to interview judges in the 2nd Judicial District.

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Fax: (505) 827-4852
Website: www.supremecourtlawlibrary.com.

Second Judicial District Court Judicial Vacancy Deadline Extension

The application period has been extended for the vacancy on the 2nd Judicial District Court which exists in Albuquerque as of Jan. 1 upon the retirement of the Honorable Mark Macaron. The chair of the Nominating Commission solicits applications for this position from lawyers who meet the statutory qualifications in Article VI, Section 14, of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978. Applications may be obtained from the Judicial Selection Website: http://lawschool.unm.edu/judsel/application.php; or by e-mail/fax by calling Sandra Bauman, (505) 277-4700. The new deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Jan. 23. Applications received after that date are not considered.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Jan. 30, at the County Courthouse, 400 Lomas NW, Albuquerque, to evaluate all applicants for this position.

State Bar News

Attorney Support Group

The Attorney Support Group offers two meeting opportunities:
• Afternoon meeting, 5:30 p.m., Feb. 4 (meets regularly on the first Monday of the month)
• Morning meeting, 7:30 a.m., Jan. 28 (usually meets regularly on the third Monday of the month; changed this month due to holiday)
Both groups meet at the First United Methodist Church at Fourth and Lead SW, Albuquerque. For more information, contact Bill Stratvert, (505) 242-6845.

Employment and Labor Law Section

Board Meetings Open to Section Members

The Employment and Labor Law Section board of directors welcomes section members to attend its meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held at noon, Feb. 6, at the State Bar Center. Lunch is not provided. For information about the section, visit the State Bar Web site, www.nmbar.org, or call Gregory P. Williams, section chair, (505) 889-4050 or gwilliams@dineslaw.com.

Judicial Records Retention and Disposition Schedules

Pursuant to the Judicial Records Retention and Disposition Schedules, exhibits (see specifics for each court below) filed with the courts for the years and courts shown below, including but not limited to cases that have been consolidated, are to be destroyed. Cases on appeal are excluded. Counsel for parties are advised that exhibits (see specifics for each court below) can be retrieved by the dates shown below. Attorneys who have cases with exhibits may verify exhibit information with the Special Services Division at the numbers shown below. Plaintiff(s) exhibits will be released to counsel of record for the plaintiff(s), and defendant(s) exhibits will be released to counsel of record for defendant(s) by Order of the Court. All exhibits will be released in their entirety. Exhibits not claimed by the allotted time will be considered abandoned and will be destroyed by Order of the Court.

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2008 Grant Application
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The State Bar of New Mexico, through the New Mexico Bar Foundation, seeks grant applications from nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income New Mexicans within the scope of the State Plan for Providing Civil Legal Aid to Low Income New Mexicans. Pursuant to Rule 24-106 NMRA, the State Bar of New Mexico collects a registration fee of $250 from non-admitted attorneys intending to appear in civil actions before New Mexico courts. The State Bar holds these fees in the State Bar Pro Hac Vice Fund, which is distributed annually to nonprofit organizations providing or supporting the provision of civil legal services to the poor. The 2008 Grant Application and Guidelines are now available online at www.nmbar.org. The deadline for submission of the application is 4 p.m., Feb. 4, at the State Bar Center, 5121 Masthead NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Public Law Section
Nominations Sought for
Public Lawyer Award

The Public Law Section is currently accepting nominations for the ninth annual Public Lawyer of the Year Award, which will be presented on Law Day, May 1. Prior recipients include Florenceth Brown, Frank D. Katz, Douglas Meiklejohn, Martha A. Daly, Charles N. Estes, Mary M. McNerny, Gerald Bruce Richardson, Peter T. White, Robert M. White, Paul L. Biderman, Frank D. Weissbarth and Stuart M. Bluestone.

The work or service recognized by the award must have occurred in New Mexico. A candidate must be admitted to practice in New Mexico but does not have to be a member of the Public Law Section to be eligible. The following are factors that will be considered in making this award. An applicant need not meet all of these criteria:

1. significant length of service in government, which does not have to be continuous or for one specific employer, or for work as an attorney;
2. excellence as an attorney/advisor and/or advocate;
3. training or education of the public or State Bar concerning public issues;
4. mentorship of junior attorneys in the public sector;
5. role model for other public lawyers;
6. involvement in one particularly difficult or important case or negotiation that significantly advanced a governmental policy or purpose;
7. service to social welfare organizations, charitable institutions or nonprofit entities connected with the practice or enhancement of an area of public law;
8. advocacy of, or work on, issues or legislation of importance in the public sector, such as open meetings and public records, public procurement and administrative procedures;
9. a lawyer who is not likely to be recognized for his or her outstanding work as a public lawyer; and
10. a lawyer whose personal character and dedication to public law and public service furthers the integrity and repute of the legal profession.

Send nominations by 5 p.m., March 1, to Doug Meiklejohn, dmeiklejohn@nmelc.org or by mail to New Mexico Environmental Law Center, 1405 Luisa St. #5, Santa Fe, NM 87505-4074. The selection committee will consider all nominated candidates and may nominate candidates on its own.

Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Section
Luncheon Presentation

State Bar President Craig Orraj will present Your State Bar—Giving You Great Bang for Your Buck at the Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Section meeting to be held at noon, Jan. 23, at the State Bar Center. Lunch will be served to those who R.S.V.P. by Jan. 21 to Tony Horvat, thorvat@nmbar.org or (505) 797-6033. Each attendee should bring a $5 check made payable to the State Bar Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Section to help defray the cost of the lunch. The board of directors will meet at 11:30 a.m.

UNM Institute for Ethics
Health Care Ethics Program

A certificate program in health care ethics will be offered at the UNM Institute for Ethics. This program is open to professionals (i.e., lawyers, doctors, nurses, and social workers), non-professionals and those in the community who are interested in learning more about today’s ethical issues in health care, professionalism, cultural diversity, kinship and research ethics. The Joan Gibson Health Care Ethics Certificate Program, Module I, will begin Feb. 2 and will meet every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. from March 12–25 and end March 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuition is $800 and UNM tuition remission applies for faculty and staff. Call (505) 272-4566 to receive a a registration form.

School of Law
Winter Library Hours

Building and Circulation
Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Reference
Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed Jan. 21

Summer Law Clerk Program
Seeking Participating Firms and Agencies

The State Bar of New Mexico partners with major New Mexico law firms and governmental law departments to provide excellent employment opportunities for diverse and deserving law students at the UNM School of Law. The Summer Law Clerk Program provides law students who have capable research and writing skills with the opportunity to demonstrate the drive and excellence that law firms and agencies value most in making employment decisions.

The State Bar and its participating firms and agencies recognize that differences in the social, educational and economic backgrounds of individual law students can often create barriers to employment that have nothing to do with performance or the potential for success as an attorney. The rigorous application and interview process combines a unique learning experience for law students with a unique insight into
2008 License and Dues Fees

- The 2008 license and dues forms have been mailed.
- License and dues fees were payable on Jan. 1, and are late after Feb. 1.
- Members who have not received the form by mid December should notify the State Bar: (505) 797-6092 or (505) 797-6035.

Fees may be paid online through secured eCommerce at www.nmbar.org.
- License and disciplinary fees are mandatory and must be paid to maintain license status.
- Without exception, fees are due, whether or not you received your form.

Late fees may be assessed if payment is not postmarked by Feb. 1.

Center for Civic Values
IOLTA Grant Committee Appointment

The Center for Civic Values seeks to appoint one non-lawyer to a three-year term on the IOLTA Grant Committee. The seven-member group meets annually to review grant proposals from New Mexico nonprofits that provide legal services for the poor, law-related education for the public or improvements in the administration of justice. Interested parties are requested to submit a one-page letter and resume by March 1 to: Center for Civic Values, Board of Directors, PO Box 2184, Albuquerque NM 87103-2184.

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Other News

2008 Legal Fiction Writing Competition

SEAK, Inc. is sponsoring its 7th Annual Legal Fiction Writing Competition for Lawyers. The purpose is to encourage lawyers to become more interested in and adept at writing legal fiction. Submit a short story or novel excerpt in the legal fiction genre, typed and not to exceed 2,500 words, by March 31. For additional information, e-mail stevenbabitsky@seak.com or visit www.seak.com.

View ethics advisory opinions and topical index on the State Bar Website, www.nmbar.org, for assistance in interpreting the New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct.

Easy to Use

- Select Attorney Services/Member Services/Ethics Advisory Opinions.

More Resources

- Risk Management Hotline, (800) 326-8155.
- Original questions involving one’s own conduct should be sent to the Ethics Advisory Committee, c/o State Bar of New Mexico, PO Box 92860, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2860 or membership@nmbar.org.

* The published advisory opinions are also available at the UNM School of Law Library and the Supreme Court Library.
Airmen Charlie Daniels was working night shifts in Tucson and going to the University of Arizona during the day. A fellow student lent him a copy of Irving Stone’s *Clarence Darrow for the Defense* because he thought Daniels would enjoy it.

By chapter three, Daniels knew he had a calling.

“I remember putting down the book and saying, ‘That’s what I want to do.’ It was an epiphany. It was like Saul on the road to Damascus. I decided at that moment that I knew what I wanted to do in life. I was 21 at that time and I knew I wanted to do more than spend my career in the military,” said Daniels, who is now Justice Charles Daniels, the newest member of the New Mexico Supreme Court. “I knew with striking clarity that the law was my future. I have never wavered in it since.”

He finished his undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* and went to the UNM School of Law.

“I remember my first day of law school. I woke up some of my friends that evening to talk to them about it. What a great day it had been. I know people think that’s strange, but I loved law school. I had so much fun.”

He was busy—working five out of the six semesters. He was also an excellent student, graduating first in his class. He was editor-in-chief of *Law Review* and also part of the National Moot Court Team.

Justice Daniels’ beginnings were modest—not a silver spoon in sight. His parents were sharecroppers on a small cotton farm in rural Arkansas. There was no running water, but they did have a mule. He remembers picking cotton and the daily routine of cotton harvest. Lunch in the fields was less than sumptuous, even in the mind of a young boy.

“My folks would go out there with a bucket of sorghum syrup and another bucket of biscuits. That was the meal of the day—biscuits and syrup.”

His grandfather was an itinerant lumberjack, and family circumstances forced his dad out of school in the 8th grade to help support the family. For his mother, the story was different.

“My mother lived on a little cotton farm. Her father made her leave school in the 9th grade because he said that was too much education for a girl. She told me she cried for weeks. My parents wanted their children to have better. I was the first one in the history of the family to even go to high school. My brothers did, too. All three of us graduated from high school and went to college. My parents were bursting with pride when they came to my law school graduation.”

Daniels moved to New Mexico as a six-year-old but not before he entered elementary school in Arkansas and experienced situations which very likely tempered the lawyer he would become. His black childhood chum had to go to a different school.

“When it was time for us to go to school, John would walk another mile down that dirt road that we both lived on to a ramshackle wooden school with an outhouse. A yellow school bus would pick me up and drive me 15-16 miles through the countryside to a brick school house that he couldn’t go to. I didn’t understand it. One of the two things I remember that first day of school was drawing a picture of a donkey that everyone laughed at me for, and the other thing I remember was that we were asked to face the flag in the classroom and pledge liberty and justice for all. I am sure I didn’t say, ‘Wait a minute, what about John? Why are we going to different schools? Why do we have to use different toilets? If there is liberty and justice for all, why is this happening?’ I didn’t comprehend it at the time. It has taken years for me to comprehend the enormity of it.”

For almost four decades, it has been “Daniels for the Defense.” He also spent a significant amount of time teaching—five years at UNM, a stint as a visiting professor of law at Howard University and work as a UNM adjunct professor. His resume is richly annotated with honors and professional activities.

Lest anyone think Charlie Daniels is one-dimensional, take note of his continuing interest and credentials as a semi-professional race car driver. He has held seasonal championships at several New Mexico tracks. He still races one weekend per month. He also takes up his bass guitar. The Honorable Linda Vanzi administers the oath of office to Justice Daniels, accompanied by his wife Randi McGinn.
guitar to play as part of two groups, The Incredible Woodpeckers and Lawyers, Guns & Money.

Recently, Attorney Daniels briefly considered retirement and rejected the notion.

“I thought about it for awhile, but I came to the decision a year ago that I would be bored with retirement. There was just too much left to do in the law, so I don’t think I will ever retire. I like it too much.”

Then the vacancy on the New Mexico Supreme Court came up due to the death last year of Justice Pamela Minzner, one of Daniels’ longtime colleagues.

“The decision to apply for the Supreme Court has been a recent one. I’ve thought from time to time about it over the years. The first time I can remember thinking about it was when my friend, Justice Mary Walters, encouraged me 20 years ago to join her on the Supreme Court. I remember the conversations when I would tell her, ‘I don’t think I’ve acquired enough wisdom yet; I don’t think I’ve been around long enough; I don’t think I have the depth and breadth of experience that you really ought to have to serve on the court that oversees the operation of justice in this state.’”

“My wife Randi (McGinn) took up the baton after Mary passed away. She has been encouraging me over the years and got me thinking seriously about it, but I’ve always enjoyed being an advocate. It was a job that was beyond my wildest dreams when I was a kid. I’ve always enjoyed being able to do justice in the courtroom and help clients.

“The decision to apply for this job really jelled in the last few months because of a couple of things. I would have to say that one of the things was going to the memorial service for Justice Minzner, whose office I now occupy. She and I were young law professors in adjacent offices in the early 70s. We became friends and colleagues. She has always been a special person to me as she was to so many people in this state.

“As I listened to the testimonials of other people who emphasized the dedication she had to justice and fairness and decency and all those things that are so important in a position like a justice of the Supreme Court, I had to say I was inspired by it and a little challenged by it.

“As I often do when a vacancy like that comes up, I started encouraging other people to apply for it, people I thought would do a good job. Some of the people I encouraged did apply, but a lot of them said, ‘You should do it and this is the time.’ I guess I just decided to put my actions where my mouth was. The more I thought about it the more I thought not only was I willing, but I wanted to. It was the first time I had applied for any judicial position.”

Justice Daniels approaches the transition from advocate to bench philosophically.

“I am conscious of the need to do that, but I haven’t found it difficult at all. I think part of it is because I have been a teacher for so much of my career. A teacher has to be objective in taking an overview of the positions of both sides and discussing both sides with the students and helping them understand the arguments, the positions and feelings of both sides. That is a lot of what you have to be as a judge—to achieve justice for all.

“I know there are things that I am inclined to do to the extent I can, without being arrogant or presumptuous about it, to try and make the system as a whole fairer, more accessible, understandable and more affordable for those who are affected by it. The cost of justice is sometimes too much for some people to bear. I am a realist. I know those things are not easy to accomplish. It is not going to be possible to accomplish those things overnight or by one person, but I am going to do my part.”

Justice Daniels promises to be a strong voice on the Supreme Court urging members of the State Bar to participate in pro bono work and support organizations such as the state’s Access to Justice program.

“It is an important part of a lawyer’s job. I certainly intend to continue to encourage and foster that kind of pro bono work. I think we have been given an enormous privilege in the practice of law. We’ve been given access to the justice system. We are able to influence the rendering of justice. We certainly ought to share the privileges by helping people who haven’t had them. It’s more than a way of making money and having a swimming pool and all those kinds of things. That ought not to be the bottom line of everything.”

Only a few months into the job, Justice Daniels says the new position has already proved rewarding and satisfying. He describes himself as energized, enthusiastic and even “stoked.”

“Each day there is a stack of work to do that involves decisions that are important to people’s lives—both those involved in the cases and others who will be affected by the decisions we make. I find it an extraordinary blessing to have a job like this. For 38 years, I have worked for justice one client at a time. Now I have this opportunity to work for justice for all the people at the same time to try to find a balanced decision that takes diverse interests into account instead of focusing on one client, as rewarding as that has been over the years.”

“I don’t come with a mission or an agenda or with a slant. That may surprise some people because I have advocated strongly for the positions of my clients over the years. I have done it proudly, and I hope I have done it with integrity. I see my job as different now. I see it as one to do justice. I can’t think of a finer thing to have said when this is over than that: That I did justice.”
FROM THE BBC TO THE BENCH

Serving on the Board of Bar Commissioners enhanced the journey of former Board members as they rose to esteemed positions on the bench. We honor them here for their service to the State Bar and for their commitment to the citizens of our state.

The Hon. Alan C. Torgerson
U.S. District Court

The focus of the BBC is on the best interests of the public that the legal community serves, as well as on the legal community itself. That prepares you for the bench. The BBC was one of the most enjoyable experiences I’ve had in my legal career. When I got the appointment to become a judge, I had only two regrets: leaving my law firm because I enjoyed my fellow workers and my work so much, and leaving the BBC for the very same reasons.

The Hon. Donald C. Schutte
10th Judicial District Court

Working with the staff and the programs of the State Bar gave me insights into areas of improvement and services in the legal arena that could affect the application of our legal system into the daily lives of the citizens of the state and particularly my district. I had the opportunity to work with very dedicated and capable attorneys from all areas of the state who had new or different ideas. The collegiality of the BBC made it a joy to work with each and every one of them.

The Hon. Abigail Aragon
4th Judicial District Court

Prior to my appointment to the bench, I was on the BBC for one year. The individuals I met and had the opportunity to work with exemplified professionalism and dedication. It was their example and encouragement that led me to seek the bench. The BBC strives to provide services to its members and strengthen the reputation of the legal community in the eyes of the public.

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The State Bar of New Mexico, governed by the Board of Bar Commissioners elected from throughout the state, recently elected its 2008 officers and members.

**PRESIDENT CRAIG A. ORRAJ**
Craig A. Orraj is the managing attorney for the Law Offices of Craig A. Orraj and staff counsel for Farmers Insurance Exchange and Affiliates. Orraj obtained a B.S. degree in justice studies from Arizona State University in 1985 and a J.D. from the University of Arizona in 1988. He is licensed in New Mexico and Texas. Orraj was elected as a State Bar Commissioner in 2002. He is a former president of the New Mexico Young Lawyers Division and a former cabinet member of the American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division. He is also currently active in the American Bar Association/Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section where he serves on the Staff Counsel Committee, Corporate Counsel Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. Orraj also represents the 1st Bar Commissioner District.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT HENRY A. ALANIZ**
Henry A. Alaniz graduated from UNM from the Dual Degree Program with a J.D. and an M.B.A. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Eastern New Mexico University. He has had a law practice in Albuquerque from 2002 and was an assistant district attorney for the 2nd Judicial District in Bernalillo County from 1997 to 2002. Alaniz is a faculty member of the Central New Mexico Community College (formerly Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute). He has been active in law and community-related organizations throughout New Mexico including past president of the Hobbs New Mexico Jaycees, past president of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Student Bar Association at UNM School of Law and former chair of the Young Lawyers Division. He has been a member of the New Mexico Conquistador Boy Scout Council, the Roswell Economic Forum, St. Mary's Hospital Board and an associate board member of Security National Bank of Roswell. Alaniz also represents the 1st Bar Commissioner District.

**VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN S. SHANOR**
Stephen S. Shanor 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 transactions. 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 for three years and was director of Quadrant 3 for the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar. He was a member of the 5th Judicial District Local Rules Committee and the N.M. 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 was yearly campaign chair for the Professionals Division of the United Way. He is currently on the board of Noon Optimist Little League Baseball and is a submaster for Pack 25 of the Rio Hondo District, Conquistador Counsel of the Boy Scouts of America. Shanor and his wife, Heidi, have three children, Katelyn, Andrew, and Matthew. Shanor also represents the 6th Bar Commissioner District.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER JESSICA A. PÉREZ**
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 recently began work at the office of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. Pérez was previously employed as an assistant attorney general in both Santa Fe and Albuquerque and as an analyst for the New Mexico State Senate. A Bar Commissioner since 2003, she serves as chair of the Personnel Committee and as a member of the Bylaws and Policies Committee, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Bench and Bar Relations Committee, CLE Advisory Committee and the Legislative Committee. 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. She is married to fellow attorney Al Park. Pérez will also represent the 3rd Bar Commissioner District.
First Bar Commissioner District

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 sits on the board of directors for the Center for Civic Values and chairs the Pro Hoc Vice Grant Committee. He has served on several committees of the BBC, including the Policies and Bylaws Committee, the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Board of Editors and other ad hoc committees. Berlin is the attorney coach for the Cibola High School Mock Trial Team and has been involved in the competition in various forms since 1988.

Danny W. Jarrett

is a native New Mexican and a 1996 graduate of the UNM School of Law where he was a staff editor of the New Mexico Law Review. He was vice-president and corporate counsel for a national health care company as well as an attorney in private practice. Currently, he is president of Noeding & Jarrett PC, where he counsels and represents public and private employers regarding labor and employment disputes. Jarrett is a member of several practice committees in the ABA Labor and Employment Section and serves on the board of directors of the State Bar’s Employment and Labor Law Section and the Indian Law Section.

Dennis E. Jontz (Past President)

is a partner in the Albuquerque office of Lewis and Rocca Jontz Dawe LLP. He practices in the areas of business, real estate, intellectual property and government contract law, in addition to civil and commercial litigation. Jontz earned a B.A., M.B.A. and J.D. from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He has practiced law since 1973 and served as judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force, active and reserve, from 1974 to 1998. Jontz serves on the board of directors for the Better Business Bureau, Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc., New Mexico Museum of Natural History Foundation, the Kirtland Partnership Committee and is chairman of the board of Oso Grande Technologies. He was selected as a New Mexico Power Broker for 2004, 2005 and 2006 (sponsored by New Mexico Business Weekly). An active member of the business and legal community, he is a member of the Economic Forum and has been a member of the Albuquerque Rotary Club since 1984.

Twila 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 currently serves on 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.

Alan M. Malott

graduated Arizona State University in 1975 and attended Loyola University Law School and UNM School of Law. He has practiced civil litigation emphasizing insurance, tort and real estate cases throughout New Mexico since 1979, was enrolled as a Certified Civil Trial Advocate by NBTA in 1994 and has been an Instructor in CNM’s Paralegal program since 1992. Malott is active in the State Bar and Second Judicial District standing committees and has been a director of the N.M. Trial Lawyers Association since 2000.

Carla C. Martinez

was appointed last year by State Auditor Hector H. Balderas to be his deputy state auditor. Previously, Governor Bill Richardson appointed her to be a board member and chair of the New Mexico Gaming Control Board where she served for four years. She has also worked for the former international accounting firm of Arthur Andersen, LLP.
and the civil defense law firm of Hatch, Allen & Shepherd, PA. A native of New Mexico, Martinez received her undergraduate degree in accounting from New Mexico State University and her law degree from the UNM School of Law. Martinez is a licensed certified public accountant and a board member of the N.M. Board of Bar Examiners.

SECOND BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

SANDRA EILEEN NÉMETH

Was born in Farmington and graduated from the UNM School of Law in 1996. Prior to law school she was a union organizer and rehabilitation counselor and worked in various labor, feminist and progressive organizations. She received her master’s degree in industrial and labor relations from the University of Oregon. She has worked for DNA-People’s Legal Services, Community and Indian Legal Services, the Children, Youth and Families Department and as a domestic violence shelter staff attorney. She has been in private practice as a sole practitioner for nine years, based in the 11th and 13th Judicial Districts. Németh is married and has two grandchildren. Her community involvement includes sitting on the board of directors for the local hospital. She lives in Grants “where the pace is slow and the people are friendly.”

THIRD BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

MÓNICA M. ONTIVEROS

is the chief hearing officer for the Taxation and Review Department. She received her J.D. from the UNM School of Law in 1988 and an L.L.M. in taxation from Washington University in 1989. She has practiced in the 1st Judicial District for approximately 17 years. Prior to working in Santa Fe, she worked as the Doña Ana County attorney. Ontiveros has been a government attorney her entire career. She served as special assistant attorney general for the Taxation and Revenue Department, assistant Santa Fe County attorney, senior litigation attorney for the Risk Management Division and counsel to former New Mexico Attorney General Tom Udall. She has served on the boards of the Hispanic Bar Association, the Women’s Bar Association and the Equal Access to Justice Commission. Ontiveros is married to Bill Brancard and is the proud mother of two wonderful children, Pilar and Robert.

CAROLYN A. WOLF

is chief counsel of the N.M. Taxation and Revenue Department. She was previously with Montgomery and Andrews PA for approximately 12 years after an earlier stint in state government. During that time, she worked for several state agencies, was general counsel for the Department of Finance and Administration, and was in the Attorney General’s Office. Wolf is a graduate of Manzano High School, Rice University and the UNM School of Law. She has served on the board of the Public Law Section and was its chair in 1995. She previously served on the Board of Bar Commissioners from 1997 through 2003, representing the 3rd District.

FOURTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

GARY D. ALSUP

Having been in private practice in Clayton since his admission to the State Bar of New Mexico in 1981, Alsup maintains a general practice involving civil and criminal trials, probate and real estate with his father, Charles D. Alsup. He served on the Supreme Court Legal Specialization Board and was a board member for the Clayton Public Schools for 16 years. He received his bachelor’s degree and J.D. from UNM. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he was a journeyman carpenter. Gary and his wife, Katie, have three children, all of whom are now Lobos.

FIFTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

NANCY ENGLISH

graduated from the UNM School of Law in 2001 and was admitted to the State Bar of New Mexico in 2002. She received her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Wayland Baptist University. She is currently a sole practitioner in Tucumcari, practicing in the areas of domestic relations, civil litigation, probate administration, estate planning, criminal law and personal injury. Before entering private practice, English spent four years as a senior trial prosecutor with the 10th Judicial District Attorney’s Office. She is a past president of the Quay County Bar Association, current president of the Tucumcari Main Street Corporation and a member of the Tucumcari Rotary Club.

SIXTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

ANDREW J. (DREW) CLOUTIER

is a partner in the Roswell office of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin LLP. He has practiced law for 19 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 and previously served as 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 Scouts Council, as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 149, and teaches 9th grade religious education at his church.
DOMINIC (DON) E. DUTTON

holds the attorney position on the New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGCB). He was appointed by Governor Bill Richardson and unanimously confirmed by the New Mexico Senate in 2003. In 2007, Dutton was reappointed to a five-year term, confirmed by the N.M. Senate, and will serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor. As a board member, he, along with the other board members, regulates gaming in New Mexico, assuring its honesty, fairness and integrity. NMGCB also has oversight responsibility of the State-Tribal Compacts. Dutton was elected president of the North American Gaming Regulators Association and served on the board of directors, representing the Western States District. In 2007, he was invited into the prestigious International Masters of Gaming Law organization. Dutton is active in his community and in local and State Bar activities.

SEVENTH BAR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

RICHARD M. JACQUEZ

is a native of Doña Ana County where he currently serves as a hearing officer for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Jacquez has served as an assistant city attorney for the City of Las Cruces and an assistant district attorney for the 2nd Judicial District. As a Bar Commissioner, he serves as liaison to the Supreme Court Committee on Rules for Children’s Courts. He received a B.A. in political science from UNM and a J.D. from the UNM School of Law. Jacquez is active in law and community-related organizations. He has served as a board member for the Hispanic Bar Association and as an attorney/coach for the Center for Civic Values Mock Trial Program. He is an assistant cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 68 and is a member of the Las Cruces Basketball Officials Association.

HANS WILLIAM Voss

is in private practice as a contract attorney to the firm of Jim Foy and Associates in Silver City, practicing in the areas of municipal law, economic development, water law, natural resources law, land use, and environmental law representing municipalities, counties, Indian communities, water associations, irrigation and conservancy districts and other governmental entities throughout New Mexico. Voss earned an M.A. in natural resource economics from UNM in 1994 and a J.D. from UNM Law School in 1998. Additionally, he holds a B.A. in economics (92) and an A.S. in engineering (91) from UNM. Previously, Voss maintained a private practice in Santa Fe and served as the Grant County attorney. Above all else, Hans is the very, very proud father of Kaila Naomi Voss.

SENIOR LAWYERS DIVISION DELEGATE

DANIEL J. BEHLES

is a sole practitioner in Albuquerque, practicing primarily in bankruptcy, commercial and real estate law. He received an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and has a J.D. degree from UNM. He is licensed in New Mexico and Colorado. Behles is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Albuquerque Bar Association and the Albuquerque Lawyer’s Club. He has been recognized as a specialist in both consumer and business bankruptcy law by the New Mexico Board of Legal Specialization and has also been nationally certified in both business and consumer bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. He presently serves on the board of directors of the Senior Lawyers Division and the New Mexico Board of Legal Specialization.

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION CHAIR

J. BRENT MOORE

represents Region 2 of the YLD, is the fellowship coordinator for the YLD Summer Fellowship program and serves on the board of the Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Section of the State Bar. He is the acting general counsel and deputy superintendent for the Insurance Division of the N.M. Public Regulation Commission. He is a 1994 graduate of Texas Christian University and a 1998 graduate of the UNM School of Law. After graduating from law school, he participated in the Legal Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. Upon completing the program, he was agency counsel for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency and an assistant general counsel for the New Mexico Environment Department.

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ROBIN GOMEZ

is the office manager and litigation paralegal for the Albuquerque office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP with 30 years of experience in civil and commercial litigation, with the primary focus on insurance defense, personal injury and employment law. She is a long-standing member and current chair of the Paralegal Division, co-chair of the Professional Development Committee, chair of the Speakers’ Bureau and chair of the Scholarship Committee and a member of the Technology Committee. She is also a member of the Paralegal Advisory Committee for Central New Mexico Community College. Gomez is a regional and national member of the Association of Legal Administrators, as well as the Program Coordinator and Bar Liaison for New Mexico. She is also an occasional panel presenter for the Institute for Paralegal Education (NBI) and Lorman Educators.
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