



STATE BAR  
of NEW MEXICO

# 2017 | Annual Meeting— Bench & Bar Conference

## *Call for Nominations*



### State Bar of New Mexico 2017 Annual Awards

**N**ominations are being accepted for the 2017 State Bar of New Mexico Annual Awards to recognize those who have distinguished themselves or who have made exemplary contributions to the State Bar or legal profession in 2016 or 2017. The awards will be presented July 28 during the 2017 Annual Meeting—Bench and Bar Conference at the Inn of the Mountains Gods in Mescalero. All awards are limited to one recipient per year, whether living or deceased. *Previous recipients for the past five years are listed below. To view the full list of previous recipients, visit [www.nmbar.org/Awards](http://www.nmbar.org/Awards).*

#### — Distinguished Bar Service Award-Lawyer —

Recognizes attorneys who have provided valuable service and contributions to the legal profession and the State Bar of New Mexico over a significant period of time.

*Previous recipients: Hannah B. Best, Jeffrey H. Albright, Carol Skiba, Ian Bezpalko, John D. Robb Jr.*

#### — Distinguished Bar Service Award-Nonlawyer —

Recognizes nonlawyers who have provided valuable service and contributions to the legal profession over a significant period of time.

*Previous recipients: Tina L. Kelbe, Kim Posich, Rear Admiral Jon Michael Barr (ret.), Hon. Buddy J. Hall, Sandra Bauman*

### — Justice Pamela B. Minzner\* Professionalism Award —

Recognizes attorneys or judges who, over long and distinguished legal careers, have by their ethical and personal conduct exemplified for their fellow attorneys the epitome of professionalism.

*Previous recipients: Arturo L. Jaramillo, S. Thomas Overstreet, Catherine T. Goldberg, Cas F. Tabor, Henry A. Kelly*

\*Known for her fervent and unyielding commitment to professionalism, Justice Minzner (1943–2007) served on the New Mexico Supreme Court from 1994–2007.

### — Outstanding Legal Organization or Program Award —

Recognizes outstanding or extraordinary law-related organizations or programs that serve the legal profession and the public.

*Previous recipients: Self Help Center at the Third Judicial District Court, Pegasus Legal Services for Children, Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center, Divorce Options Workshop, United South Broadway Corp. Fair Lending Center*

### — Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award —

Awarded to attorneys who have, during the formative stages of their legal careers by their ethical and personal conduct, exemplified for their fellow attorneys the epitome of professionalism; nominee has demonstrated commitment to clients' causes and to public service, enhancing the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public; nominee must have practiced no more than five years or must be no more than 36 years of age.

*Previous recipients: Denise M. Chanez, Tania S. Silva, Marshall J. Ray, Greg L. Gambill, Robert L. Lucero Jr.*

### — Robert H. LaFollette\* Pro Bono Award —

Presented to an attorney who has made an exemplary contribution of time and effort, without compensation, to provide legal assistance over his or her career to people who could not afford the assistance of an attorney.

*Previous recipients: Billy K. Burgett, Robert M. Bristol, Erin A. Olson, Jared G. Kallunki, Alan Wainwright*

\*Robert LaFollette (1900–1977), director of Legal Aid to the Poor, was a champion of the underprivileged who, through countless volunteer hours and personal generosity and sacrifice, was the consummate humanitarian and philanthropist.

### — Seth D. Montgomery\* Distinguished Judicial Service Award —

Recognizes judges who have distinguished themselves through long and exemplary service on the bench and who have significantly advanced the administration of justice or improved the relations between the bench and bar; generally given to judges who have or soon will be retiring.

*Previous recipients: Justice Richard C. Bosson (ret.), Hon. Cynthia A. Fry, Hon. Rozier E. Sanchez, Hon. Bruce D. Black, Justice Patricio M. Serna (ret.)*

\*Justice Montgomery (1937–1998), a brilliant and widely respected attorney and jurist, served on the New Mexico Supreme Court from 1989–1994.

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A letter of nomination for each nominee should be sent to Joe Conte, Executive Director, State Bar of New Mexico, PO Box 92860, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2860; fax 505-828-3765; or email [jconte@nmbar.org](mailto:jconte@nmbar.org). **Please note that we will be preparing a video on the award recipients which will be presented at the awards reception, so please provide names and contact information for three or four individuals who would be willing to participate in the video project in the nomination letter.**

*Deadline for Nominations: May 12*