

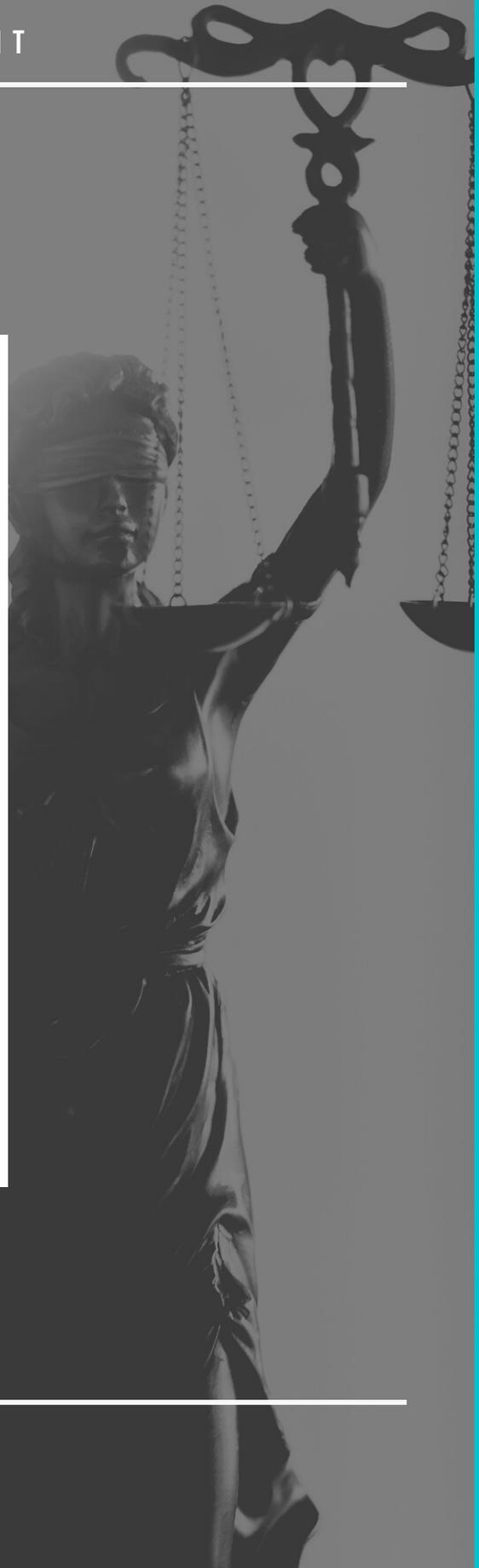
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State Bar of New Mexico
Alternative Methods of
Dispute Resolution

ADR Committee
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Tamara Couture
Rachel Donovan
2022 ADR Committee Co-Chairs

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: January 9, 2023

The Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution Committee of the State Bar of New Mexico conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. As a committee, the ADR Committee does not have a board of directors. There is an active steering committee of approximately 6 people.
 - b. 2022 steering committee members: Peter Merrill, Laura Bassein, Tamara Couture, Rachel Donovan, April McClellan and Brandon Ilgen.
 - c. The steering committee met in January, April, July, and October.
2. Committee Meetings
 - a. The regular committee meetings were held, January, April, and October.
3. Continuing Education Presentations
 - a. The ADR Institute was held on 11/30/22. The speakers and topics were, Maxine Chavez, Owner Abq Drug Testing, on Drug Testing and Chain of Custody. The second session speaker and topic was Lori Millet of Abq Elder Law on Capacity to Mediate. There were 54 total registrations for the presentations and there were 2 parties expressing interest in joining the committee. The event was attended by Judges, Attorneys, and

Mediators. As a result, the courts are making updated procedures for ordering of drug tests as needed by the court. There is also new information shared on the capacity status giving all participants the most current information to promote best practices for the legal community.

4. Committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. The ADR Committee held a Lunch N Learn for the general bar membership on 10/28/22. The presentation was Lori Millet of Abq Elder Law doing her first presentation on the Capacity to Mediate. There were no CLE's offered. The ADR Committee reached out to several organizations outside of the state bar to offer the Lunch N Learn and had 82 register for it. Because of the large interest in this topic the steering committee decided to offer it again at the institute and give CLE credit for it.
5. Scholarships
 - a. Not Applicable at this time.
6. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. Forward moving plans for 2023 are for Lunch N Learns every other month, in addition to networking with other ADR communities throughout New Mexico. We have been invited to collaborate on the ADR committee of the Supreme Court of NM and will use that to increase membership that benefits the ADR community at large.

Conclusion:

2022 was beneficial and allowed the new co-chairs to review the existing structure of the ADR committee, its functions, and procedures. We are excited to capitalize on the momentum the last quarter of 2022 gave us as we align with other ADR communities to increase the visibility of what the State Bar ADR is doing and collaborate with other agencies in moving Alternative Dispute Resolution forward.

Respectfully,
Tamara Couture,
Rachel Donovan
2022 ADR Committee Chairs



State Bar of New Mexico
Committee on Diversity
in the Legal Profession

**COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Denise M. Chanez and Leon F. Howard

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report – Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession

DATE: January 17, 2023

The (section/committee name) conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors
 - a. N/A – In 2022, the CDLP had two co-chairs and a number of members from various diversity organizations, the UNM School of Law, and the general bar membership, but not a board of directors.
2. Meetings
 - a. March 11, 2022
 - b. June 10, 2022
 - c. September 9, 2022
 - d. December 9, 2022
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. Eighth Annual Symposium on Diversity & Inclusion – October 28, 2022
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. N/A
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Art Jaramillo Clerkship Program – another successful year of diverse students paired with legal employers for summer clerkships
 - b. Bar Exam Coaching Program – with the change in directors at the BBE, the coaching program did not take place in 2022. However, now that there is a new BBE executive director in place, the program has been reinvigorated and will continue for the February 2023 bar exam.

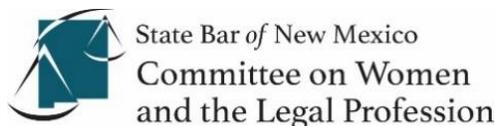
- c. Judicial Clerkship Program - joint effort with YLD and Justice Thomson, New Mexico Supreme Court – paired second year, diverse law students with judges for judicial clerkship program.
- 6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. N/A for the 2022 year
- 7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. CDLP has a page on the State Bar’s website with information about CDLP’s initiatives.
- 8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2020, the CDLP intends to continue its programs identified in Sections 3 and 5 above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Denise M. Chanez & /s/ Leon F Howard – Electronically Signed

Denise M. Chanez & Leon F. Howard

2022 Co-Chairs, State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession



**COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Jensen Wallace and Erin Marshall, 2022 Co-Chairs

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The (section/committee name) conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors
 - a. The Committee has two Co-Chairs instead of a Board of Directors. Jensen Wallace and Erin Marshall were the 2022 Co-Chairs.
2. Meetings
 - a. The CWLP met bimonthly during 2022 and held an end of the year dinner in December 2022. The meetings were all held virtually with the option to appear telephonically.
 - b. Regular Attendees: (Telephonically or virtually- listed in no particular order): Jeanne Hamrick, Jensen Wallace, Jocelyn Castillo, Elizabeth Garcia, Patricia Galindo, Jeff Albright, Sheryl Saavedra, Erin Marshall, Dr. Amanda Parker, DeAnza Valencia, Allison Block-Chavez, Hannah Stephens, Becky O’Gawa, Chelsey Pelzman, Kate O’Neal, Alesia Duran.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. The Committee hosted the Third Annual Women in the Law Symposium on December 7th, 2022. The half-day CLE was held virtually. Some of the topics included a Diversity and Inclusion panel, an update on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, a session led by a life coach, a Transitions Panel, and a Disability Panel.

4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. The Committee selected a recipient for the Justice Pamela B. Minzner Award and held a ceremony on June 23, 2022. The Committee sponsored a #Law Moms podcast episode through the State Bar and held a retreat on November 5th, 2022, to re-evaluate ongoing committee goals.
5. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. The committee did not provide scholarships for the CLE this year.
6. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. <https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Committees/Committee-on-Women-in-the-Legal-Profession>
7. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the committee intends to focus on increasing community involvement and membership.
 - b. In support of existing initiatives and alignment with the Nov. 5, 2022 planning retreat report, the committee established five subcommittees: Public Service, Professional Development/CLE, Personal Support, Law Student/New Lawyer Support, and Membership.
 - c. Goals for 2023 include revitalizing the #LawMoms chats, compiling a “best practice” database of law firms with family friendly policies, and increasing the number of continuing education attendees.

Conclusion: The Committee looks forward to the upcoming year, especially with increased membership and broader initiatives.

Jensen N. Wallace
Erin M. Marshall
2022 CWLP Co-Chairs



State Bar of New Mexico
Ethics Advisory Committee

Ethics Advisory Committee
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Division/Section/Committee Title: Ethics Advisory Committee

Date: December 7, 2022

Chair: James Reist

Activities Undertaken Since Last Report:

- **Held five meetings of the committee in 2022;**
- **Received and reviewed two new requests for informal ethics opinions and responded to same;**
- **Completed all outstanding 2022 informal ethics opinions;**
- **Reviewed and revised the monthly meeting schedule;**
- **Revised Committee focus to concentrate on issuing more formal opinions in 2023 and beyond, targeting at least one formal opinion per quarter**
- **Planned and conducted an Ethics CLE for the New Mexico State Bar Foundation on December 6, 2022, updating attendees on recent ABA Ethics opinions, discussing emerging issues in professional responsibility, and conducting a Mock Meeting of the committee.**

Ongoing Activities:

- **Chair contacts members with immediate need requests;**
- **Regular meetings of the Committee;**
- **Email discussions in-between monthly meetings;**
- **Research and review of rules and opinions affecting lawyers ethics in New Mexico and Nationally.**

Issues Requiring Board of Bar Commissioner Action:

- **Request to continue to send a representative of the committee to the annual meeting of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Conference or conference of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers when in person meetings resume. In lieu of in-person meetings, registration for any virtual meetings held for these confernces.**



**Historical Committee
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Historical Committee

SUBJECT: 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: Friday, January 20, 2023

The (section/committee name) conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Eric Sedillo Jeffries, Co-chair
 - b. Johnn Osborn, Co-chair
2. Meetings:
 - a. The co-chairs, Eric Jeffries, previously Fred Federici, and currently Johnn Osborn, usually plan annual presentations at the State Bar building, with buffet, to which members of the Historical Committee and all members of the New Mexico Bar, with guests, are invited. The pandemic reduced the typically popularly attended presentations to a few audience members and the rest of the audience, about 20 or so, attending by Zoom.
 - b. In 2020, due to the Pandemic, there was no typical Fall annual presentation, but there was a book review on Tom Chavez's book, *Spain and the American War of Independence*, presented in 2018, that addressed how Spain, through its Mississippi water highway avoided British blockades, and thereby largely financed our American rebellion against the then mutual enemy, Britain. Tom Chavez is the dean of New Mexico's historians. He was honored by Spain's King Carlos for his scholarly contributions to Spanish history. Tom presented in 2017 or 2018.
 - c. During the pandemic, we conducted a belated December 2020 presentation by Bar member and nationally recognized coin expert Rod Frechette entitled "Eight bits to Bitcoins, Trade and

Wealth 1556 to 1854.” Since Spain and Spanish silver largely financed our American Revolution Rod’s talk was very interesting despite numerous Zoom technical problems.

d. Last year, in the Fall of 2022, DC/NM attorney/historian, Henry Rivera, one of our best speakers, presented on the Mexican army’s San Patricio Battalion, consisting of mostly Irish Americans, 76 of them deserters from the US Army during the Mexican American War. At the time, there was very strong U.S. prejudices against Irish immigrants and Catholics in general. Moreover, in the war years of 1846-1848 what defined being an “American” in our young nation was ambiguous. After some battle success the soldiers of the San Patricio Battalion were mostly captured and hung from public galleys, in full view of the fighting at Chapultepec. Mr. Rivera’s presentation was very impressive and enthusiastically received.

3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)

a. Typically, not relevant. See ¶ 2.

b. The Historical Committee believes some of its presentations deserve CLE credit. See ¶

8a.

4. Section/committee Annual Meeting (if applicable)

a. See ¶ 2 above.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)

a. N/A

6. Scholarships (if applicable)

a. N/A

7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)

a. Before the pandemic the State Bar Bulletin announced all our annual meetings. The turnout was usually enthusiastic. A presentation by Randi McGinn on Billy the Kid was among the successes.

b. Before the pandemic Bar members signed up for the Historical Committee on their Bar registration form just like any other Bar committee. Typically, 20 or so Bar members so registered. In addition to the annual meetings, we would have occasional lunch meetings with people of interest like Ray Sanchez when he was the House Speaker, Senator Dede Feldman, and former Governor David Cargo of Rio Arriba County Courthouse fame, a very amusing guest. The Bar only pays, if at all, for the meal of the luncheon guest.

c. We ask the Bar to again include us as a registration alternative, because we have no other effective way of efficiently knowing which Bar members love history. If we knew who to invite to the lunch, former House speaker Brian Egolf, or present Speaker Javier Martinez, could be our next guests.

8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

a. In 2023, despite the absence of the Bar’s traditional support we would like to informally register at least ten (10) Historical Committee members.

b. We think our next presentation on or about March 10, 2023, by Henry Rivera, again with a declined honorarium, should qualify for one CLE general credit and, with the Bar Bulletin’s help, should again attract a crowd. Mr. Rivera will present, with graphics and photos, why Jefferson Davis authorized the Confederate invasion of the New Mexico Territory. Legally, Mr. Rivera will address the Compromise of 1850, its impact on Jefferson Davis’ thinking and its impact on Texas’ claim to New Mexico. The talk

also touches on the 3/5th Clause of the Constitution, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the Wilmot Provisio and the Fugitive Slave Law.

c. Mr. Rivera has agreed to lead a tour for State Bar members of the Civil War Battlefield at Glorieta likely in May, 2023. The tour will begin with an orientation talk at El Rancho de Las Golondrinas followed by a day-long, detailed tour of the battlefield itself. Mr. Rivera will again decline an honorarium.

Conclusion: The Historical Committee of the New Mexico State Bar, due to Covid, has been in a weakening transition process for several years. While in the past there was greater participation, we are currently a committee of two. With the requested help from the Bar, we intend to regrow our membership, author historical articles for the Bar Bulletin, and establish CLE credit for at least some of our luncheon presentation. If you have suggested topics, we are listening. We intend to keep the historical stories of the New Mexican Bar alive and well for future generations. It may be news to you that the State Bar has a growing collection of recorded histories from New Mexico's retired lawyers.

We want our committee to return to the registered, Bar supported status it had before the pandemic. We would be honored to personally advocate our position to the Board of Bar Commissioners of the State Bar of New Mexico.

/s/Eric Sedillo Jeffries and Johnn Osborn
Co-Chairs of the NM State Bar Historical Committee



State Bar of New Mexico
Lawyers Professional Liability
and Insurance Committee

**LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Jerry Dixon/William Slease

SUBJECT: Annual Report from the LPLI Committee

DATE: December 7, 2022

The LPLI Committee conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Committee Chair: Jerry Dixon; SBNM Staff Liaison: William Slease
2. Meetings
 - a. The Committee held 3 regular meetings and several unofficial subcommittee meetings to develop CLE programming to be presented by the Committee on December 6, 2022.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)
 - a. The Committee presented a 1 hour CLE on December 6, 2022 titled *Well, That Seemed Like a Good Idea: Practical Best Practice Tips*
4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. The Committee Chair attended the ABA Fall Malpractice Conference in Seattle, WA. The Committee Chair and Staff Liaison plan on attending either the Spring or Fall ABA Malpractice Conference or the ABA CPR Annual Conference in 2023.
5. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. N/A
6. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - b. In the coming year, the Committee would like to invite representatives from interested professional liability insurance carriers and brokers to meet with Committee members to explore the benefits of closer relationships between the Bar and PLI carriers; and continue other efforts to assist attorneys including presenting CLEs, articles in the Bar Bulletin, and information on the SBNM website.



State Bar of New Mexico Legal Services and Programs Committee

Legal Services and Programs Committee OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Joseph Haupt, Co-Chair
State Bar of New Mexico Legal Services and Programs Committee

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The Legal Services and Programs Committee (the “Committee”) conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. The Honorable Frank A. Sedillo, Co-Chair
 - b. Joseph C. Haupt, Co-Chair
2. Meetings
 - a. In 2022, the Committee held quarterly meetings, on January 7, 2022; April 1, 2022; July 1, 2022; and October 7, 2022.
 - b. The Committee also held an additional meeting on February 24, 2022 to discuss winners for the “Breaking Good” film competition.

3. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)

- a. The Committee began exploring the process of gaining MCLE accredited status and determining whether such status would be appropriate, particularly in light of the Committee's involvement with various legal fairs and clinics throughout the state.
- b. The Committee also administered the sixth annual Breaking Good video competition.
- c. Additionally, the Committee continued its sponsorship of civil legal clinics at the Metropolitan Court.

4. Scholarships (if applicable)

- a. The Committee provided scholarships to three individuals to attend the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference.

5. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

- a. Applying for MCLE accreditation
- b. Continue support for legal fairs and clinics throughout the State
- c. Provide scholarships to attend the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference
- d. Provide financial support to New Mexico organizations for production of legal educational videos
- e. Restructuring the Breaking Good video competition
- f. Create an online repository for pro bono opportunities throughout the State

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Haupt, Esq.

2022 Legal Services and Programs Committee Co-Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Well-Being Committee

**NM Well-Being Committee
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Sean M. FitzPatrick and Tony Long, Co-Chairs,
SBNM Well-Being Committee

SUBJECT: SBNM Well-Being Committee Annual Report, 2022

DATE: January 24, 2023

The New Mexico Well-Being Committee begins its fourth full year with many accomplishments and ambitions.

Below is a brief summary of the committee's history, structure and accomplishments in 2022.

The Well-Being Committee was created prior to the beginning of the Covid 19 Pandemic in an effort to encourage health and well-being among New Mexico lawyers. This committee was also created with the intention of following the steps laid out by the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being. The NM Well-Being Committee is comprised of representatives from the bar, the law school, the Judiciary, and the paralegal community; all of its members have an interest in well-being.

Four subcommittees meet regularly to work on different aspects of well-being programming: Strategic Planning, Events/CLE, Yearly Campaign, and Judicial Wellness. The subcommittees met as needed between the larger Well-Being Committee meeting which met every other month.

There are several items to highlight for the BBC that the Well-Being Committee implemented and continued in 2022.

Well-Being Campaign

What A Healthy Legal Community Looks Like

The campaign included a series of podcasts and articles designed to understand and define what well-being looks like for a particular legal community.

Podcast- Legal Well Being in Action

- 2.1 Solo and Small Firm Attorneys Pt 1
- 2.2 Solo and Small Firm Attorneys Pt 2
- 2.3 UNM School of Law - The Ongoing Conversation About Well-Being
- 2.4 New Mexico Office of the Attorney General
- 2.5 The Senior Lawyers Division
- 2.6 The Young Lawyers Division
- 2.7 The Paralegal Division
- 2.8 New Mexico's Big Law Firms
- 2.9 The LOPD
- 2.10 The NM Judiciary
- 2.11 Equity and Inclusion Work is Well Being Work

Articles

Along with these podcasts, a series of articles were published in coordination with the podcast releases and included the following topics:

- “What’s Next” The New Mexico Well-Being Committee’s 2022 Campaign
- Well-Being? Me, Solo/Small Firm Gal-Guy? Who Are You Kidding? I Don’t Have Time for “Me”, or Well-Being!!!
- Take Some Little Leaps (or at least some little steps): Self-care in a Busy World
- It’s Always Good to Get an Early Start on Something This Important: Well-Being at the Law School
- “Happiness Isn’t What You’re Looking for in Your Work” Tapping into That Which Lights Us Up
- Ready for Checkers at Starbucks?
- In the Middle – The Paralegal World
- Well-Being in the Bigger Firm “Leash the Dog, Secure the Scene”
- The New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender

Subcommittees

- **Strategic Planning**

Formulated in late 2022 and will begin work starting in 2023.

- **Events CLE**

Formulated in late 2022 and will begin work starting in 2023.

- **Yearly Campaign**

This subcommittee focuses on developing annual campaigns which feature how self-care and legal profession can co-exist. Through each campaign, the podcast will enlist local leaders to speak on topics that integrate their personal life with their legal professional life and how they find meaning and purpose in both. All campaigns will feature the ways a legal professional can be a practitioner and a healthy human being.

- **Judicial Wellness**

This subcommittee is comprised of stakeholders throughout the NM judicial community. Led by retired Judge Sandra Engel it promotes and optimizes health and wellness among New Mexico Judges by creating and facilitating educational programs and offering resources and services which provide a supportive environment for our judiciary in order to restore and maintain ones overall mental, physical, and spiritual health. Highlights include a Judicial Coach Resource, monthly JWell Now e-blasts, educational well being presentations at judicial conferences, and a helpline for any judge or court staff struggling with any mental or emotional issue.

Future Goals and Plans

2023 Well Being: A Deeper Dive

The Well-being Committee's goals in 2023 will be geared toward taking a closer look at well-being beyond the basic building blocks. Sharing how individuals can move from just getting by to thriving will be a primary goal of 2023. In addition, the Well-Being Committee will examine how best to inculcate those experiences into the legal community. The topics for the podcasts and articles so far include: an introductory to the campaign in January of 2023, and How to Thrive from the Inside Out in February.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee Goal

The SP subcommittee will begin a high-level planning phase that will direct the overall flow of focus for the NM Well-Being Committee. Currently, the subcommittee is looking

to create initiatives at the UNM School of Law and getting involved with the Paralegals Division for 2023.

1. Board of Directors (if applicable)
 - a. Not Applicable
2. Meetings
 - a. Well-Being Committee met every other month in 2022.
 - i. Subcommittees met as needed between the overall committee meetings, but in general, monthly.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. October 12th, 2022, Well-Being Wednesday: Walk Away, Come Back – Strategies to Get Unstuck
 - b. November 16th, 2022, Transgender Cultural Fluency Training and Community Dialogue
 - a. No Annual Meeting
4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Please see initiatives and efforts above that include what has been accomplished in 2022 and goals/plans for 2023.
5. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. Not Applicable
6. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. A website was created for the Well-Being Committee:
<https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Committees/NM-Well-Being-Committee>
 - b. A website was created to feature the Well-Being Committee's podcast:
<https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Committees/NM-Well-Being-Committee/Legal-Well-Being-In-Action-Podcast>
7. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the Well-Being Committee will continue the efforts in the two. See goals/plans above.

Conclusion:

The NM Well-Being Committee continues to serve the legal community by educating and providing resources that enable legal professionals from all areas of the legal community to make time for their well-being.

Best Regards,

Sean M. FitzPatrick

Tony Long
2022 Well-Being Committee Co-Chairs



State Bar of New Mexico
Animal Law Section

2022 Annual Report of the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico

Current Status and Summary of Section Activities During 2022

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Guy Dicharry, Past Chair

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico

DATE: January 2023

Item 1: Board Elections

- Election Results and current status of board positions:
 - Chair: Tracy Jenks (2023)
 - Chair-Elect (2024): open
 - Past Chair: Guy Dicharry
 - 2021 – 2023 Director Position: Robert Berlin
 - 2021 – 2023 Director Position: Jeanne Quintero
 - 2022 – 2024 Director Position: Amanda Thom
 - UNM Faculty: Yolanda Eisenstein
 - YLD Liaison: Samantha Catalano
 - UNM Student: Hannah Stephens; Hannah is also one of the SALDF Representatives this year.
 - non-attorney position: open
 - 2021 – 2023 Director Position: open
 - 2022 – 2024 Director Position: open
 - 2022 – 2024 Director Position: open
 - 2023 – 2025 Director Position: open

Item 2: Meetings

The ALS conducted six regular board meetings and one annual meeting of the membership during 2022.

Item 3: Budget Report -- attached

Item 4: ALS Animal Talk series

- 2022 presentations:
 - **Tracy Jenks: February 2022** -- Animal Talk with CLE presentation regarding Jenks' defense of a subrogation case involving property damage to a passenger car when the car struck and killed her client's pet dog who had escaped an enclosed yard and ran out into a busy street. In defending the case, Jenks raised the legal issue of whether a pet owner's liability for damages caused by the owner's pet arises in negligence or in strict liability.

- **Maya Van Rossom, -- founder of Green Amendments for the Generations – January 2022.**

“Green Amendments are self-executing provisions added to the bill of rights section of a constitution that recognize and protect the rights of all people—regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or income, including future generations—to pure water, clean air, a stable climate and healthy environments.”

“The amendment was first proposed by State Senator Bill Soules (D-Doña Ana), Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (D-Bernalillo), Senator Harold Pope Jr. (D-Bernalillo) and Representative Joanne Ferrary (D-Doña Ana) during the 2021 legislative session. While the amendment passed out of the Senate Rules Committee with majority support, it didn’t make it to a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee, so it failed to advance.”

“Key senators are making the amendment a priority for the 2022 passage. The Joint Resolution for 2022 consideration proposes amending the New Mexico State Constitution’s Bill of Rights to recognize and protect the rights of all of the people of New Mexico ‘to a clean and healthy environment, including water, air, soil, flora, fauna, ecosystems and climate, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment’; to ensure these rights are protected for present and future generations; and to designate all the state’s government officials as trustees of the natural resources of the state constitutionally obligated to ‘conserve, protect and maintain them’.”
Unruh, GA; “The Paper”; 11/11/2021.

- **Tammy Fiebelkorn – April 2022: The Link Between Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence.** Fiebelkorn is President of The Link New Mexico, an environmental and business consultant, and a member of the Albuquerque City Council. The virtual presentation did not attract enough attendees and the board members in attendance decided to convert the presentation to a podcast through the SBNM.
- **Michael Dax – June 2022: Wildlife Corridors and Connectivity; a presentation focusing on the implementation of the New Mexico Wildlife Corridors Act, signed into law in 2019.** Dax is Western Program Director of Wildlands Network. During the 2019 session, Dax worked closely with legislative sponsors of the Wildlife Corridors Act prior to and throughout the legislative session that resulted in the passage of the bill.

Item 5: New Mexico Anti-Cruelty Laws: A White Paper Project of the Animal Law Section.

- ALS Board Member Yolanda Eisenstein organized this project. Board members Yolanda Eisenstein, Robert Berlin, Tracy Jenks, Christal Weatherly, and Guy Dicharry contributed to the paper.
- The writing group surveyed existing New Mexico anti-cruelty legislation at the state and local level in addition to outlining anti-cruelty and animal laws currently in place in Texas, Arizona, Maine, Oregon, Illinois, Colorado, Canada, Sweden, and Norway. The group wrote the paper to provide general information and insight on the scope of animal protection measures in several settings as compared to those currently in place in New Mexico. The section will make the paper available to New Mexico animal protection

advocates for use as a resource when deciding whether to propose anti-cruelty measures for action by New Mexico state and municipal law-making entities.

Item 6: Animal Law Institute, Friday November 18, 2022

ALS Board Member Yolanda Eisenstein organized the annual Institute with the following presenters and topics. Yolanda also presented the ethics content. The ALS opted for a virtual session which was well-attended (40+ attendees).



2022 Animal Law Institute: Animals, Agriculture, and the Planet

Date: Friday, November 18, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Credits: 3.0 G, 1.0 EP

To register and attend this program [via webcast](#), click [here](#).

Explore trending topics in Animal Law at the section's annual institute.

Topics to include:

The Pork Industry v. California: An Inside Look at the Supreme Court and Prop. 12
Rebecca Carey, *Senior Staff Attorney, Humane Society of the United States*

Animals, Agriculture, and the Climate Crisis
Daina Bray, *Senior Litigation Fellow, Senior Research Scholar & Project Manager, Yale Law School*

Antibiotics Abuse in Animal Ag: Are Superbugs on Your Plate?
Gretchen Elsner, *Elsner Law & Policy*

Animal Law Ethics: Lessons from Environmental Law
Yolanda Eisenstein, *Board President, Animal Protection Voters New Mexico*

Item 7: In Memoriam: ALS Board Member Terry Yenson died in February 2022.

Item 8: Animal Law Section co-sponsored a guided hike during the 2022 State Bar Convention.

Submitted by Guy Dicharry, Past Chair, Animal Law Section



State Bar of New Mexico
Appellate Practice Section

**APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Rosalind Bienvenu, Chair (2022–2023)

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The Appellate Practice Section of the State Bar of New Mexico conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Rosalind Bienvenu (Chair)
 - b. Alicia Lopez
 - c. Jocelyn Drennan
 - d. Larry Montañó
 - e. Randy Taylor (Secretary)
 - f. Jazmine Johnston
 - g. Lysette Romero-Cordova
 - h. Marcos Martinez (Budget Officer)
 - i. Anastasia Stevens (Chair Elect)
 - j. Cole Wilson (Young Lawyers Division Liaison)
2. Meetings
 - a. January 11, 2022
 - b. February 8, 2022
 - c. March 8, 2022
 - d. April 12, 2022
 - e. May 10, 2022
 - f. June 14, 2022
 - g. July 12, 2022
 - h. August 9, 2022

- i. September 13, 2022
 - j. October 11, 2022
 - k. November 8, 2022
3. Continuing Education Presentation
 - a. The Appellate Practice Section hosted its annual Appellate Practice Institute on September 9, 2022. Board members Jazmine Johnston, Lysette Romero-Cordova, and Larry Montañó planned an excellent event, with informative presentations from a number of New Mexico Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, and appellate practitioners. Topics included recent developments in New Mexico appellate practice, tips for persuasive briefing and argument, advice about how to work with trial counsel to prepare for an appeal, updates and perspectives from the New Mexico Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent criminal jurisprudence, and a keynote address from Justice Michael Vigil. More than 80 attendees joined.
 4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. We hosted our annual meeting on September 13, 2022, over Zoom. We had a number of section members join the Board to hear about our 2022 initiatives and future plans.
 5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Randy Taylor planned and moderated a Lunch and Learn on April 8, 2022, featuring New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge Duffy and Judge Attrep. Judges Duffy and Attrep spoke about their efforts to streamline the appeals process, and they polled practitioners about various issues that affect their daily practice.
 - b. Young Lawyers Division Liaison Cole Wilson also hosted a Lunch and Learn for UNM School of Law students on November 1, 2022. Former New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge Linda Vanzi hosted a panel of appellate practitioners, including Kim Chavez-Cook, James Grayson, and Philip Kovnat, giving law students an opportunity to learn about various aspects of appellate practice.
 - c. On October 18, 2022, the Appellate Practice Section Board hosted the 2022 Appellate Candidate Forum, moderated by Rosalind Bienvenu and featuring nine of the 2022 New Mexico Supreme Court and Court of Appeals candidates. Over 115 people attended live, in-person or online, to learn about the candidates and their positions on important issues. Over 230 people viewed the program on the State Bar’s YouTube channel.
 6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. In 2022, the Appellate Practice Section was pleased to make its annual donation to the UNM Moot Court program.
 7. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the Appellate Practice Section intends to carry forward much of the work it did in 2022. We are looking forward to another great Appellate Practice Institute and new Lunch and Learn programs. If possible, we would like to begin planning a Bench and Bar conference and organize a CLE program geared toward newer or more junior appellate practitioners.

Conclusion: The Appellate Practice Section is comprised of an engaged group of practitioners, and it continues to provide important services for its members. Its programs are informative and engaging, building community and improving appellate practice in the state by connecting appellate attorneys in various areas of law with other attorneys and members of the judiciary.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rosalind Bienvenu

Rosalind Bienvenu

2022 Appellate Practice Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Bankruptcy Law Section

**BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Samuel Roybal, 2022 Chair

SUBJECT: Bankruptcy Law Section Annual Report

DATE: December 22, 2022

The Bankruptcy Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors

	Name	Position
1	Sam Roybal	Chair
2	Dan White	Chair-Elect
3	Shay Megeal	Director
4	Karen Weaver	Director/Secretary
5	Leslie Maxwell	Director
6	Tom Walker	Director
7	AJ Swenson	Director
8	Mike Daniels	Director
9	Ron Holmes	Director/Budget Officer
10	Mike Lash	Director
11	Spencer Edelman	Past Chair
12	Claire Gardner	YLD Liaison
13	James "Jay" Rodgers*	UNM Student
14	Robert Jacobvitz*	Judge
15	David Thuma*	Judge
16	Mary Johnson*	US Trustee
17	Lana Merewether*	Court Clerk
18	Tiffany Cornejo*	Chapter 13 Trustee
19	Natalie Martin*	UNM Faculty

* - Ex officio member

2. Meetings

- a. Board meetings held monthly, second Tuesday of each month, every month.

3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. Year in Review – All day CLE, March 5, 2021
 - b. Ethics CLE by Court on September 24, 2022
 - c. Brown Bag – New Chapter 13 Plan – June 18, 2022
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. Annual section meeting held virtually on March 5, 2021, during the lunch break from the Year in Review, CLE
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Holiday Party on December 17, 2022.
 - b. Night at the Isotopes on September 27, 2022.
 - c. Section Picnic on September 24, 2022
 - d. Sponsors of UNMSOL award for achievement in bankruptcy law.
 - e. Participated in the retirement ceremonies for two assistant clerks of the Bankruptcy Court.
 - f. Monthly consumer debt workshop for the public.
 - g. Monthly happy hours for section members.
 - h. Monthly Coffee Hour for section members.
6. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Regular emails to section members on upcoming events and news
 - b. Emails to section when bankruptcy court issues new opinion
7. Ongoing Section/Committee Items: For 2023, the Bankruptcy Section intends to:
 - a. Continue its CLE programming including the annual year in review.
 - b. Work with the Bankruptcy Judges, the Court Clerk, and staff to address any local issues regarding practicing in the US Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico.
 - c. Continue to provide meaningful opportunities to network/connect both in person and virtually.

Bankruptcy practitioners as a whole have seen their bankruptcy work dwindle due to the lack of bankruptcy filings affecting the whole country. This lack of opportunity to practice bankruptcy law has made it a challenge for the Bankruptcy Section Board to energize its members. The Board has made efforts to make section membership more appealing by providing convenient, low-cost opportunities to earn CLE credits through our annual year-in-review, CLE picnic, and brown bags. This year the Board also instituted a monthly coffee hour as an alternative to our regular monthly happy hours. In my capacity as chair of the Board, I made a concerted effort this year to be more engaged with the UNM School of Law in order to encourage new graduates to consider a bankruptcy practice when bankruptcy filings eventually increase. How effective this effort will have is yet to be seen considering that the UNM School of Law will not be providing a bankruptcy class this coming academic year. We hope to continue to provide value to our members as well attempt to increase membership.

Sincerely,
Samuel Roybal
2022 Bankruptcy Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Business Law Section

Business Law Section OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Joaquín Sánchez-Leal, Chair

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: January 20 2023

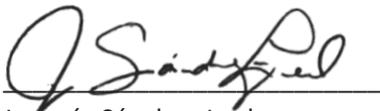
The Business Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - 1) Joaquín Sánchez-Leal, Chair
 - 2) Peter Kelton, Budget Officer
 - 3) Isaac Leon, Secretary
 - 4) Ryan Walters, CLE Liaison and Newsletter Editor
 - 5) Amanda Cvinar, Outreach
 - 6) Garrett Davey, Outreach
 - 7) Taylor Duffney, YLD Liaison
2. Meetings were held on the following months in 2022:
 - a. January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. Quorum was met for all meetings except for the month of January.
3. Continuing Education Presentation
 - a. Organized the Section's Annual Business Law Institute on November 2, 2022
 - i. 6 credits (1 Ethics, 5 General)
 - ii. 70 participants (20 in person, 50 online)
4. Section's Annual Meeting
 - a. Held the Section's Annual Meeting during the lunch hour of the Business Law Institute
 - b. Announced the Business Lawyer of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting
 - c. 12 section members in attendance at the Section's Annual Meeting
5. Section Outreach/Initiatives/Events

- a. Members of the Board of Directors attended the State Bar Annual Meeting in August at the Tamaya Resort to network on behalf of the Business Law Section
 - b. The Board engaged in outreach to Section members in the planning of the Business Law Institute by inviting members to present on business law topics at the Institute.
 - c. The Board engaged in outreach to Section members through the publishing process of the New Mexico Lawyer Newsletter in the State Bar Bulletin published on October 12, 2022, by inviting Section members to submit their articles to the Newsletter.
 - d. The Board engaged in online outreach with UNM Law School students by offering scholarships for books and bar exam preparation in the Spring and Fall semesters.
6. Scholarships
- a. The Board offered Book and Bar Prep Scholarships in the Spring and Fall semesters
 - b. \$1,000 was awarded per semester; \$2000 total was awarded to 4 students
7. Media
- a. Published the Business Law edition of the New Mexico Lawyer Newsletter in the State Bar Bulletin, on October 12, 2022.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items
- a. For 2023, the section intends to:
 - i. Organize the Section’s Annual Business Law Institute on November 1, 2023.
 - ii. Organize a Section Networking event at Meow Wolf in Santa Fe or Electric Playhouse in Albuquerque.
 - iii. Organize a Networking event at the UNM Law School to engage students on current topics in the practice of business law and to recruit prospective student representatives for the Section.
 - iv. Offer Book and Bar Exam Preparation Scholarships to UNM Law students.
 - v. Submit a proposal for a presentation at the SBNM Annual Meeting.
 - vi. Update the Section’s website.
 - vii. Identify opportunities to collaborate with other sections, committees or division within the State Bar of New Mexico.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Business Law Section, I hereby submit this Annual Report regarding the Section’s activities in the year 2022.

Respectfully Submitted.



Joaquín Sánchez-Leal
2022 Business Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Cannabis Law Section

Cannabis Law Section OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Patricia M. Monaghan, Chair
Cannabis Law Section
State Bar of New Mexico

SUBJECT: Cannabis Law Section 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 25, 2023

The Cannabis Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Patricia M. Monaghan
 - b. Carlos Martinez
 - c. Tina Gooch
 - d. Benjamin Feuchter
 - e. Johnn Osborn
 - f. Brett Phelps
 - g. Diana Martwick
 - h. Savannah Hoover
 - i. Terence L. Jones, PhD
 - j. Joel Krukar
 - k. Augustin Ternoir
2. Meetings
 - a. Board of Director meetings were generally held via Zoom monthly throughout 2022.
3. Continuing Education Presentations
 - a. Cannabis Law Section co-hosted the 2022 State Bar of New Mexico Annual Meeting offering the following CLE presentations:, which were very well attended and received:

- i. Cannabis Law - From Seed to Start Up and Beyond by Brian Vicente, Esq., Vicente Sederberg, LLP;
 - ii. Water for Commercial Cannabis Cultivation from State Engineer and Private Sector Perspectives by Elizabeth N. Taylor, Esq., Taylor & McCaleb, PA; Jennifer M. Allred and Lorrie M. Gallegos, NM Office of State Engineer;
 - iii. Acequias and the Cannabis Regulation Act: Advocacy, Water Protection, and Local Governance by Enrique Romero, NM Acequia Association;
 - iv. Cannabis Control Division Update by Robert Sachs, Esq. and Carolina Barrera, Esq., New Mexico Cannabis Control Division
- 4. Cannabis Law Section Annual Meeting
 - a. The CLS Annual Meeting was held live on November 4, 2022 at the Juno Brewery & Café' in Albuquerque.
 - i. Carolina Barrera, Deputy Director of the NM Cannabis Control Division provided an inspiring talk encouraging cannabis program education and working cooperatively together.
 - ii. UNM School of Law Students made presentations regarding their experience, what they learned, and gratitude for CLS paying for their attendance at the Cannabis Law Institute in Washington, DC.
 - 1. Exceptional attendance at CLS Annual Meeting by law school community.
- 5. Cannabis Law Section Outreach
 - a. Several members participated and took leadership roles with cannabis expungement challenges, administrative issues and events
- 6. Scholarships
 - a. Standard scholarships offered.
 - b. UNM Law School Student grants extended.
- 7. Media
 - a. Website used to post current information.
- 8. Ongoing Cannabis Law Section Items:
 - a. CLS intends to actively continue to support and encourage and facilitate cannabis legal and program education throughout the community;'
 - b. CLS also will be mutually involved with UNM School of.

Conclusion:

The Cannabis Law Section sincerely appreciates the opportunity and support extended by the State Bar for our activities. We remain enthusiastic and optimistic with the continued success of high attendance and positive reception of CLS seminars and events.

Thank you,

Patricia M. Monaghan

Patricia M. Monaghan
2022 Cannabis Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Children's Law Section

Children's Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Twila A. Hoon Witz

SUBJECT: 2022 Children's Law Section Annual Report

DATE: January 19, 2023

The (section/committee name) conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors (if applicable)
 - Twila Hoon Chair
 - Marisol Garcia Director
 - Amy DeLaney-Hernandez Director
 - Cassandra Brulotte Director
 - Allison Pieroni Director (incoming chair 2023)
 - Andrea Gunderson Director
 - Harlena Reed Director
 - Elizabeth Hess Director
 - Ali Pauk Past Chair
2. Meetings (if applicable)
 - a. CLS Annual January 12, 2022
 - b. February 10, 2022
 - c. March 20, 2022
 - d. April 14, 2022
 - e. June – canceled
 - f. July 14, 2022
 - g. August 15, 2022 (no quorum/no minutes)
 - h. September 19, 2022
 - i. October 17, 2022

- j. November/December 2022 canceled due to holiday schedules
- 3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)
 - a. N/A
- 4. Section/committee Annual Meeting (if applicable)
 - a. January 12, 2022
- 5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)
 - a. Provided support to the Children’s Law Institute and combined efforts surrounding the Children Law Section Art Contest and the Children’s Law Institute to provide for outcome announcement and artwork display. Additionally presented to the UNM Law School lunch an learn. Provided support for Reunification celebration.
- 6. Scholarships (if applicable) (if applicable)
 - a. N/A
- 7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a.
- 8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the Children’s Law Section intends to:
 - i. Resume lunch and learn sessions
 - ii. Continue efforts with the Children’s Art Contest
 - iii. Continue efforts to involve attorneys and law students in Children’s law
 - iv. Investigate opportunities for outreach to potential members

Conclusion: The Children’s Law Section thanks the State Bar for its support and guidance over the last year and looks forward to future endeavors. The section believes its focus in the upcoming year will be oriented to recruiting additional members who are practicing in underserved areas as well as conducting outreach to assure potential members are aware of upcoming opportunities as well as resumed trainings.

Sincerely,

Twila A. Hoon

Twila A. Hoon Witz

2022 Children’s Law Section



State Bar of New Mexico
Elder Law Section

Elder Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Ami S. Jaeger, Co-Chair and Jennifer Brannen, Co-Chair of Elder Law Section

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 14, 2023

The Elder Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Julia Catron
 - b. Katie Roehlk
 - c. Michael McGuire
 - d. Diana Llewellyn
 - e. Bob McCrea
 - f. Marina Tapia Cansino
 - g. Ami Jaeger
 - h. Jennifer Brannen
 - i. Marcos Trujillo
2. Meetings
 - a. The Board met via zoom on the first Friday of every month at 12 noon.
3. Continuing Education Presentations
 - a. 4-part series, one hour each, June - September
 - b. ½ day Elder Institute in October, 2022
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. The Section meeting was held in conjunction with the Elder Institute, October, 2022
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Law school networking mixer, co-hosted with the Estate and Trust section, April, 2022

- b. Presentation to Law School on Elder Law as part of a law practice, September, 2022
- 6. Scholarships
 - a. Book Scholarship of \$500 awarded to 5 law Students, based on essays submitted to the Board.
- 7. Media
 - a. The Board continues to review Web policy for posting resources, based on requests from other groups.
- 8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

Section Accomplishments for 2022

- 1. Focus on developing law students' interest in elder law, ably lead by our student rep on the Board, Marcos Trujillo
- 2. Board member-law student mentoring throughout the CLE program development
- 3. CLE Programming Delivered: 4-part lunch hour series, and ½ day Elder Institute program
 - i. Each Board member developed program and presented it
- 4. Law School presentation on Elder Law (September)
- 5. Mixer with Law Students and Trust and Estate Section (April)
- 6. Book Scholarships (5 @ \$500 each)
- 7. Donations to Law School Student Pantry (CLE honorariums donated to the Student Pantry)
- 8. Web Resources reviewed. Board is developing guidelines for reviewing requests to ad resources from other parties.

Section Plans for 2023

- 1. Focus: serving the members of the Elder Law Section
- 2. Use monthly Board meetings to invite speakers on Elder trends, and have discussions. This is not a CLE program, but a service to our section members
- 3. CLE: emerging ideas for CLE program:
 - i. Steps and resources pre-guardianship.
 - ii. State and Local resources to support seniors and our clients
 - iii. Emerging medical testing and treatment of cognitive issues and how it impacts legal representation

4. Focus on connections with Young Lawyers Division (Note: We have acted on this goal for 2023 and have a YLD Board Member that started Jan 1, 2023)
5. THANKS to Board members for their efforts and support
6. THANKS TO NM Bar Support Team: Addie Sanchez and Brianna Velasquez

Sincerely,

s/ Ami S. Jaeger

Ami S. Jaeger, MA, JD

s/Jennifer Brannen

Jennifer Brannen

Co-Chairs, Elder Law Section

2022



State Bar of New Mexico
Employment and
Labor Law Section

Employment and Labor Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Caryn Carson, Chair, Employment and Labor Law Section 2022

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 5, 2023

The Employment and Labor Law Section (“ELLS”) conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors: The following individuals served on the ELLS Board of Directors for 2022:

Name	Position
Caryn Carson	Chair
Cristin Heyns-Bousliman	Director
Eric Dixon	Director
Jennifer Kittleson	Director
Amanda Krasulick	Director, Secretary
Alana De Young	Director, Chair-Elect
Melissa Kountz	Director, Budget Officer
Felicia Finston	Past Chair
James Rodgers	UNM Student
Laura Unklesbay	YLD Liaison

2. Meetings: The Board met on the first Wednesday of each month, except for December 2022.
3. Continuing Education Presentation: The Section planned and hosted the annual Labor & Employment Law Institute on September 15 and 16, 2022. Both in-person and webinar options were made available.

4. Section/committee Annual Meeting: Our Section’s annual meeting was held on September 16 in connection with the Labor & Employment Law Institute. Below are the talking points from the meeting:

Welcome! Thank you for attending in person or telephonically. I’m Caryn Carson, this year’s chair of the ELLS Board.

Today’s meeting will be short – the purpose is to update you on what’s going on and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

Our biggest activity this year has been the planning and execution of the Employment and Labor Institute held yesterday and today. If you have feedback on the CLE, please let us or the Bar Foundation know.

The uncertainty surrounding COVID limited our activities for the first few months of 2022. However, in early June we held our first community event in more than two years at the Roadrunner Foodbank. It was a well-attended service event and a chance for some Board members and Section members to meet each other in person for the first time. Our hope is that 2023 will allow the section to continue more in-person events.

We supported law students at UNM who have an interest in employment and labor law. We funded a partial scholarship as well as four textbook stipends.

We urge you to get involved in the section. We are soliciting candidates for one open Director position. It is a three-year term starting in January 2023. We usually meet by phone on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are interested, please contact the Bar. There was also an email that went out earlier this month to members, and it had a link to follow if interested. The cutoff is Friday, September 30 at 5:00 pm.

We welcome ideas for additional section activities you would be interested in.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events: The pandemic limited in-person events during the first half of 2022, but on June 4, 2022 we held a volunteer event at Road Runner Food Bank in Albuquerque. It was attended by both Section members and members of the ELLS Board of Directors.



Additionally, the Board hosted a luncheon during the Labor & Employment Law Institute.

6. Scholarships: The Section funded the Richard Gonzalez Scholarship at UNM School of Law. The Section also funded four \$500 book stipends for students at UNMSOL. A CLE scholarship was also funded for one Section member during the Labor & Employment Law Institute.
7. Media: Our ELLS Board Coordinators were helpful in assisting the Board with e-mail blasts regarding the Labor & Employment Law Institute and other Section activities.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items: For 2023, the Section will offer its Labor & Employment Law Institute in the fall. It is also hoped that more in-person Section activities and community events will be possible.

Conclusion: 2022 was another year in which the continuing pandemic limited activities and reduced member interaction to some extent. However, the volunteer event at Road Runner Food Bank in the summer and the Labor and Employment Law Institute in the fall confirmed that there is interest in doing in-person events while continuing some online activities, which are likely a draw for those members outside of the state's metro areas. There will be some budget funds carrying over to 2023, and the Board hopes to expand the Section's offerings and activities in the new year.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Carson
Chair, Employment and Labor Law Section 2022



State Bar of New Mexico
Family Law Section

**FAMILY LAW SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Amber R. Macias-Mayo
Chair of the Family Law Section

SUBJECT: Family Law Section 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 31, 2023

The Family Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Amber Macias-Mayo (chair); Sarah M. Armstrong (past chair); Kymberleigh Dougherty (chair-elect); Carlos Martinez (treasurer); Janine Caller (YLD liaison); Larry Heyeck; Randy Powers; Gretchen Walther (portion of year); Lucy Sinkular; Amy Bailey; Bridget Mullins; Kristin Bradford (portion of year); Bob Matteucci; and Linda Ellison.
 - b. Directors Kristin Bradford and Gretchen Walther resigned their positions during the 2022 year, which opened 2 additional positions, which were filled by Bob Matteucci, and later, Larry Kronen. Randy Power resigned their positions at the end of December 2022.
 - c. The Board members for 2021 and 2022 were strong, active and engaged in the various aspects of work within the FLS.
2. Meetings

Board meetings were held via video/teleconference on the 3rd Friday of each month. This has been the tradition with the Family Law Section and will continue for the 2023 year as well.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)

The Family Law Section continued to have a busy and productive year with continuing education presentations that included:

- a. The Spring Family Law Institute was held virtually and in person (hybrid) on April 8, 2022. The Spring FLI featured nationally renowned speaker Billy Eddy, Attorney and LCSW. Mr. Eddy presented on types and working with high conflict people. The CLE was approved for six hours of general credit;
 - b. The Fall Family Law Institute, which was co-sponsored by the Solo and Small Firm Section, was held both virtually and in-person (hybrid) September 29 and 30, 2022. The Fall FLI featured presentations on financial aspects of family law cases including preparation of QDROs, business valuations, Dorbin analyses, and characterization of property; it also presented on issues involving civility and professionalism and well as transgender cultural fluency. The Fall FLI also offered an elaborate social component this year including an elaborate charcutier spread, sponsored by the Leigh & Dougherty, Family Law firm, and an array of delicious wines and beers, sponsored by the Macias-Mayo & Thomas, P.C., firm for members to gather and interact with each other, which has been unavailable for the past couple of years. The CLE was approved for 11.5 total credit hours with 1 hour of ethics/professionalism credit included.
 - c. The Family Law Guardian *ad Litem* training was held both virtually and in-person (hybrid) on December 9, 2022. This CLE is the second of what is now an annual training session for individuals interested in performing GAL work in family law cases. The CLE focused on basic-level training and proposed standards for attorneys wishing to work as Guardians *ad litem* for children in domestic relations matters. 2022 presenters included Kathrin Kinzer-Ellington and Stephanie Nicholson-Black, experienced GALs in Santa Fe, Sarah Armstrong of Albuquerque, Judge Jane Levy (former GAL) of Albuquerque, as well as a panel from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges training section who discussed domestic violence and its effect on GAL work. The CLE was approved for 6.25 hours of general credit. The Family Law Section intends to offer this GAL training annually.
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
- a. All Board meetings are open to members; no specific annual meeting held this year due to State Bar Convention being held virtually
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
- a. Developed and presented training for attorneys interested in work as Guardians *ad litem* for children in domestic relations cases;
 - b. Developed a “committee on the road” as outreach to state family law practitioners, which was stalled due to COVID and travel/gathering restrictions and but will pick up in the 2023 year;
 - c. The FLS hosted a meet-and-greet with the newly formed law student family law group to meet family law attorneys, establish relationships and provide mentoring as desired at Lescombes winery on May 12, 2022. The event was well supported and attended by the Family Law Section members;
 - d. Monitored family-law related legislation.

6. Scholarships
 - a. Provided scholarships to students from University of New Mexico School of Law to assist with payment of education expenses;
 - b. Provided scholarships to the judiciary and court services employees for attendance at the Family Law Institutes held.

7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Fully activated member e-mail listserv to share information and send eBlasts of events;
 - b. Worked with the State Bar of New Mexico regarding new website content and usability

8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
For 2023, the Family Law Section intends to:
 - a. Continue to hold monthly meetings and provide updates from those meetings to Family Law Section members by way of quarterly bullet-points or posting on website;
 - b. Hold the annual Family Law Institute virtually and/or in-person or hybrid providing the full yearly requirement of CLE credits, but in separate sections for Spring and Fall;
 - c. Continue standardized training for GALs, and develop advanced GAL training;
 - d. Provide scholarships for the judiciary to attend the Family Law Institute and/or training;
 - e. Provide scholarship funds to a University of New Mexico School of Law student to assist in payment of education assistance;
 - f. Continue planning and creating additional continuing education and/or trainings throughout the year statewide;
 - g. Foster inclusivity within the Section for family law practitioners throughout the state;
 - h. Continue monitoring of family-law related legislation;
 - i. Continue outreach with other sections to collaborate in providing additional education and/or services to all State Bar members across practice area(s) and throughout the state;
 - j. Work to improve the Section website and forums in place of listserv;
 - k. Provide content and/or speakers for podcasts through the State Bar of New Mexico;
 - l. Complete review and revision, if necessary, of the Section by-laws previously modified in May 2020;
 - m. Develop a family law newsletter to be distributed bi-annually with content from members.

Conclusion:

The Family Law Section of the New Mexico State Bar is the most active section in the state, and I have been honored to lead the section and Board of Directors in 2021 and 2022. The section's members are active and lively, willing to share their knowledge, and collaborate with others to share knowledge in our area of law. Interest continues to grow as new or new to family law practitioners join our Section, bringing with them fresh perspectives. The State Bar's wonderful staff have been integral in the FLS setting and achieving monthly and annual goals and providing resources to our members. Their support and guidance are invaluable to us. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Chair of the Family Law Section for the past two years, and I plan to fully support and cooperate with our new incoming Chair, Kymberleigh Dougherty as we continue to further the service of the Family Law Section for our members in 2023.

Sincerely,

Amber R. Macias-Mayo

Family Law Section Chair, 2022



State Bar of New Mexico
Health Law Section

Health Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Katy DelBene, 2022 Health Law Section Chair

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The Health Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Kaitlyn DelBene Chair
 - b. Quincy Perales Director
 - c. David Kaufman Director
 - d. Breanna Gaytan Director
 - e. Lou Branch Director
 - f. Harlena Reed Director, Budget Officer
 - g. Sun Vega Director, Chair Elect
 - h. Erin Marshall Director, Secretary
 - i. Don Daniels Director
 - j. Todd Baran Director
 - k. Margie McNett Director
 - l. Erica Chavez Past Chair
 - m. Ryan Sanchez Law Student Member
 - n. Melanie Coffing Law Student Member

2. Meetings: The Board generally met on the first Tuesday of every month, via Zoom. Meetings were held on January 4, 2022, February 1, 2022, March 1, 2022, April 5, 2022, May 3, 2022, June 7, 2022, July 5, 2022, August 2, 2022, September 6, 2022, and November 1, 2022.

3. Continuing Education Presentations

- a. Legislative update CLE: April 1, 2022
 - b. Annual Symposium: October 7, 2022
4. Section Annual Meeting
- a. Typically, the Health Law Section holds its Annual Meeting during the Health Law Section Annual Symposium. This year, due to unforeseen technical difficulties, members were unable to join the Annual Meeting virtually. In lieu of this meeting, the Board provided an update to all members via email on November 10, 2022.
 - b. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events: The Health Law Section continued its ongoing commitment to engaging the law student community through various law school outreach contributions and events, including \$600 in Smith's gift cards, \$800 to the Judicial Clerkship Program, and a networking event at the Law School in August 2022.
5. Ongoing Section Items:
- a. For 2023, the Health Law Section is chaired by Sun Vega and intends to continue its longstanding contributions to the healthcare law community with its presentation of the Legislative Update CLE, the Annual Symposium, and continued outreach efforts with UNM School of Law.

Thanks to the 2022 Board and officers, including Chair-Elect Sun Vega, Secretary Erin Marshall, Treasurer Harlena Reed, and Past Chair Erica Chavez. Many thanks to the State Bar, especially Morgan Pettit and Addie Sanchez, for its ongoing support to our Section throughout the year.



Katy DelBene
2022 Health Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Immigration Law Section

Immigration Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Deshawnda Chaparro, Esq. – Chair

SUBJECT: Immigration Law Section 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 10, 2023

The Immigration Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Deshawnda Chaparro – Chair, Director, NMILC Representative
 - b. Owen James – Past Chair, Director
 - c. Zoila Alvarez Hernandez – Director
 - d. Judith Wood – Director
 - e. Jessica Aguirre – Director, Santa Fe Dreamers Project Representative
 - f. Gabriela Ibanez Guzman – Director
 - g. Andres Santiago – Director
 - h. Brenda Macias Lopez – UNM Law Student Representative
2. Meetings
 - a. The Board met monthly, typically on the last Friday of the month. Altogether, we had eleven (11) meetings to discuss ongoing business of the Section.
3. Continuing Education Presentations
 - a. One of Board’s main accomplishments this year was our eight (8) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) presentations, including our annual immigration institute in December where we hosted four (4) back to back CLEs. Our CLEs hosted local practitioners, national experts, and local community partners who educated the Immigration Law Section on the following topics:

- i. “ Essential Workers, Essential Rights” presented on June 9, 2022
 - ii. “Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: An Update on Regulations and Deferred Action” presented on July 7, 2022
 - iii. “Overview of Prosecutorial Discretion” presented on August 18, 2022
 - iv. “How to Be a NATZ Ninja: An Overview of Naturalization and Citizenship” presented on October 13, 2022
 - v. “Asylum Update” presented on December 1, 2022
 - vi. “Ethics in Immigration Cases” presented on December 1, 2022
 - vii. “T & U Visas with the Labor Context” presented on December 1, 2022
 - viii. Consular Processing: Family Petitions” presented on December 1, 2022
- 4. Section Annual Meeting
 - a. On November 10, 2022, we hosted our annual membership meeting where the Board of Directors presented a summary of our activities for the 2022 term.
- 5. Section Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. The Immigration Law Section distributed a client-centered flyer for practitioners to distribute to their clients about immigration medical exams.
 - b. The Immigration Law Section board of directors attended a speaking panel at the University of New Mexico School of Law, in conjunction with the Immigration Law Student Association, to discuss the practice of immigration law.
- 6. Scholarships
 - a. The Immigration Law Section’s main accomplishment this term was to award six (6) scholarships to law students at the University of New Mexico School of Law and one (1) scholarship to a section member to attend our annual institute in December. In sum, we awarded four (4) book scholarships, two (2) bar preparation scholarships, and one (1) scholarship to cover registration fees for our annual CLE institute on December 1, 2022.
- 7. Media
 - a. Our member services coordinators at the State Bar assisted us with sending emails to the section membership.
 - b. The Immigration Law Section maintains a page on the State Bar’s website at <https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Sections/Immigration-Law>. We hope to make more of an effort in 2023 to utilize the website.
- 8. Ongoing Section Items:
 - a. For 2023, we intend to host an in-person mixer of the Immigration Law Section membership and the UNMSOL Immigration Law Student Association. We also plan to build upon the CLE topics we hosted during the 2022 term and offer an assortment of CLEs on advanced topics during the 2023 term.

Conclusion: The COVID-19 pandemic continued to present challenges for the Immigration Law Section to meet in person or host in-person events. However, it also presented opportunities for us to meet remotely from the convenience of our individual locations with one director located in California, two directors in Santa Fe, and the rest in Albuquerque. For the 2022 term, we focused our efforts on hosting CLEs and awarding scholarships to law students and local practitioners. For this next term, we plan to focus more on outreach to current membership and law students.

P.O. Box 7040, Albuquerque NM 87194

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Deshawnda Chaparro

2022 Immigration Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Indian Law Section

Indian Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Lyman Paul, 2022 Chair of the Indian Law Section

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2022

The Indian Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors (if applicable)
 - a. Lyman S. Paul, 2022 Chair and Outreach Committee Chair
 - b. Jordan Oglesby, 2023 Chair Elect, and Mentorship Committee Chair
 - c. Thomas Peckham, Budget Officer
 - d. Reed Bienvenu, Secretary and Media Committee Chair
 - e. Josett Monette, CLE Committee Chair
 - f. Garrett Davey, Scholarship Committee Chair
 - g. Diana Kicking Woman
 - h. Alan Tardash
 - i. Alyssa M. Mercado
 - j. Alma Buena & Alex Alvarado, UNM Student Liaison
 - k. Samuel Winder, UNM Faculty Liaison
2. Meetings (if applicable)
 - a. The ILS Board met six (6) times during 2022 starting in January 2022 and every other month thereafter. Additionally, the ILS Board met on November 3, 2022, coinciding with the Indian Law Section Annual CLE, for its Annual Meeting open to the membership. ILS met quorum for all, but one meeting.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)

- a. The 2022 CLE Committee consisted of four members of the ILS Board of Directors: Josett Monette, Dianna Kicking Woman, Alyssa Mercado, and Garrett Davey.

In May, the Committee began the year with a ninety-minute panel co-hosted with the State Bar Equity in Justice Program titled “Native Women’s Voices in the Law.” The panelists were Helen Padilla, Terrelene Massey, and Alicianna Martinez. The panelists discussed their paths to the law, experiences in the legal field, and future hopes. A recording of the panel is available [here](#). Later in May, ILS co-hosted a CLE Conference with the Paralegal Division. The panelists were Judge Catherine Begaye, who discussed the ICWA Court and the recent New Mexico Indian Family Protection Act; Judge Renee Torres and Judge Bruce Fox, both previous Tribal Court Judges, who discussed their experiences as State Court judges with prior Tribal Court experience; and Simon Tuck and Josett Monette, who discussed practicing in Tribal Courts.

In August, ILS is co-hosting a panel at the Annual Meeting for the State Bar. The panelists are Judge Knight and Judge Medina who continued their conversation from last year’s Annual ILS CLE Conference, **Practice in Tribal Court: Ethical Rules**. In October, The CLE Committee also co-hosted a panel at the Diversity Committee CLE in October in which Judge Knight discussed *Brackeen* (ICWA) and the Political Status for Native American People. In November, ILS co-hosted the Probate Institute where Denise Zuni, Aaron Sims, and Emery McCabe presented New Mexico Perspectives on Tribal Probates.

Finally, the CLE Committee was busy all year planning the 2022 Annual ILS CLE Conference. ILS hosted the Annual CLE conference on Thursday, November 3, 2022. We had 11 speakers who spoke on a variety of topic in Indian law. Our speakers were: Senator Ivey-Soto and Kip Bobroff; Ann Tweedy; Denise Zuni and Sheila Herrera; Michelle Miano; Dr. Richard Luarkie, Stefani Cochran, and Raymond Etcitty; Jesse Heibel and Patrick Schaefer.

4. Section/committee Mentorship (if applicable)
 - a. The Mentorship Committee met bimonthly to discuss the balance between mentorship opportunities and increasing the bar passage rate of Native law school graduates. The Committee met with Professor Verónica C. Gonzales-Zamora at the end of the summer to discuss her success in supporting recent graduates in passing the bar. This conversation helped inform the committee’s perspective on how to move forward with further discussions. The Mentorship Committee, along with members of the Board of Directors, participated in the UNMSOL Attorney Lunch and Learn hosted by the State Bar in September. Last, the Mentorship Committee met with UNM NALSA President Alma Buena to discuss bar passage rates and mentorship activities: UNM NALSA encouraged the Committee to participate in their planned bar prep workshops in 2023.
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)

- a. The Outreach committee met bimonthly throughout the year. It worked closely with the University of New Mexico's Native American Law Student Association to host two events at the Bow & Arrow Brewery. These events continued to establish and maintain links between UNM NALSA law students and NM BAR ILS law practitioners. In addition, the Outreach Committee worked with the Media committee to recognize two attorneys for their 2020 and 2021 Attorney Achievement Awards. Lastly, the Outreach Committee hosted a social mixer that followed the Annual Indian Law CLE at the Bow & Arrow Brewery. This event provided a forum for the discussion of Indian Law issues and its developments between Indian Law practitioners.
6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. The Section awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to students in the year 2022. ILS, through the generosity of donors to the Karl E. Johnson Indian Law Scholarship, awarded \$1,000 to three (3) UNM School of Law students interested in practicing in the field of Indian Law. Approximately \$2,500 of funds will be carried over into next year. Additionally, ILS awarded \$2,000 to five (5) recent graduates for bar preparation. \$500 of the bar preparation fund will be carried over into next year.
 7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. The Media Committee prepared a new issue of the ILS newsletter, the Indian Law Times, which was distributed to ILS Members and is available online [here](#). The newsletter provides updates and announcements regarding the Indian Law Section's activities in both 2021 and 2022. The Media Committee additionally worked with the Outreach Committee to hold two award presentation events for recipients of the Indian Law Section's annual Attorney Achievement Award. Richard Hughes was presented with the 2020 Attorney Achievement Award at the Brakeroom in Santa Fe. This event had previously been postponed due to the pandemic. Peter Chestnut was presented with the 2021 Attorney Achievement Award at the State Bar Center in Albuquerque. The Media Committee additionally announced that Tom Luebben is the recipient of the 2022 ILS Attorney Achievement Award. An award event will be held for him in 2023.
 8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the Media and Outreach Committees intend to coordinate an award ceremony to recognize the Indian Law Section's 2022 Attorney Achievement Award recipient. This will likely take place sometime in mid-year 2023.

Conclusion:

The Indian Law Section had a very productive year. The Section will be carrying over a healthy budget for next year. The Section is excited for 2023 and looks forward to continuing its endeavor of promoting the objectives of the State Bar within the field of Indian Law.

/s/ Lyman Paul

Lyman Paul

Chair, 2022 Indian Law Section



State Bar of New Mexico
Intellectual Property
Law Section

Intellectual Property Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Svitlana Anderson, Chair of the Intellectual Property (IP) Law Section

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: December 30, 2022

The IP Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors (if applicable)

	Name	Position
1	Svitlana Anderson	Chair
2	Jeff Albright	Director
3	Ian Bezpalko	Budget Officer
4	Jose Garcia	Director
5	Talia Kosh	Director
6	Justin Muehlmeier	Secretary
7	Kevin Soules	Director
8	Gina Constant	Director
9	Helen Baca	Past Chair, CLE Liaison
10	Shawn Degener	Student Liaison
11	Liz Natal	YLD Liaison

1. Meetings (if applicable)

- a. The IP Law Section has continued to hold its monthly meetings on a virtual platform.

2. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)

- a. On September 23, 2022 the IP Section has organized and hosted a whole-day CLE with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, with the distinguished speakers: the Director of the TX Regional Office of the USPTO; Chief PTAB and TTAB Judges, and other distinguished speakers from the USPTO.

- b. On December 14, 2022 Svitlana Anderson and Helen Baca presented their CLE for the Paralegal Division of the NM State Bar, with over 70 people in attendance, both virtually and in-person.
- c. December 28, 2022 issue of NM Lawyer in the NM Bar Bulletin with four articles:
 - i. Breanna Contreras and Ben Allison: “Are New Art Forms Free for the Taking?”
 - ii. Anthony Claiborne: “Artificial Intelligence: Patent Component and Inventor”
 - iii. Gina Constant, Svitlana Anderson, and Christian Pezalla: “Brave New World: NFTs, Cryptocurrency, and More”
 - iv. Gina Constant “Does an Employer Own the Intellectual Property Created for Them by an Employee or Independent Contractor”
- 3. Section/committee Annual Meeting (if applicable)
 - a. The Annual Meeting for the IP Law Section was held on Dec. 2, 2022.
- 4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)
 - a. On November 1-5, 2022, the IP Law Section held our annual Fall Pro Bono IP Fair in a virtual manner for 2022. This Fair included twenty-one (21) registered clients, who were served by nine (9) attorney volunteers. In some instances, attorney volunteers were accompanied by a law student from the University of New Mexico School of Law (UNMSOL) (in which nine (9) law students registered to attend an attorney consultation).
 - b. The IP Section was the recipient of the 2022 Annual Award for its Pro Bono IP Fair by the NM State Bar, that was presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the NM State Bar.
 - c. Svitlana Anderson, the Chair of the IP Section attended a meeting with the UNMSOL’s IP Society meeting. The discussion was attended by over 20 law students, who were interested in various IP fields (from entertainment and trademark law to patent law).
 - d. On December 14, 2022, Svitlana Anderson presented to the Board of Bar Commissioners at their annual meeting in Santa Fe, highlighting the IP Section’s accomplishments.
- 5. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. The IP Section is discussing awarding some scholarships in 2023 to law students to attend the Annual Meeting of the NM State Bar.
- 6. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. The IP Section was very active with its updates and announcements on its NM State Bar website and on the individual social media platforms of the Directors of the IP Section.
- 7. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. Organize and conduct our annual Fall Pro Bono IP Fair in coordination with the UNMSOL and with the student-led IP Society at UNMSOL
 - b. Reach out to NMSU with a possibility of organizing a Spring Pro Bono IP Fair, thereby serving entrepreneurs outside of Albuquerque and Santa Fe
 - c. Continue to support UNMSOL students in fostering their interest in IP counseling and in IP careers
 - d. Organize at least one Continued Legal Education event for the bar membership
 - e. Coordinate and conduct an Annual Meeting of the IP Law Section
 - f. Encourage Section members to participate in Bridge the Gap Mentorship Program

Conclusion: The IP Law Section has continued to be an active group that is dedicated to supporting IP attorneys in the state of New Mexico, mentoring UNMSOL students, and providing pro bono legal advice for creatives, inventors, and businesses in New Mexico.

Svitlana Anderson
2022 Chair of the Intellectual Property (IP) Law Section



State Bar of New Mexico
Natural Resources, Energy
and Environmental Law Section

**NREEL Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Louis W. Rose
Montgomery & Andrews

SUBJECT: **2022 NREEL Annual Report**

DATE: **January 23, 2023**

The Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Louis W. Rose, Montgomery & Andrews, Chair
 - b. Melinda Branin, Hinkle Shanor, Chair Elect
 - c. Sunnie R. Richardson, Budget Officer
 - d. Bidtah Becker, Navajo Division of Natural Resources;
 - e. Joseph A. Schremmer - UNM School of Law Faculty Representative;
 - f. Kari E. Olson, Montgomery & Andrews;
 - g. Maria Trujillo, UNM School of Law Student Representative;
 - h. Mark Rosebrough, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Past Chair;
 - i. Paula M. Vance, Holland & Hart, YLD Representative;
 - j. Chris Shaw, Office of the State Engineer;
 - k. Steven Hernandez, Law Office of Steven L Hernandez PC
 - l. Thomas W. Paterson, Susman Godfrey LLP
2. Meetings
 - a. The Section Board met monthly by video conference, except September and December, 2022.

7. Media

The Section revised/updated its website.

Conclusion:

2022 was a productive year for the Section. The Section was able to put on four timely and high quality CLEs, grant needed internship funding to students at the University of New Mexico School of law, match practitioners with interested law students for mentorship opportunities, host its annual mixer in-person, give fee reductions to about 50 Section members attending the annual CLE, and significantly revamp its webpage. The Section remains in a financially strong position to continue providing excellent resource and educational services to its members.

Cc: NREEL Board
Addie Sanchez, State Bar



State Bar of New Mexico
Prosecutors Section

Prosecutors Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Jessica A. Perez
Prosecutors Section Chair

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: 12/28/2022

The Prosecutors Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Sara Ebbers
 - b. Lara Maierhofer
 - c. Sean Sullivan
 - d. Jessica Perez
 - e. Zach Jones
 - f. Jonathan Gardner
 - g. Larissa Breen
 - h. Mark Probasco
 - i. Joshua Alt
 - j. Stephen Timmer (YLD Liaison)
2. Meetings
 - a. Second Friday of the month (January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14, November 15th)
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. N/A. NMDA handles CLE presentations. the Prosecutors Section presents yearly awards at the conference.
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting (if applicable)
 - a. Annual meeting took place on November 15th as part of the NMDA Conference. The Board held an open section meeting where members of the section could contribute

ideas for the next year, reflect on the board's accomplishments of the year, and share concerns that the board could help with in the new year.

- b. Around 25 prosecutors attended
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)
 - a. Annual Meeting was held in the form of a social mixer/lunch
 - b. The board went to the UNM Law School to host a panel for students interested in criminal law where attendance was around 30 students
 - c. the section again presented our yearly proprietorial excellence awards, this year to two recipients: Amy Lopez Dooling & Mark Probasco
 - d. the section joined other sections and divisions in contributing funding to the Judicial Clerkship program
6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. Book Scholarship for four students (Rebecca Needhammer, Jennifer Nunez, Kristin Guin, and Melba Aguilar)
7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. n/a
8. Ongoing Section Items:
 - a. For 2023, the section intends to: sponsor the scholarship again as it was very well applied for as well as host the annual meeting as a mixer as it was also well attended. The section board and section members would like to do another panel at the law school with a bit more preparation as the first was well attended even without much advertising. Additionally, we shall continue our partnership with NMDA to present our annual awards during the Fall Conference.

Conclusion:

The Prosecutors Section has been trying to be more active in this year and would like to be even more in the next as we try to make ourselves more of a presence and an option for law students graduating and joining the legal profession.



Jessica A. Perez

2022 Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Public Law Section

Public Law Section OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Nathan Eckberg, Public Law Section Chair

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The Public Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Nathan Eckberg Chair
 - b. Ken Swain Chair-Elect
 - c. Geraldine Garduno Past Chair, Secretary
 - d. Diego Trujillo Budget Officer
 - e. Ramona Martinez Director
 - f. Rebecca Mnuik Director
 - g. John Kreienkamp Director
 - h. Clifford Rees Director
 - i. Jocelyn Torres Director
 - j. Teague Gonzalez Director (Resigned in August)
 - k. Carson Thornton Gonzalez UNM Liaison
 - l. Vacant YLD Liaison
2. Meetings
 - a. January 18, 2022
 - b. February 23, 2022
 - c. March 17, 2022
 - d. April 21, 2022
 - e. May 19, 2022

- f. June 16, 2022
 - g. July, 21, 2022
 - h. August 18, 2022
 - i. September 15, 2022
 - j. October 20, 2022
 - k. November 4, 2022
 - l. December 15, 2022
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
- a. Administrative Law Institute as part of the 2022 State Bar of New Mexico Annual Meeting:
 - i. Is There Well-Being in Public Law? (1.0 EP)- William D. Slease, State Bar of New Mexico Professional Development Program; Jocelyn M. Torres; Nathan J. Eckberg, NM Legislative Finance Committee; Briggs F. Cheney, Dixon Scholl Carrillo PA; and Cynthia M. Tessman, Children, Youth and Families Department NM
 - ii. Administrative Rulemaking with State Records Center and Archives (1.0 G)- Dennis Branch and Matthew Ortiz, Administrative Law Division, NM Commission of Public Records and Archives
 - iii. Professional and Occupational Licensure Changes (1.0 G)- Joseph M. Dworak, NM Regulation and Licensing Department
 - iv. Ethical Issues in the Representation of Public Clients (1.0 EP)- Anne L. Taylor, Disciplinary Board of New Mexico, Paul R. Ritzma, Human Services Department; and Jacob Maule, Risk Management Division
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
- a. The Section did not have an official annual meeting but made many contacts at the NMSB Annual Meeting and received feedback from section membership.
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
- a. The Section provided members a free “brown bag” event on the Energy Transition Act on March 23, 2022 with former Public Regulation Commission Hearing Examiner Carolyn Glick. The event was virtual and had about 40 participants.
 - b. The Section partnered with UNM School of Law’s Association of Public Interest Law (APIL) for a social event at High and Dry in Albuquerque. The event was well attended by public law attorneys and law school students, and we were honored to have State Bar President Carolyn Wolf attend as well.
 - c. The Section held its annual Public Lawyer of the Year Ceremony on November 4th at the State Capitol. This year’s recipient was Steve S. Michel. The event was well attended and included remarks from State Bar President Carolyn Wolf, and a keynote address by the Honorable David Thomson, Justice, NM Supreme Court. The event also honored Brittany Dutton-Leyda as this year’s Othmer scholarship recipient.
 - d. Section members received a discounted rate for the 2022 State Bar Annual Meeting.
6. Scholarships

- a. Every year the Section awards the Othmer Scholarship with the assistance of Craig Othmer's family. The Section matches funds from the Othmer family to create a generous \$3,000.00 scholarship for a student working in an unpaid public service summer position. This year's awardee was Brittany Dutton-Leyda, a 3L at UNM School of Law.
7. Media
- a. The Public Law Section webpage on the State Bar's website is periodically updated with public lawyer of the year recipient information and Othmer Scholarship recipient information.
 - b. There was an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican about the Section's brown bag discussion about the energy transition act:
https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/former-prc-official-questions-if-coal-plants-have-to-cease-operation-after-pnm-abandons-them/article_fc6dde86-aab0-11ec-a794-ef32c2eb2fd2.html
 - c. The Section issued a press release about the Public Lawyer of the Year Award Ceremony at the State Capitol however, there did not appear to be any coverage of the event.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
- a. For 2023 the section intends to:
 - i. Continue to hold CLEs and brownbag lunch discussions on topics of importance and interest to its membership;
 - ii. Continue to perform outreach to membership about the benefits of becoming a section member and increasing available opportunities for member benefits; and
 - iii. Continue to plan and implement our annual programs and help ensure that the Section is a relevant and useful organization for our membership and the State Bar.

Conclusion:

The Section was honored to be a part of the 2022 State Bar Annual Meeting and believe we made a positive contribution to the event and was grateful to be able to provide our members a discounted rate to attend. We look forward to putting on the 2023 Procurement Code Institute in October and hope to provide other CLE and brown bag events for our members.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan Eckberg
2022 Public Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Real Property, Trust
and Estate Section

**RPTe Law Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Travis J. White

SUBJECT: 2022 Real Property, Trust and Estate Section Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The (section/committee name) conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors (if applicable)
 - a. Travis J. White – Real Property, Trust and Estate Section Chair and Real Property Division Chair
 - b. Gregory Mackenzie – Trust and Estates Division Chair
 - c. Joshua Dwyer - Real Property, Trust and Estate Section Secretary
 - d. Elisabeth Millich - Real Property, Trust and Estate Section Budget Chair
 - e. Amber Cash - Real Property, Trust and Estate Board Member
 - f. Joshua Chappell - Real Property, Trust and Estate Board Member
 - g. Lalita Devarakonda - Real Property, Trust and Estate Board Member
 - h. Vince Haslam - Real Property, Trust and Estate Past Chair
 - i. Sarah McClain – Young Lawyer Liason
2. Meetings (if applicable)
 - a. Real Property, Trust and Estate Section Meetings on the first Tuesday of every other month beginning in February 2022
 - b. Real Property Division Meetings on the first Tuesday of every other month beginning in March 2022
 - c. Trust and Estates Division Meetings on the first Tuesday of every other month beginning in March 200

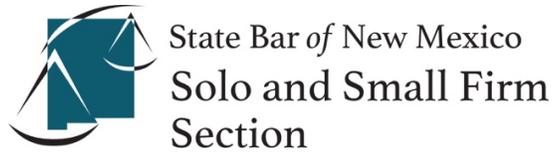
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)
 - a. Real Property Institute on November 4, 2022
 - b. Trust and Estate Institute on November 17, 2022
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting (if applicable)
 - a. November 17, 2022
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events (if applicable)
 - a. Ghost Ranch event on June 17, 2022; social event and CLE
6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. Real Property Scholarship of \$1,000 to UNM School of Law student
 - b. Trust and Estate Scholarship of \$1,000 to UNM School of Law student
7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Text
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the Real Property, Trust and Estate Section intends to:
 - Hold another social event and CLE at Ghost Ranch
 - Hold the annual Real Property Institute
 - Hold the annual Trust and Estate Institute
 - Award Scholarships to deserving UNM School of Law students for both Real Property and Trust and Estates

Sincerely,



Travis J. White

2022; Real Property, Trust and Estate Section Chair



**SOLO AND SMALL FIRM SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director, and
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Deian McBryde, Immediate Past Chair, SSF Section

SUBJECT: Chair's 2022 Annual Report

DATE: January 25, 2023

This is my report on the SSF section's activities and accomplishments in 2022.

1. **2022 Board of Directors:** Deian McBryde (chair), Charles Gurd (chair-elect), Brendan O'Reilly (secretary), Ian Bezpalko (budget officer), Lucy River, Marissa Crollett, Ashlea Crumley, Rebecca Mulcahy, Kymberleigh Dougherty, and Amara Aaron. One board member, Cindy Silva, departed the board before the completion of her term.
2. **Meetings:** The section board held regular meetings throughout the year.
3. **Continuing Education Presentation(s):** Once again, the SSF section provided excellent programming and great value to our dues-paying members, with opportunities for 9.0 hours of FREE CLE credit plus 6.0 hours of programming during our annual institute.
 - a. January 28, 2022: How to Plan for (Almost) Anything (1.0)
 - b. February 11, 2022: The New Notary Rules (1.0)
 - c. August 11, 2022: Solo & Small Firm Intensive at the Annual Meeting (3.0)
 - d. August 25, 2022: Intellectual Property: To Dabble or Not to Dabble (1.0)
 - e. September 23, 2022: Succession Planning Simplified (2.0)
 - f. October 20, 2022: 2022 Solo & Small Firm Institute (6.0)
 - g. December 21, 2022: Accounting & Tax Preparation Tips for Solo & Small Firms (1.0)
4. **Section Annual Meeting:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
5. **Section Outreach/Initiatives/Events:**
 - a. August 11, 2022: Members' Lunch during SSF Intensive at the Annual Meeting
 - b. October 24, 2022: SSF hosted an In-Person Networking Event in Las Cruces.

- c. December 9, 2022: SSF co-sponsored a holiday gathering with the First Judicial District Court Bar Association in Santa Fe.
 - d. December 15, 2022: Participated in the Doña Ana County Bar Association holiday gathering in Las Cruces.
- 6. Fellowships:**
- a. The section awarded 2022 fellowships to two members, Michelle Aucoin (Santa Fe) and Gillian Sherwood (Silver City), that included paid registration to the 2022 Annual Meeting and free participation in the SSF Intensive at the Annual Meeting. The section may continue to grow this opportunity.
- 7. Media:**
- a. SSF maintains a Facebook group for members that remained largely inactive except for occasional posts of events made by the chair.
 - b. The section’s listserv remains active, although the “mailing list” functionality provided by the Bar is antiquated and inadequate. Nevertheless, members use the list to request support and referrals from one another, although they also continue to ask about more modern and effective technology.
- 8. Ongoing Section Items:**
- a. The SSF Chair attended a meeting with the BBC Policy and Bylaws Committee on April 14, 2022, after which the section was advised that the BBC intended to force the section to modify its governance and bylaws to require a voting member of the SSF board appointed from the YLD membership by the YLD chair, not appointed by the SSF chair. The section requested that we be permitted to continue appointing non-voting liaisons from both the YLD and the SLD. The SSF board of directors objected to the bylaws changes as unreasonably forcing the section, which dues-paying members support, to have voting board members other than those selected by the section members or their duly elected board members. The single accommodation made to the section by the BBC was that the YLD voting board member must at least be a member of SSF, but otherwise, the BBC denied our request to determine this portion of our section’s self-governance.
 - b. Even before this unwanted intervention by the BBC, the SSF section’s board was very diverse, with 40% of the SSF board being “young” lawyers (a term this chair finds discriminatory, ageist, personally offensive, and exclusionary). For the first time, women constituted a majority (60%) of SSF board members, and by year’s end, the SSF board included several members from beyond the Albuquerque metro area, including from Santa Fe, Taos/Chicago, Las Vegas, and Deming.
 - c. The section may continue working toward less dependence and reliance on SBNM’s technology for listserv and member-to-member interaction, as the SBNM technology and website remain slow, unfriendly, and severely underperforming. SBNM has yet to fulfill the promised referral and interaction functionality since the technology “relaunch” announcement starting in at least 2018.
 - d. The section continues to support solo and small firm attorneys in complying with the new mandatory succession planning rules in close cooperation with William Slease.

- e. The section enjoyed a budget surplus this year due to the successive rollover of funds during the pandemic, combined with the limited opportunities to gather with members from 2020 through much of 2022. The section might be expected to spend these resources more quickly during 2023 and 2024 and to be in a tighter cash position by 2025. With this in mind, the BBC should promote the section to a division in 2023 and provide a reliable budget based on the large numbers of solo and small firm attorneys.
- f. During 2022, the section's leadership continued to discuss the Board of Bar Commissioners' 2021 refusal to elevate the section from a dues-supporting section to a fully supported division of the Bar, given the substantial number of attorneys in the solo and small firm demographic. Operationally, the board did not pursue this topic during 2022, while the section focused on promoting succession planning initiatives and CLEs. This issue may resurface.

Chair's Conclusions:

In 2022, the section saw growth in membership, dues, and self-funded resources. This year, our SSF members participated in the listserv, CLEs, and roundtables in reliable numbers and consistently expressed their appreciation to section leadership for the attention and programming provided by SSF.

Nevertheless, in my opinion, the BBC remains short-sighted by refusing to elevate the SSF to a division while providing substantial funding for the YLD and SLD, even though SSF is a larger percentage of the Bar's membership than either division. In particular, I am afraid that there is a bias in the BBC toward the YLD in budgeting for events, board travel, and marketing costs, as well as the BBC's now "choosing sides" with the YLD in forcing a change to SSF governance strongly opposed by the SSF board.

I believe the BBC should reconsider how to better support the approximately 38% of Bar members who practice in the solo or small firm practice setting, where funding might be used to assist attorneys who are struggling to maintain small businesses and practices far from the urban centers or to help new solo lawyers find mentors and other resources to develop their skills and grow their practices to sustainable levels. While promoting legal education, wellness, and other programs, the BBC has, in my opinion, mostly ignored solo and small firm practitioners as small business owners other than to now collect succession planning information required by the Court to ease the burden on the Bar. Speaking as a sole practitioner for nearly five years, the Bar has provided options for legal education but, until William Slease joined the Bar this year, has done very little otherwise to support us in growing or maintaining our businesses. There is new content; however, much of it remains, for all intents and purposes, invisible, locked in a user-unfriendly website that is difficult to use and navigate, where materials can easily go to die from a lack of promotion and regular use.

To my knowledge, and despite my frequent pleas, the Bar staff seems to believe they alone have the answers to all technology issues. I am not aware of any meaningful outreach by the Bar staff to create user groups, focus groups, or to encourage member input in the utility of the SBNM website, or none from SSF membership. The site seems to have been developed in a silo and remains locked away in it.

While the SSF section can attempt to address some of these issues, the section lacks ongoing, reliable resources to create meaningful grants, scholarships, and programming to reach the 3,500 other solo and small firm attorneys who are not dues-paying members of the section. The section is also limited by time and funds to provide working alternatives to the Bar's unwieldy website and Outlook email lists. I hope section leadership will continue to discuss this and engage the BBC toward more investments in reaching the BBC's constituency of solo and small firm attorneys.

Despite my many complaints, I am proud of the section and its members. I have seen the volume and depth of the interactions between members grow. Like all volunteer organizations, we struggle to find the time to produce with our hands the many ideas we create in our minds. And yet, we have done well.

For my two terms, my motto has been "Lawyers Serving Lawyers." I am pleased with the work and progress our board has made to do just that. I have also often said, "Being solo shouldn't mean feeling alone." I hope we have made an impact here, too. The larger issues of attorney loneliness, business anxiety and development, and personal and financial well-being are ones that our Bar should embrace more fully. We should not leave any members feeling as though they are alone.

I am grateful to the member services team in 2022, including Morgan Pettit and Addie Sanchez. I am concerned that a valuable team member, Morgan Pettit, was not retained by the Bar, despite her depth of knowledge, empathy for members, and boundless energy to accomplish a multitude of tasks. This was indeed a loss.

I also appreciate the work done by William Slease as a new member of the Bar's staff. Bill's knowledge and practicality have been constructive in helping Bar members with succession planning. I hope he is given the freedom to develop exciting programming that is useful and revolutionary rather than the staid task of implementing programs that sound good on paper or at conferences but are not practical in the day-to-day lives of those attorneys who practice in our communities and run small firms. I encourage the BBC to utilize Bill's wisdom, experience, and connections to provide rich programs for practice management.

I wish the incoming (and returning) section chair, Charles Gurd, good luck. I hope the SSF section board continues to be engaged at a level unseen on many volunteer boards, and I urge our Bar association to be a force for improving the practice, the profession, and the sustainability of our firms.

Sincerely



Deian McBryde, Esq.
2022 Chair, Solo & Small Firm Section

**TAXATION SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico**

FROM: Patricia Tucker, Esq. Chair 2022

SUBJECT: 2002 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2023

The Taxation Section of the State Bar of New Mexico conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors:

- a. Patricia Tucker, Esq. Chair
- b. Ian Bearden, Esq.
- c. Mark Chaiken, Esq.
- d. Scott Woody, Esq.
- e. Vanessa Kaczmarek, Esq.
- f. Frank Crociata, Esq. Budget Officer Chair Elect for 2023
- g. Robert Johnson, Esq.
- h. Manny Talwar, Esq. Secretary Chair Elect for 2024
- i. Michael Thomas, Esq.
- J. Robert Moss, Esq.
- k. Sara Elliott, CPA CPA Liaison

2. Meetings:

- a. Meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month other than December by Zoom. A regular meeting was not held in December of 2022 because the Annual Meeting was held on December 14, 2022.

3. Continuing Education Presentation:

- a. For the first time, the Taxation Section of the State Bar and the New Mexico Society of CPA's planned and conducted a Joint Tax Symposium with speakers from both the legal and CPA communities. The day long program, including one hour of ethics, was held at the NM State Bar facility on December 14, 2022.

Experience with this format in 2022 resulted in greatly increased participation of members of the State Bar and very positive reviews of both the curriculum and the speakers. Members were also very positive about the opportunity to network during the day with members of the CPA community. As tax practitioners, members often interact professionally with member of the CPA community. The opportunity to renew associations and make new contacts was a very welcome part of the program.

4. Section/committee Annual Meeting:

- a. The Annual Meeting was held on December 14, 2022, as part of the Joint Tax Symposium with the CPA Society. Topics discussed included continuing affiliation with the CPA Society for future continuing education and networking programs, proposed activities of the Section for the following year, including the annual CLE program, participation in the Hugh Muir Scholarship Program with the UNM School of Law, and a Career Day in the spring with students at the UNM School of Law.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events:

- a. Outreach in the form of encouragement of networking with members of the NM Society of CPA's was conducted at the December 14, 2022, continuing education program.

6. Scholarships/Award:

- a. The Section sponsored an award under the Hugh Muir Scholarship to the outstanding Tax student in the graduating class of the UNM School of Law. The award is made at the graduation ceremony. The recipient is chosen by the faculty at the UNM School of Law.

7. Media:

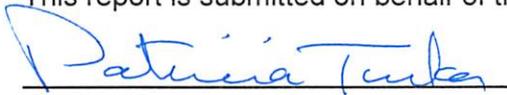
- a. The Taxation Section has a Section website through the State Bar.

8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

- a. For 2023, the Section intends to have committees to coordinate the annual CLE program and the Career Day program.

For 2023, the Board of Directors includes a UNM Student Liaison and a member of the Young Lawyers Section.

This report is submitted on behalf of the Taxation Section of the State Bar of New Mexico.



Patricia Tucker, Chair

Board of Directors of Taxation Section – 2022

Copies to: Frank Crociata, Esq. Chair Elect 2023
 Manny Talwar, Esq. Chair Elect 2024



State Bar of New Mexico
Trial Practice Section

**Trial Practice Section
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO: Richard Spinello, Executive Director
Board of Bar Commissioners
State Bar of New Mexico

FROM: Brendan O'Reilly, Chair of the Trial Practice Section

SUBJECT: Annual Report of Trial Practice Section

DATE: January 20, 2023

The Trial Practice Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2022:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Mallory Wolff (YLD Liaison, we think. We didn't hold a full board meeting after her appointment)
 - b. Damon Hudson
 - c. Brendan O'Reilly, Chair
 - d. Breanna Contreras
 - e. Kaleb Brooks
 - f. Cole Wilson
 - g. Debashree "Reema" Nandy
 - h. Carter B. Harrison IV
 - i. Randy Taylor
 - j. Komal Stiver
 - k. Alexandria Charney (UNM Law Student)
 - l.
2. Meetings
 - a. January 27, 2022 (Board)
 - b. February 24, 2022 (Board)
 - c. March 31, 2022 (Board)
 - d. April 28, 2022 (Board)
 - e. May 26, 2022 (Board. Amended Section's By-Laws)

- f. June 30, 2022 (Board)
 - g. July 28, 2022 (Board. No quorum)
 - h. August 6, 2022 (CLE Subcommittee)
 - i. August 26, 2022 (Board)
 - j. August 29, 2022 (CLE Subcommittee)
 - k. September 2, 2022 (CLE Subcommittee)
 - l. September 29, 2022 (Board, No Quorum)
 - m. September 29, 2022 (CLE Subcommittee)
 - n. October 6, 2022 (CLE Subcommittee)
 - o. October 25, 2022 (CLE Subcommittee)
 - p. October 27, 2022 (Board)
 - q. Various meetings in November and December to prepare for the CLE Program on December 15
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. December 15, 2022: Trial Practice Institute
 4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. December 15, 2022 informal meeting during lunch of the Trial Practice Institute
 5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. We held two meet-and-greet events. We held a mixer at a restaurant in Santa Fe on June 3, 2022 with Justice David K. Thomson in attendance. We also held a meet-and-greet at Nexus Restaurant in Albuquerque on October 21, 2022.
 6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. The Board participated in providing a portion of its funding via a \$500 donation to the State Bar's Committee on Diversity's and Young Lawyers Division's judicial clerkships program.
 7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Not Applicable
 8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2023, the Trial Practice Section intends to work toward changing the format of its annual CLE from a straight presentation model to a trial-skills training institute in which participants will work from a set of materials and practice skills such as cross examination, impeachment, refreshing recollection, admitting evidence, etc. We may also want to work with the Bar on means to better serve and respect the mental health needs of the profession and of litigators, in particular. And we will work on recruiting membership, generally, and volunteers to serve as Directors.

Conclusion:

Brendan O'Reilly
 Chair, 2022
 Trial Practice Section