

Board of Bar Commissioners Election Notice 2023



State Bar of
New Mexico
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Notice is hereby given for the 2023 State Bar of New Mexico Board of Bar Commissioners election. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 24-101 NMRA, the Board of Bar Commissioners is the elected governing board of the State Bar of New Mexico (State Bar).

The four commissioner positions described below expire December 31, 2023, and will be filled by this election. The positions are for three-year terms that run from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. The election opens November 9, 2023, and closes at noon on November 30, 2023.

Nominations of State Bar active status members to fill the vacancies shall be made by petition of any ten (10) or more active status members of the State Bar who are in good standing and whose principal place of practice (address of record) is in the respective district. Active status State Bar members whose principal place of practice (address of record) is in El Paso County, Texas, may nominate members for the Third and Sixth Judicial Districts. Members of the State Bar may nominate (sign a petition for) more than one candidate for a position.

Nominations must be made by completing the Nomination Petition at the link below or completing the form on the next page. The nominee is responsible for collecting all nomination petitions and submitting them to the State Bar in either a single email or a single mailed packet **no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on October 11, 2023.** Individual emails sent directly to the State Bar by a petitioner will not be counted.

www.sbnm.org/BBcnomination2023

Primary Responsibilities of the Board of Bar Commissioners:

- › Carry out the organization's mission and purposes and the current Strategic Plan.
- › Ensure effective organization planning and evaluate the State Bar's programs and operations in line with the strategic plan and budget.
- › Ensure financial accountability for the organization.
- › Promote the programs and activities of the State Bar and communicate regularly with constituents regarding State Bar activities.
- › Attend Board meetings (up to six per year), including the Annual Meeting of the State Bar.
- › Establish and enforce bylaws and policies.
- › Represent the State Bar at local bar-related meetings and events.
- › Select, support, and annually evaluate the Executive Director.
- › Serve on internal Board and Supreme Court committees and boards.

First Judicial District – Two Positions

Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties

- › One currently held by Elizabeth J. Travis
- › One currently held by Carolyn A. Wolf
(ineligible for reelection)

Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts – One Position

Curry, DeBaca, Harding, Quay and Roosevelt Counties

- › Currently held by Mitchell L. Mender

Third and Sixth Judicial Districts – One Position

Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna counties

- › Currently held by Rosenda Chavez-Lara

Send all nomination petitions in one packet to:

Executive Director Richard B. Spinello, Esq.

State Bar of New Mexico

PO Box 92860, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2860

5121 Masthead St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

or Email: bbc@sbnm.org

— PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. MT, OCT. 11 —

Direct inquiries to 505-797-6038 or kbecker@sbnm.org.