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State Bar of New Mexico
Alternative Methods of
Dispute Resolution

**ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
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: Jessie Lawrence
Josh Pando
2021 Committee Co-Chairs, ADR Committee

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: December 9, 2021

The Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution Committee of the State Bar of New Mexico conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

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 10 people.
 - b. 2021 steering committee members: Peter Merrill, Brandon Ilgen, Laura Bassein, Rachel Donovan, April McClellan, Jeff McElroy, Judith James, Jessie Lawrence, Josh Pando.
 - c. The steering committee met in February, July, and October.
2. Meetings
 - a. A full committee meeting was held in April, in which committee members discussed committee priorities and possible speakers for the remainder of the year.
 - b. A full committee meeting was held in July, with guest speaker Dathan Weems presenting on the topic of online mediation instruction.
 - c. A full committee meeting was scheduled for October but was cancelled at the last minute because of the unavailability of the planned guest speaker, Torri Jacobus. We are hopeful that Ms. Jacobus can present at a 2022 meeting.
3. Continuing Education Presentations

- a. The ADR Institute was held in December, with guest speakers Dawn Kuhlman and Naomi Paget presenting on the topic of trauma and stressors in ADR practice. More than 50 people were estimated in attendance based on the GoToMeeting record.
- 4. Committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. The committee hoped to conduct outreach to UNM law students about the field of ADR and ADR-based law practice, and this has been included in our committee budget. Because of Covid, this effort continues to be on hold. As co-chairs, we are hopeful that the committee will be able to conduct this outreach in 2022.
- 5. Scholarships
 - a. Scholarships were provided to one committee member and one non-member attorney to attend the ABA Dispute Resolution Annual conference in April. Recipients were determined via a random drawing of interested entrants, with priority going to committee members.
 - b. One scholarship was provided to a committee member to attend the ADR Institute.
- 6. Ongoing Committee Items
 - a. For 2022, the committee intends to continue to promote speakers and educational events for committee members, State Bar members, and others in ADR practice.

Thank you for your consideration of our annual report. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact us directly.

Sincerely,
Jessica Eaton Lawrence
Josh Pando
2021 ADR Committee Chairs



**BOARD OF EDITORS COMMITTEE
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: Board of Editors

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 21, 2022

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

1. Board of Directors

- a. Gabrielle Dorian
- b. Gregory Dawkins
- c. Michael Eshleman
- d. Debora Gerads
- e. James Kalm
- f. Anne Minard
- g. Matthew Ramirez
- h. Constance Tatham

2. New Mexico Lawyer

The Board of Editors' main responsibility is editing the New Mexico Lawyer.

a. Family Law

Articles include: "High Income Child Support: Long Awaited Appellate Guidance," "The Moralistic Fantasy of Income Imputation," "Child Support Services," and "what's the Big Deal About Rule 1-123?"

- b. Diligence is the Best Defense: Updates in the World of Professional Liability Insurance
Articles include: “How to Respond to a Disciplinary Complaint,” “There is No Such Thing as Too Much Information,” “Do I, or Don’t I Call My Professional Liability Insurance Company?,” and “Why Would You Buy Professional Liability Insurance? A Better Question is Why Wouldn’t You?”
- c. What a Long Strange Trip It’s Been: Cannabis Regulation in New Mexico
Articles include: “What a Long Strange Trip It’s Been,” “Advertising and Marketing Cannabis,” and “Human Health and the Importance of the Endocannabinoid System.”



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
2021 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: 2021 Annual Report – Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession

DATE: January 20, 2022

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

1. Board of Directors
 - a. N/A – The CDLP has 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. April 23, 2021
 - b. June 18, 2021
 - c. September 17, 2021
 - d. December 10, 2021
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. Seventh Annual Mini-Symposium on Diversity & Inclusion – October 29, 2021
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 – continued pairing bar applicants with attorney coaches for support during 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 2021 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

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



State Bar of New Mexico
Committee on Women
and the Legal Profession

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION
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: Jensen Wallace and Patricia Galindo, 2021 Co-Chairs

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 21, 2022

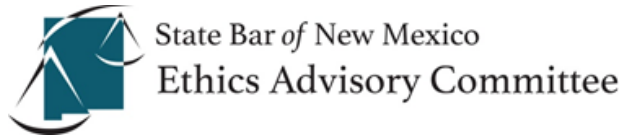
The Committee on Women and the Legal Profession conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. The Committee has two Co-Chairs instead of a Board of Directors. Jensen Wallace and Patricia Galindo were the 2021 Co-Chairs.
2. Meetings
 - a. The CWLP met bimonthly during 2021 and held an end of the year dinner in December 2021. 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, Laura Fashing, Elizabeth Garcia, Patricia Galindo, Jeff Albright, Sheryl Saavedra, Zoe Lees, Erin Marshall, Ann Washburn, Cari Neill, Morgan Pettit, Chelsea Canon, Addie Sanchez, Dr. Amanda Parker, DeAnza Valencia, Allison Block-Chavez.
3. Continuing Education Presentation
 - a. The Committee hosted the Second Annual Women in the Law Symposium on December 9th, 2021. The half-day CLE was held virtually and included national speakers as well as an update from Dr. Amanda Parker on the New Mexico Supreme Court Commission on Equity and Justice. The other topics included Brokering Deals in Heels: From Mergers and Acquisitions to Italian High Fashion; Sonia Sotomayor: The US Supreme Court Approval Process and Other Insights Working in the Obama Administration; and Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Complaints.
4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events

- a. Despite the ongoing pandemic, CWLP still managed to complete a number of initiatives. The Gender Equality Handbook was updated and is in the process of being formatted for both legal professionals and pro-se litigants. Domestic Violence cards were updated, finalized, and printed. The Committee received numerous nominations for the Justice Pamela B. Minzner Award, although a recipient has not yet been chosen. Committee members attended a social event at Top Golf and a year end dinner at Fogo de Chao.
- 5. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. The committee provided \$1,000 in scholarships for members to attend the Women in the Law Symposium CLE.
- 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 2022, the committee intends to: increase community involvement and membership. In addition to the existing initiatives, the committee intends to expand the Professional Clothing Closet, bring back the #LawMoms chats, compile a “best practice” database of law firms with family friendly policies, and increase the number of continuing education presentations.

Conclusion: While the pandemic affected many aspects of the committee, a core group of members remained committed to the committee. The Committee looks forward to the upcoming year.

Jensen N. Wallace
Patricia Galindo
2021 CWLP Co-Chairs



ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2021 Annual Report

Division/Section/Committee Title: Ethics Advisory Committee

Date: 1/6/2021

Chair: James Reist

Activities Undertaken Since Last Report:

- **Held six monthly meetings of the committee in 2021;**
- **Received and reviewed one new request for ethics assistance and responded to same;**
- **Completed all outstanding 2020 informal ethics opinions;**
- **Issued one formal opinion 2021-01 on fee splitting;**
 - **Continued working with the Formal Opinions sub-committee on a list of topics for consideration for formal opinions that will issue in 2022.**
- **Reviewed and revised the Ethics Committee web page along with other ethics assistance information on the new State Bar Website;**
- **The Committee planned and conducted an Ethics CLE for the New Mexico State Bar Foundation in December 2021, updating attendees on recent ABA Ethics opinions, discussing emerging issues in professional responsibility, and conducting a Mock Meeting of the committee.**
- **Assisted several members with ethics assistance outside of the formal requests and reviewed some of the ethics issues presented by the pandemic.**
- **Committee members attended portions of the annual ABA Center for Professional Responsibility conference which was held by webinar in June, 2021;**
- **Reviewed proposed revisions to several formal ABA ethics opinions.**

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 conferences.**



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HISTORICAL COMMITTEE 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: State Bar Historical Committee

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2022

Co-Chairs: John Osborne and Eric Sedillo Jeffries

Activities Undertaken Since Last Report

- I do not know if we filed an annual report in 2020. Nonetheless, as I wrote on November 10, 2020, we concluded, due to that pandemic, that it would be better if we instead submitted a book review that was published in the October 28, 2020, Bar Bulletin entitled Historical Committee: Spain and the Independence of the United States. **Exhibit 1.** In my opinion, if you have not read Tom Chavez's book, you should.

- This report is due. Due to the pandemic our 2021 program was rescheduled for tomorrow. Tomorrow, one of our members, Rod Frechette, will be presenting a program entitled "Eight bits to Bit Coin! Coins, Trade and Wealth 1556-1854." **Exhibit 2.** Morgan tells me we expect good virtual and actual attendance. I expect to learn things useful and interesting, as I have in past programs.

- I do not expect our expenses to be more than a few hundred dollars. Morgan has a better handle on the cost issue than I do.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Sedillo Jeffries

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Re: Sunset Provision

Dear Ms. Pettit:

As you know, Fred Federici and I, are the co-Chairs of the State Bar Historical Committee. There are no other officers. You have the current membership list. We spent not a penny of our budget.

As we previously discussed months ago, we concluded that our annual State Bar Historical Committee presentation at the State Bar center would be imprudent amidst the ongoing pandemic. Thus, in substitution, we agreed to submit my book review published in the October 28, 2020 Bar Bulletin entitled Historical Committee: Spain and the Independence of the United States. So far as I know, the article was well received.

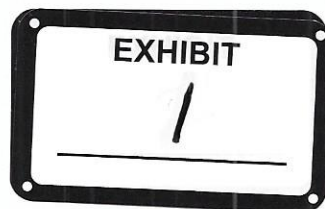
The bad news is that the Spanish flu lasted from February 1918 to April 1920, infecting 500 million people, about 1/3 of the world's population at the time- in four successive waves. The good news is the epidemic ended in April 1920, despite the fact then world's scientists knew very little about vaccines. Let us hope the scientists and our fellow humans have better luck this time.

If you require any more information from us, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Eric Sedillo Jeffries

cc: Fred Federici by email only



Eric Jeffries

From: Morgan Pettit <morgan.pettit@sbnm.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 9:14 AM
Subject: Historical Committee 1/21 Presentation

Hello,

Thank you for signing up for the Historical Committee's presentation "*Eight bits to Bit Coin! Coins, Trade & Wealth 1556 – 1854*" on Friday, Jan. 21st at noon MST!

This is an informational presentation and is not for CLE credit. Our Historical Committee makes a presentation once a year on a historical topic, something to give you a break from your usual routine so we hope you enjoy this presentation!

You have signed up to attend in-person. We will provide boxed lunches from Which Wich for you. Masks are always required unless you are eating, regardless of vaccination status.

If you are unable to attend in-person, please let me know. The Zoom information is below in case you need to switch your attendance format.

Topic: Historical Committee Presentation

Time: Jan 21, 2022 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82184172731?pwd=UE9GdjIiOQ2VMemNhZTVzNzJGMVJqZz09>

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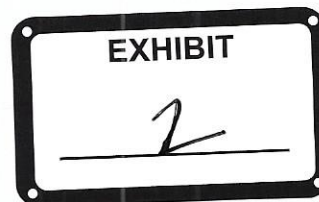
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**LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

FROM: Jerry Dixon/Stormy Ralstin/William Slease

SUBJECT: Annual Report from the LPLI Committee

DATE: 09/29/2021

The LPLI Committee conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Committee Chair: Jerry Dixon; SBNM Staff Liaisons: Stormy Ralstin and William Slease
2. Meetings
 - a. The Committee held 9 regular meetings and several unofficial subcommittee meetings to develop CLE programming to be presented by the Committee, and to prepare a series of articles for a December, 2021 publication of the New Mexico Lawyer.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) (if applicable)
 - a. The Committee will present 1 hour CLE on December 7, 2021 titled ***In For a Penny, In for A Pound; Ethical Issues Associated with Co-counsel Arrangements***
4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. The Committee edited and republished its “Good Signs to Look for When Choosing a Professional Liability Insurance Company”
 - b. The Committee also updated the list of Insurance Carriers and Insurance Brokers for the State Bar website.
 - c. Several Committee Members prepared articles for a December, 2021 publication of the New Mexico Lawyer.
 - d. Two Committee Members participated in a podcast discussing when and why to notify professional liability insurance carriers of possible claims.
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 will: work to provide Bar members with tools to help them easily and effectively assess PLI policies and carriers; continue to assess the possible 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.



**LEGAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2021 SUNSET PETITION**

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

FROM: Joseph Haupt, Esq.

SUBJECT: Legal Services and Programs Committee 2021 Sunset Petition

DATE: September 3, 2021

As Co-chair of the Legal Services and Programs Committee (“LSAP” or the “Committee”), this petition is written on behalf of the Committee, pursuant to Section 9.4 of the State Bar’s bylaws, to petition the Board of Bar Commissioners to continue the Committee for an additional five years.

LSAP has a long history of putting into action the State Bar’s support for the legal services system for provision of legal aid to low-income New Mexicans. Since the establishment of the Access to Justice Commission (“ATJ”) in 2005, LSAP’s mission has necessarily changed. Many of the functions which had previously been performed by LSAP were taken over—to great effect—by ATJ. Nevertheless, ATJ is limited in some aspects by its relationship to the Supreme Court. LSAP has found its mission, in part, in continuing to perform functions that ATJ cannot perform.

Although the activities of the Committee over the past five years are described at a high level below, it is worth highlighting the role LSAP played in the provision of legal services in New Mexico last year at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee used its funding to purchase iPads for use at legal fairs/clinics in rural communities. Many of these communities do not have the resources to provide easy access to the technology necessary for virtual legal fairs (the organization of which LSAP has been involved with for many years). Additionally, LSAP funded scholarships in coordination with the State Bar’s Diversity Committee for law students unable to take the Bar Exam due to delays related to COVID-19. The Committee also funded the creation of podcasts and pamphlets on a variety of legal issues to assist low-income families in need of legal assistance during COVID-19, in areas such as landlord/tenant cases and debt collection. The Committee’s broad mission, along with the dedication of its members,

affords the Committee the flexibility to respond to crises afflicting low-income New Mexicans and ensure their access to legal support. The Committee is an asset to the Bar and the citizens it serves, and it should be allowed to continue its work.

The Activities of LSAP that have contributed to the members of the State Bar and the community at large over the past five years are as follows:

1. 2021 Committee Composition

- a. Committee members: Frank Sedillo, Mary H. Smith, Juan Flores, Bob St. John, Susan Page, Grace Spulak, Renee Valdez, Aja Brooks, Melanie Fritzsche, Lewis Creekmore, Gary Houspian, Morgan Pettit, Joseph Haupt

2. Activities/Action Items Undertaken (Current Year)

- a. Awarded three scholarships to attend the Equal Justice Conference
- b. Created videos aimed at helping victims of domestic violence
- c. Opened the 2021/2022 Breaking Good video contest for high school students

3. Upcoming Activities/Action Items for (Current Year)

- a. Explore opportunities to aid low-income New Mexicans in obtaining state and federal rental relief funding

Pending or Previous Issues Requiring the Board of Bar Commissioners:

N/A

Activities/Action Items from Previous Years

Year 2020

- Various legal-education endeavors, including translating a debt collection video into Spanish, and recording podcasts on landlord/tenant evictions and unemployment insurance.
- Providing scholarships for students unable to take the New Mexico Bar Exam due to issues related to COVID-19.
- Outreach initiatives, including civil legal clinics at the Metropolitan Court, making iPads available to assist with cyber Legal Fairs, and providing funding for remote services educational videos on a variety of pressing legal subjects.
- Equal Justice Conference stipend.

Year 2019

- Discussions and planning for NM Legal Aid to present on topics to recruit volunteer attorneys for legal clinics on family, landlord/tenant law, debt collections, employee wage, guardianship.
- Annual Breaking Good video contest for high school students (topic: "Who needs civil legal services in New Mexico and how do they help?").
- Continued recurring outreach initiatives, including civil legal clinics at the Metropolitan Court and cyber legal fairs allowing access to citizens in rural areas to obtain legal assistance.

- Equal Justice Conference stipend.

Year 2018

- Annual Breaking Good video contest for high school students..

Year 2017

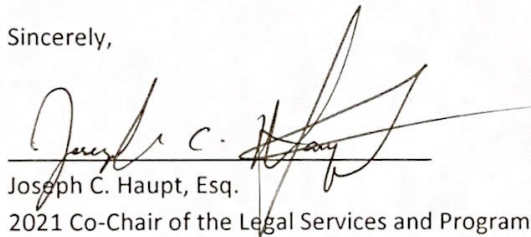
- Annual Breaking Good video contest for high school students

Year 2016

- Working with judicial districts and Metropolitan Courts to develop cyber legal fairs throughout the state.
- Annual Breaking Good video contest for high school students.

For these reasons, the Legal Services and Programs Committee of the State Bar of New Mexico respectfully requests that the Board of Bar Commissioners continue the Committee for another five years.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Haupt, Esq.
2021 Co-Chair of the Legal Services and Programs Committee



State Bar of New Mexico Medical Review Committee

MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE 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: Ellen Kelly, chair

SUBJECT: Medical Review Committee 2021 annual report

DATE: January 27, 2022

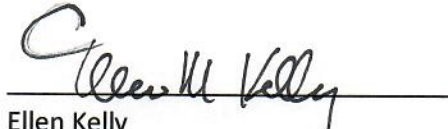
The (section/committee name) conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors -- not applicable. There is only the chair. This committee was created as part of the Bar's response to N.M. Stat. Ann. 41-5-17, which requires the Bar to provide attorneys to serve on panels of the New Mexico Medical Review Commission (see N.M. Stat. Ann 41-5-14).
2. Meetings – Not applicable. This committee does not meet *per se*. However, the New Mexico Medical Review Commission has told me that 99 different licensed attorneys (active and inactive) participated in its panels during 2021, many of them on a repeat basis.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s) -- None

However, thanks to the N.M. Supreme Court's amendments to Rule 18-204 NMRA and the rule's implementation by the Board of Bar Commissioners, as of January 1, 2021, active attorney committee members could earn limited amounts of CLE self-study credits for serving on panels of the New Mexico Medical Review Commission. The commission does not know how many of the 99 attorneys serving on its panels requested CLE credit for doing so, but it reports it provided the necessary documentation for the attorneys to request the self-study credit from the Bar.

4. Section/committee Annual Meeting – Not applicable

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events – The Bar sent an email blast seeking new committee members to all active attorneys, on behalf of the committee in September 2021, and has been following up with quarterly Bar Bulletin announcements, to let attorneys know they'd be welcome as committee members. In other words, thanks to the work of the State Bar staff, many active and inactive attorneys joined the committee in 2021, either as first-time members or returnees.
6. Scholarships (if applicable) – Not applicable
7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Again with the critical assistance of the State Bar staff, the committee updated its page on the State Bar website, to provide a clearer idea of how the Medical Review Commission and its panels operate. The updated webpage also includes a link for attorneys to join the committee, which is a much simpler system for joining than the ones used in the past.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For 2022, the (section/committee) intends to continue fielding licensed attorneys members of the State Bar -- both active and inactive – to serve as panelists for the New Mexico Medical Review Commission.


Ellen Kelly
2021 Chair, Medical Review Committee



State Bar of New Mexico Well-Being Committee

Well Being Committee 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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

FROM: Sean M. FitzPatrick, Chair, SBNM Well-Being Committee

SUBJECT: SBNM Well-Being Committee Annual Report, 2021

DATE: January 24, 2022

“If you don’t make time for wellness, you may be forced to make time for illness.”- Anonymous

While hopefully this statement does not come to pass for busy legal professionals, it is a reminder that well-being is often overlooked but critically important aspect of every person’s life. The Well-Being Committee has taken numerous steps to encourage and educate the legal community on tools and resources available to make time for their own well-being. The steps taken are too voluminous to go into with great detail in this annual report, but a brief summary of the committee’s history, structure and accomplishments is contained in this annual summary.

The Well-Being Committee was inceptioned prior to the beginning of the Covid 19 Pandemic in an effort to encourage health and wellness among New Mexico lawyers. This committee was 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 paralegal community.

To adequately serve all subgroups of our legal community, the NM Well-Being Committee divided into three subcommittees in July 2020, the Judicial Wellness Subcommittee, the Long Term Well-Being Subcommittee, and the Short Term Well-Being Subcommittee. The Subcommittees met as needed between the larger Well Being Committee Meeting which met every other month on the last Tuesday of the Month for about 1 hour. The short term solutions subcommittee had served its purpose of providing immediate events and was discontinued mid 2021. And now, the Judicial and Long Term planning committees continue their work along with the overall Wellbeing Committee.

There are several programs I would like to highlight for the BBC that the Wellbeing committee implemented and continued in 2021.

Overall Well Being Campaign

What A Healthy Lawyer Looks Like. The campaign included a monthly series of Podcasts and Articles designed to educate the legal community on a variety of wellbeing topics. The goal was that every judge, lawyer, law student, and legal staff person can find aspect of their mental, physical emotional, or spiritual health to improve upon.

Podcasts- Legal Well Being in Action

- 1.1 Personal Inventory: Lawyering by Video
- 1.2 Incivility and Well-Being
- 1.3 A Conversation About Well-Being in Law School
- 1.4 Sleep-What you Need to Know and More
- 1.5 Hobbies- Necessity or Nice to Have?
- 1.6 Compassion Fatigue
- 1.7 Fear
- 1.8 Meet and Greet Cory Muscara, 2021 Annual Meeting
- 1.9 Stigma & Counseling
- 1.10 Lawyering by Video Part 2
- 1.11 Compassion Fatigue Part 2 and Lawyer Well Being

Articles

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

- 8 Ways to Cope After a Suicide Loss
- Getting Out and Moving
- Trial by Video
- Incivility and Well-Being
- The Stress Test: Searching For Well-Being in Law School
- Getting Down to Business About Sleep in the Legal Profession
- Hobbies
- It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Lawyer: Dealing With Compassion Fatigue
- No One Escapes Fear
- LEGAL WELL BEING: Overcoming Fear of Stigma and Promoting Self-Care
- Lawyering by Video
- Why Lawyers Need Self-Care

Survey

Initially, when the Wellbeing Committee was first formed, the committee discussed the need for conducting a survey. Many different state and national surveys on wellbeing have been conducted and so the survey was tabled. After its first year of meetings, the Committee decided to conduct a survey specific to New Mexico and what needs the legal community identified in the area of well-being. The Survey was sent out the last part of 2021 and the results will guide the committee in the future. A copy of the key results is attached and includes responses from 777 lawyers.

Judicial Wellness Program

The Judicial Wellness Program (JWP) continued into the second and third phases of the 2020 plan.

The Judicial Wellness Subcommittee also sent out a survey to NM judges in October, 2021, on the need/want for more judicial mentoring/coaching. There was a 46% response rate and all levels of the judiciary were represented. The overall message was a resounding YES for wanting and needing more judicial mentoring/coaching resources. As of the end of 2021, the Judicial Mentor Coach Committee has plans in place to implement a Judicial Coach Resource in 2022.

- Phase I
 - Monthly JWell Now e-blasts continue to focus on well-being topics for the judiciary and are popular with approximately half of all state judges. E-blasts consistently have a 45-50% open rate.
 - The Judicial Wellness Committee delivered a holiday gift bag to every state judge the end of 2021. The gift bag included a fidget spinner, candy, and a card thanking them for their service and introducing them to Kelly Shane, the new Judicial Wellness Program Manager.
- Phase II
 - Judicial Roundtables started on weekly basis for all 67 Magistrate Judges September, 2020.
 - Judicial Well-Being Website – was created in 2021 and is a repository of well-being resources, services, and information for judges.
 - Judicial Coaching/Mentoring Program improvement – see above paragraph.
- Phase III
 - Confidential Assistance Program for Judges called JCall Now is being explored and will continue to evolve in 2022 as part of a larger Judicial Wellness Program for judges.
 - Judicial Standards Committee Collaboration – started in Oct. 2020 to address the stigma judges feel when thinking about reaching out for help. This collaborative effort will continue for years to come.

Senior Justice Vigil stepped down as co-chair of Judicial Wellness Subcommittee, when she retired in June 2021. Pam Moore continued to lead the group as co-chair. Kelly Shane, the new FT Judicial Wellness Program was hired in 2021 and will assume chair of this committee as of February, 2022. Kelly's duties include chairing the Judicial Subcommittee, crafting and maintaining the JWell Now Emails, and continuing to grow and develop the JWP including resources and services available for judges. In addition, the JWP will be the home of the Judicial Coach Resource for mid to later career judges.

Future Goals and Plans

2022 What a Healthy Legal Community Looks Like

The Well-being Committee's goals in 2022 will be geared toward understanding the state of well-being in legal organizations including, Large and Small Firms, Paralegals, Law Students, Government Attorney Practice (District attorneys, Public Defenders, and others). Topics for the podcasts and Articles so far include an introductory article, Solo and Small Firms, UNM Law School and the Attorney General's office.

Future Committee Members

The Well Being Committee is in the process of creating rules for the appointment of its members so that there is a clearly defined process for those who wish to join the committee can do so but also keeps the number of members at a manageable level.

1. Board of Directors (if applicable)
 - a. Not Applicable
2. Meetings
 - a. Well-Being Committee met every other month in 2021.
 - i. Subcommittees met as needed between the overall committee meetings
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. November 5, 2021 WELL Talks "What a Healthy Lawyer Looks Like" CLE
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. No Annual Meeting
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Please see initiatives and efforts above that include what has been accomplished in 2021 and goals/plans for 2022.
6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. Not Applicable
7. 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>

8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

- a. For 2022, the Well-Being Committee will continue the efforts in the two. See goals/plans above.

Conclusion:

The 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 wellbeing.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean M FitzPatrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sean M. FitzPatrick
2021 Well-Being Committee

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August 6, 2021

Email to Morgan Pettit
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Re: Petition to Continue the Animal Law Section

Dear Commissioners:

As the chair of the Board of Directors of the Animal Law Section (ALS) of the State Bar of New Mexico (SBNM), I write on behalf of the Board and with the approval of the full Board to petition for continuance of the ALS. The ALS has established itself as an important information resource for attorneys and for the public generally in the field of animal law. For the reasons set out below, the Board asks the Commissioners to continue the section.

1. Services and activities provided by the ALS.

a. *Board Meetings.* The ALS Board holds at least six regular meetings each year to discuss section business, plan CLE events and our Animal Talk series, and to generate ideas for continuing outreach to the legal community and the non-lawyering public regarding laws affecting wildlife and domestic animals.

b. *Continuing Legal Education.*

- The ALS presented the following seminars for CLE credit:
 - September 2016: Animal Law: Wildlife and Endangered Species on Public and Private Lands— The Tipping Point
 - May 2017: Legislative Roundup
 - August 2017: The Law and Bioethics of Using Animals in Research
 - November 2018: Updates, Causes of Action, and Litigation
 - May 2019: Legislative Roundup
 - November 2019: The Law and Ethics of Wild Animals in Captivity
 - November 2020: Rollbacks to Wildlife Protection Under the Trump Administration, and the Way Forward (Collaboration with the UNM School of Law)
 - November 2020: Ethical Questions in Representation of Animal Law Cases

- April 2021: Legislative Roundup (Collaboration with the UNM School of Law)
- Upcoming in November 2021: Companion Animals: Hot Topics in Law and Ethics.
- The Animal Law Section Legislative Roundup began after the 2015 Regular Session of the New Mexico Legislature and now takes place following the 60-day sessions of the New Mexico Legislature. Panelists include John Crenshaw, President of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and Jessica Johnson Shelton, Legislative Director for Animal Protection New Mexico. Both work as lobbyists during the legislative session. For the 2021 Legislative Roundup, state Senator Brenda McKenna joined our group of panelists. Senator McKenna co-sponsored animal-related legislation during the session, including the bill to ban trapping on state and federal public lands in New Mexico that passed both houses and was signed into law by Governor Lujan Grisham.

c. Animal Law Section Web Page

<https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Sections/Animal-Law>

The ALS is using its web page as a clearinghouse for articles and information regarding the field of animal law. The best way to see how it is being used is to visit and click on the links.

d. Animal Law Section Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/animallawnewmexico/>

During the 2017 and 2019 sessions of the New Mexico Legislature, the ALS used the Facebook page to track and to post links to animal-related legislation introduced during the session. Visitors to the ALS Facebook page were able to download a list of bills with active links to the bill, committee reports, action taken, and fiscal impact report.

e. Animal Talk. This is a series of one-hour talks open to the public. The talks take place approximately three to four times during the year, although the interval can vary. Animal Talk started in 2013 with the goal of engaging the public and the legal community in discussion of legal issues relating to animals.

- December 2016: Courthouse Facility Dogs -- how professionally trained courthouse facility dogs are working throughout the country in prosecutors' offices, child advocacy centers, and family courts to assist crime victims and other individuals while they participate in stressful legal proceedings.
- March 2017: Appellate counsel discussed the legal issues arising out of the City of Albuquerque Trap, Neuter, and Return Program.
- June 2017: Protecting Pollinators: Laws, Policies, and Action. Federal, state, and tribal protections for pollinators. Julie McIntyre, Pollinator Coordinator for the Southwest Region of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- April 2018: Tethering Dogs: Implications for Public Safety and Humane Treatment.

- June 2018: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Turns 100. Jonathan Hayes, Executive Director, New Mexico Audubon Society.
- September 2018: Animal Cruelty: evidence of the crime, and the proper crime to charge. Presented by Captain Andi Taylor, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office.
- January 2019: Preview of Animal-Related Bills Introduced in the 2019 Regular Session of the New Mexico Legislature.

f. New Mexico Lawyer. The ALS and NREEL collaborated to produce the October 2020 issue of the New Mexico Lawyer: The ALS was responsible for two of the articles in the issue.

- "Wildlife and Federal Regulatory Rollbacks Under the Trump Administration" by Nicholas Arrivo and Bruce Wagman.
- "The Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Intentional vs. Incidental" by Guy Dicharry.

2. Thanks to the SBNM Staff.

The ALS appreciates the SBNM staff who work hard to help us do the things I have listed above. The staff helps us reach our section members and the New Mexico Bar with important information. Each edition of the New Mexico Lawyer requires coordination among the ALS, the editorial board, and the SBNM staff. The ALS uses E-blasts for a variety of reasons and it is the SBNM staff who makes sure that the communications are timely and accurate. The SBNM staff also publishes weekly announcements of Animal Talk presentations in the Bar Bulletin for a period of at least 2 – 3 weeks prior to each talk. Each of the Animal Talks requires a reserved room, chairs, tables, snacks, and a variety of A-V equipment depending upon the presenter. The SBNM staff makes sure our financials are up to date and helps us maintain compliance with some of the lesser-known provisions of our Bylaws. Our board works hard to achieve our goals and we acknowledge the assistance we receive from the staff at the State Bar.

3. Conclusion.

Our section includes a wide variety of interests, both legal and philosophical. Animal law reaches into almost all substantive areas of law at some point, a fact reflected by the diverse legal specialties and expertise of our board and membership. Philosophically, our members and board include everyone from strict vegans to life-long hunters and anglers, and all points in-between. Our section will continue to explore the field of Animal Law in all its permutations. We have engaged the legal community and the non-lawyering public on important issues regarding wildlife, domestic animals, and our common habitat.

On behalf of the Board, I ask that the BBC vote to approve our petition so that the ALS may continue its efforts.

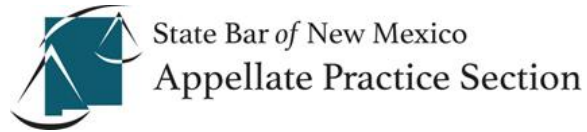
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Electronic signature by Guy Dicharry

Guy Dicharry

Chair, Board of Directors of the Animal Law Section



APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION
OF THE
STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2021 ANNUAL REPORT

TO: Richard B. Spinello, Executive Director
State Bar of New Mexico

CC: Morgan Pettit, Member Services Manager
Addie Sanchez, Member Services Coordinator

FROM: Anastasia S. Stevens,
Chair Appellate
Practice Section State
Bar of New Mexico

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: December 30, 2021

The Appellate Practice Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Anastasia S. Stevens, Chair
 - b. Rosalind B. Bienvenu, Chair-Elect
 - c. Edward Ricco, Budget Officer
 - d. John L. Sullivan, Secretary
 - e. Jocelyn C. Drennan
 - f. Jazmine J. Johnston
 - g. Alicia C. Lopez
 - h. Larry J. Montaño
 - i. Randy Taylor
 - j. Nicholas T. Hart, Past Chair
2. Meetings
 - a. January 12, 2021

- b. February 9, 2021
- c. March 9, 2021
- d. April 13, 2021
- e. May 11, 2021
- f. June 8, 2021
- g. July 13, 2021
- h. August 10, 2021
- i. September 14, 2021
- j. October 12, 2021 (annual meeting of Section membership)
- k. November 9, 2021
- l. December 7, 2021

3. Continuing Education Presentation

The Section conducted the 32nd Annual Appellate Practice Institute on September 10, 2021. This annual, full-day CLE program is well-known and well-attended. Although it was planned as a combined live/virtual presentation, developments with COVID-19 resulted in a late but successful transition to a fully virtual format, as was the 2020 API. This program is devoted to appellate practice issues and related issues of ethics and professionalism, and members of the New Mexico appellate judiciary generously participate in many of the segments, with experienced appellate practitioners carrying the rest of the programming. This year's API featured a keynote speech by New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Shannon Bacon and an update on the status of oral argument in the New Mexico Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals by Justice David Thomson and Judge Zachary Ives, which remarkably did not focus on virtual arguments. Retired Justice Edward Chavez and Bill Slease of the State Bar finished up the program with a conversation about professionalism and ethics in appellate practice.

4. The Section's Annual Meeting was held virtually on October 12, 2021.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events

- a. Brown Bag Lunches with NM Appellate Court Judges, in which the Section invites appellate judges to meet with Section members and other interested participants for a discussion of appellate court-related issues. The section had a brown bag lunch with Judge (now Justice) Briana Zamora and Judge Jacqueline Medina on June 11, 2021, and another brown bag lunch with Judges Zachary Ives, Megan Duffy, and Jennifer Attrep and Justices David Thomson and Shannon Bacon on December 10, 2021. The Section's Board is delighted that Judge Ives asked to speak at the brown bag lunch because he had more to say than he was able to

cover during the API, and that Justices Thomson and Bacon also were eager to rejoin our group after the API. The COVID-19-inspired virtual format has increased member participation considerably compared to lunches at the State Bar Center.

- b. Volunteer Attorney Program's Appellate Pro Bono Program: this program is designed to provide pro bono representation to self-represented, low-income civil litigants in appeals assigned to the Court of Appeals general calendar. The Section's Board of Directors encourages section members to volunteer to serve on a panel of lawyers who are willing to receive information about and consider accepting appeals through the pro bono program.
 - c. Donation/support to UNM School of Law in support of the school's moot court programs
 - d. Donation/support to the Supreme Court's summer Judicial Clerkship program for law students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession, particularly the judiciary.
6. Scholarships (if applicable)
- The Section did not offer scholarships directly this year. However, it made donations to the UNM Law School moot court programs and the summer Judicial Clerkship program, described in Section 5 above.
7. Media
- The Section is in the process of preparing a newsletter for Section members.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
- In 2022, the Section intends to:
- a. continue its Brown Bag Lunches;
 - b. hold the 33rd Annual Appellate Practice Institute;
 - c. continue to support appellate-related programs in the state;
 - d. prepare and distribute a newsletter;
 - e. possibly produce an edition of the "New Mexico Lawyer"; and
 - f. conduct an informal bench and bar conference at the Court of Appeals in Albuquerque or the Supreme Court in Santa Fe, COVID-19 permitting.

Conclusion: The Appellate Practice Section remains a very active group that provides important services to its members, to the New Mexico bar in general, and to the public. Please feel free to contact me or any other Section Board member with any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,
/s/ Anastasia S. Stevens

Anastasia S. Stevens

2021 Appellate Practice Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Bankruptcy Law Section

BANKRUPTCY 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: Spencer L. Edelman, 2021 Chair

SUBJECT: Bankruptcy Law Section Annual Report

DATE: September 20, 2021

The Bankruptcy Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors

	Name	Position
1	Spencer Edelman	Chair
2	Chris Pierce	
3	Gerald Velarde	
4	Ron Holmes	Budget Officer
5	Shay Meagle	
6	Daniel White	
7	Karen Weaver	Secretary
8	Leslie Maxwell	
9	Thomas Walker	
10	Samuel Roybal	Chair-Elect
11	Michael Daniels	Past Chair
12	Robert Jacobvitz*	Judge
13	David Thuma*	Judge
14	Mary Johnson*	US Trustee
15	Lana Merewether*	Court Clerk
16	Tiffany Cornejo*	Chapter 13 Trustee
17	James Rodgers^	UNM Student
18	Vacant	UNM Faculty
19	Ashley Cook	YLD Liaison

* - Ex officio member

^ - James Rogers took over for Clair Gardner after she graduated

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. Section Picnic with CLE by Court on October 23, 2021
 - c. Brown Bag – Subchapter V Bankruptcy – February 5, 2021
 - d. Brown Bag – New Chapter 11 MORs – June 11, 2021
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. Combined 2020-21 Retirement celebration on September 10, 2021.
 - b. Night at the Isotopes on August 8, 2021.
 - c. Monthly consumer debt workshop for the public.
 - d. Monthly happy hours for section members.
 - e. Correspondence to Supreme Court and leadership of ad hoc committee on ways to reinstate creditor remedies without overloading judicial dockets or practitioners.
6. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Radio and social media advertisement to boost public's awareness of consumer debt workshop.
 - b. Monthly emails to section on upcoming events
 - c. Emails to section when bankruptcy court issues new opinion
7. Ongoing Section/Committee Items: For 2022, the Bankruptcy Section intends to:
 - a. Continue its CLE programming including the annual year in review.
 - b. Work with the Bankruptcy Court on changes to local rules
 - c. Continue to provide meaningful opportunities to network/connect both in person and virtually.
 - d. Strengthen connections with UNMSOL.

Despite the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, the bankruptcy section had a very productive 2021 and we are looking forward to 2022. We hope to continue to provide value to our members through our CLEs, networking (and fun!) activities, and work with both the Bankruptcy Court and New Mexico Courts. Additionally, while bankruptcy filings have been low, we expect 2022 to be a very busy year for consumers facing economic difficulty and are committed to providing the public service through the monthly consumer debt workshops.

Sincerely,



Spencer L. Edelman
2021 Bankruptcy Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Cannabis Law Section

CANNABIS 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: Carlos N. Martinez, Cooley Alum

SUBJECT: Cannabis Law Section Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2022

The Cannabis Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Carlos N. Martinez
 - b. McKenzie St. Denis
 - c. Ramona Martinez-Salopek
 - d. Patricia Monaghan
 - e. Brett Phelps
 - f. Tina Gooch
 - g. Diana Martwick
 - h. YLD
 - i. Joel Krukar (non-attorney)
 - j. Terence Jones, PhD (non-attorney)
2. Meetings
 - a. Monthly meetings were held every second Friday of the month
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. Cannabis conversations, Monthly CLE
 - b. Annual Cannabis Law Institute CLE (Tina and I had to present at this on a less than 24 hour notice due to a lawyer being a no-call/no-show for the CLE, Jennifer McCabe)
 - c. 2021 ABA YLD Regional Summit
 - d. Multiple Podcasts
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting

- a. Held our 3rd annual section meeting in November of 2021
- 5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Hosted the cannabis law section mixer after the annual CLE
 - b. Met with interested law students in an effort to create a law student section of the cannabis law section
- 6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. \$500 donation to mock trial
 - b. \$900 set aside for scholarships
 - c. \$250 set aside for the Judicial Clerkship
- 7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. Podcasts with the NM Bar
 - b. New Mexico Lawyer Articles
 - c. Continual updates posted to the cannabis law section's website
- 8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. Annual cannabis law institute CLE
 - b. Student section of the Cannabis Law Section
 - c. Charitable fundraising

Conclusion: I founded the cannabis law section in 2018. In 2021, we were successful in putting on the third annual cannabis law institute CLE, we were invited to be on a panel at the ABA YLD regional summit (where Jennifer McCabe was a no-call/no-show again), created a scholarship fund for law students interested in Cannabis law, participated in monthly CLEs on various topics, and stayed under budget for the entire year.

Sincerely,
Carlos N. Martinez, Esq., MBA
Cannabis Law Section Founder and Chairperson 2021
Budge Officer, CLE Liaison 2021



State Bar of New Mexico
Children's Law Section

CHILDREN'S 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: Alison B. Pauk, CLS Chair 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Children's Law Section Annual Report

DATE: 1/20/22

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

1. Board of Directors

	Name	Position
1	Alison (Ali) Pauk	Chair; Director
2	Erinna Atkins	Director
3	Andrea Gunderson	Budget Officer; Director
4	Marisol Garcia	Director
5	Twila Hoon	Chair-elect; Director
6	Debra Poulin	Director
7	Cassandra Brulotte	Director
8	Allison Pieroni	Director
9	Harlena Reed	Director (starting November 2021)
10	Chelsey Pelzman	Secretary; UNM Student
11	Vacant	YLD Liaison

2. Meetings

- a. Annual Meeting – The CLS Annual Meeting is held each January during the Children's Law Institute. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 Children's Law Institute was virtual, as was the Annual Meeting which occurred on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 3:00 pm MST. About 55 people attended virtually, asked questions, and learned about CLS.
- b. Board Meetings – For more than half the year, the CLS Board met monthly on the second Wednesday of each month. Due to conflicting schedules and events,

the Board voted to change the meeting day and time. Starting in October, CLS changed the monthly meetings to the second Thursday of each month.

3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. CLS supports the Children's Law Institute which is a state-wide, multidisciplinary conference of roughly 1,000 attendees which focuses on issues pertaining to child welfare and juvenile justice. At this conference, attorneys have the opportunity to complete their required, yearly CLE's. Members of CLS were instrumental in the planning of the 2022 CLI held January 12 – 14, 2022.
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. The CLS Annual Meeting was held virtually on January 14, 2021.
5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Art Contest – CLS held the annual Art and Writing Contest with the 2021 theme *"Rhythm of the Soul..."* Children and young people whose lives have touched the Children's Court system were eligible to submit a piece of art, photography, or writing pertaining to the theme. Although the contest was more widely advertised via email than ever before, again, submissions were low. Members from the National League of American Pen Women, Yucca Branch provided the judging for the contest.
 - b. Reunification Boxes – In September, the section again voted to donate money for the purchase of gift boxes for families in the abuse and neglect system who successfully reunified.
6. Scholarships (if applicable)
 - a. Each year, CLS donates a large amount to the Children's Law Institute (CLI), which is in turn used for scholarships to their annual event. In 2021, CLS donated \$1,000 for the January 2022 CLI.
7. Media (includes website and/or social media if applicable)
 - a. In 2021, the new State Bar website was launched. The Section ensured that the CLS page was working correctly and user friendly for our members.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
 - a. For (next year), the (section/committee) intends to:
 - i. Rethink the Art Contest including innovative ways to increase participation.
 - ii. Host at least one Noon Knowledge session on Special Education law.
 - iii. Host additional Noon Knowledge sessions for both our membership and the Children's Court legal community.
 - iv. Continue our yearly donation to the Children's Law Institute.

With gratitude:



Alison B. Pauk
2021 Children's Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Elder Law Section

ELDER 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: The Elder Law Section Chair, Julia D. Catron

SUBJECT: Annual Report

DATE: November 30, 2021

The Elder Law Section conducted and accomplished the following during 2021:

1. Board of Directors

Katie Roehlk
Marina Cansino
Ellen Leitzer
Ami Jaeger

Cari Neill
DeAnza Valencia
Stephanie
Townsend Allala

Bob McCrea
Diana Llewellyn
Julia D. Catron
Marcos Trujillo

2. Meetings

The section held meetings on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, July, and September. We invited the entire section to join for the presentation from the Access to Justice Committee on unbundled legal services in March. We held our annual section meeting during our CLE on October 23, 2021. Our November meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

3. Continuing Education Presentations

On October 23, 2021, the section hosted its annual CLE. The topics covered Veteran's Benefits, Changes in the Guardianship Code, and the new End of Life Options Act. It seemed to go well.

4. Section/committee Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was uneventful and the applicants for the open board positions were accepted to the 2022 board.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events

This year the section put out two e-mail “newsletters and held one day-long CLE. We also tried to have the section participate in our meeting with the Access to Justice Committee, but participation was very limited.

6. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

During 2022, subject to change based on the priorities of the new board and incoming chair, the section intends to continue to keep section members informed with a newsletter that highlights current information and topics that affect the practice of elder law and related fields, continue to work on the written document that we hope to publish regarding what other professionals should know about specific issues related to working with elderly adults or planning for end of life/incapacity, and we will continue to hold our annual CLE/institute in late October.

This was a difficult and busy year for many board members, and hard to coordinate without being able to meet in person or conduct in-person events. We hope that 2022 will be a safer year and a calmer year for board members, and we will discuss replacing non-participating board members with members who are enthusiastic to accomplish more as a section and to allow the section to serve as a better resource for its members.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia D. Catron

2021 Elder Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Employment and
Labor Law Section

**EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR 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: Felicia A. Finston

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: December 1, 2021

The Employment and Labor Law Section (“**ELLS**”) accomplished the following in 2021:

- 1. Board of Directors:** The following individuals served on the ELLS Board of Directors for 2021:

	Name	Position
1	Felicia Finston – ffinston@wifilawgroup.com	Chair
2	Lorena Olmos Sandoval – lolmos@phs.org	CLE joint Liaison
3	Alana De Young – alana@adamscrow.com	Budget Officer
4	Caryn Carson – clcarso@sandia.gov	Vice Chair
5	Jennifer Kittleson – jennifer.kittleson@modrall.com	Secretary
6	Stephen Curtice – stephen@youtzvaldez.com	Past Chair
7	Cristin Heyns-Bousliman – cristin.bousliman@redw.com	Director
8	Sara Downey – sarah@jacksonlomanlaw.com	Website Liaison
9	Laura Unklesbay – laura.unklesbay@modrall.com	YLD Liaison
10.	James Rodgers rodgerja@law.unm.edu	- Student Liaison

2. **Meetings:** The Board met monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, except for December 2021.
3. **Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”):** Our primary accomplishment was our annual CLE, that we held on September 16 and 17, 2021. While we had hoped to have an in-person CLE, the COVID-19 Delta Variant thwarted our plans and we presented a virtual live CLE over a two-day period. The CLE Agenda is attached.
4. **Annual Meeting:** We had our annual meeting on Friday September 17, 2021 in connection with our CLE. Below are the talking points from that meeting:

NM Employment Law Section Annual Meeting

Welcome! Glad you are here. Wish we could be in person, but hopefully next year.

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

Our biggest section activity this year is the CLE seminar being held today and tomorrow. I had the opportunity to listen yesterday and was very impressed with the content and speakers. I hope you feel the same. Let us know how you liked the seminar and if there is anything we can do to improve.

With COVID-19 we weren’t able to plan any additional section activities for 2020 and 2021; indeed our annual CLE is virtual, although we were hopeful we could have met in person. We are planning to have a member service event at the Lobo Food Pantry, which provides food to UNM students, once the pandemic allows.

We urge you to get involved in the section. We are looking for Board members for next year and would love to have you apply. An email blast was sent out earlier this month regarding membership. Contact the Bar Office The board meets once a month and meetings typically last 30 to 60 minutes.

We welcome all ideas as to additional section activities you would be interested in.

Any questions?

5. **ELLS Events:** Our CLE program was our major event. We had hoped to do a member event at the Lobo Food Bank but have postponed that until next year due to the pandemic.

6. **Scholarships:** We were fortunate in that we had sufficient funds to provide various scholarships to UNM law students and ELLS members. Specifically, we awarded two scholarships for UNM Law School students interested in practicing in the employment and labor law field in the amount of \$1,500 each, we provided five scholarships to our annual CLE (totaling approximately \$1,300) and we awarded a \$1,000 Bar Preparation Scholarship to a law student interested in practicing in the employment and labor law field.
7. **Media:** Our ELLS bar coordinators were helpful in assisting us with preparing e-mail blasts regarding our annual CLE and scholarships. We also posted events on the ELLS website.
8. **Ongoing Section/Committee Items:** For next year, the ELLS will offer our annual CLE in the fall of 2022. Hopefully, this CLE will be in person. We also hope to have our annual meeting in person and have an ELLS member event at the Lobo Food Bank.

Conclusion: The pandemic continues to present challenges to the ELLS as it limits the ability to have in-person events and has put a damper on member engagement. Despite this challenge, the ELLS was able to present a robust annual CLE program virtually that provided members with needed information and CLE credits. The ELLS was also able to award a variety of scholarships to future lawyers and section members.

Sincerely,



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2021 Employment & Labor Law Institute

Thursday & Friday, September 16-17, 2021



New Mexico State Bar Foundation
Center for Legal Education

5.4 G / 1.3 EP



DAY 1 – Thursday, September 16, 2021 (2.3 G/1.3 EP)

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome & Introduction
- 1:10 p.m. EEOC and Federal Law Update 1.3 G
Anne Noel Occhialino, Esq., Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 2:25 p.m. Break
- 2:35 p.m. Hot Topics: NM Paid Sick Leave and Workplace Privacy Issues 1.0 G
Sarah Downey, Esq., Jackson, Loman, Stanford, Downey & Stevens-Block, PC
Kristin Madigan, CIPP/US, Crowell & Moring LLP
- 3:35 p.m. Substance Abuse and Mental Health 1.3 EP
Pam Moore, LPCC, New Mexico Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program Director
Briggs F. Cheney, Esq., Dixon Scholl Carrillo PA
Taylor E. Smith, Esq., Aaron Garret Law
Anne E. Minard, Esq., Office of the Solicitor
- 4:40 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

DAY 2 – Friday, September 17, 2021 (3.1 G)

- 12:45 p.m. Annual Meeting (*optional attendance*)
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome & Introduction
- 1:05 p.m. COVID Update 1.3 G
Felicia Finston, Esq., Wilkins, Finston, & Friedman Law Group LLP
Jennifer Trulock, Esq., Office of Baker Botts
Patrick Allen, Esq. UNM Foundation - General Counsel
- 2:20 p.m. Labor Update 0.8 G
Stephen Curtice, Esq., Youtz & Valdez, PC
- 3:05 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Recreational Cannabis and Employment Law 1.0 G
Benjamin Thomas, Esq., Sutin, Thayer & Browne Lawyers
- 4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjournment



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 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 21, 2022

The Family Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Amber Macias-Mayo (Chair); Sarah M. Armstrong (past-chair); James Bristol (secretary); Carlos Martinez (treasurer); Lauren Riley (YLD liaison); Lucy Sinkular; Allison Pieroni; Kymerleigh Dougherty; Larry Heyek; Randy Powers; Gretchen Walther; Bridget Mullins; Amy Bailey; Randy Powers; and Aaron Goodshore (student representative).
 - b. Long-term Directors Allison Pieroni and James Bristol resigned their positions at the end of December 2021.
2. Meetings

Board meetings were held via video/teleconference on the 3rd Friday of each month, with the exception of the months of September and December 2021, which were postponed due to scheduling conflicts.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)

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

 - a. The Spring Family Law Institute was held virtually April 8 and 9, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, featuring Jennifer Harman, Ph.D. as Presenter, and Kelly Baker,

- Ph.D., PA, assisting her. Dr. Harman presented on the history of, identifying and managing parental alienation. The CLE was approved for eight hours of general credit;
- b. The Fall Family Law Institute was held both virtually and in-person (hybrid) September 28, 2021, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Fall FLI featured Mark Sullivan, North Carolina attorney and expert in military pension division orders. Other presenters included Anthony Porter, Managing Attorney CSED; a panel of district court family law judges and hearing officers; and Anne Taylor from the New Mexico Disciplinary Board. The CLE was approved for seven hours of general credit and one hour of ethics/professionalism credit;
 - c. The Family Law Guardian *ad Litem* training was held both virtually and in-person (hybrid) on December 8, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This CLE focused on basic-level training and proposed standards for attorneys wishing to work as Guardians ad litem for children in domestic relations matters. Presenters included psychologist Tim Reed, with the 2nd Judicial District Court Clinic, experienced GALs Kathrin Kinzer-Ellington of Santa Fe, Kathryn Terry of Albuquerque, and Judge Jane Levy (former GAL) of Albuquerque, as well as a panel of district court judges and hearing officers from around the state, to discuss standards and expectations for GALs. The CLE was approved for seven hours of general credit.
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. Continued work with the Board of Bar Commissions in support of legal specialization program for family law attorneys in New Mexico; completed application for family law section's participation in program; encouraged applications for family law specialization committee;
 - b. Developed and presented training for attorneys interested in work as Guardians *ad litem* for children in domestic relations cases;
 - c. Prepared content for and recorded Podcast interviews of family law judges;
 - d. Developed a "committee on the road" as outreach to state family law practitioners, but was stalled due to COVID and travel/gathering restrictions;
 - e. Prepared quarterly bullet-points of activities for the Family Law Section;
 - f. 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. Publication of the family law section of NM Lawyer in June of 2021.
8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

For 2022, 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. Lobby for or against family-law related legislation, if necessary and with the permission of the State Bar (which is currently on hold);
 - j. 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;
 - k. Work to improve the Section website and forums in place of listserv;
 - l. Provide content and/or speakers for podcasts through the State Bar of New Mexico;
 - m. Continue to work toward establishment of the legal specialization program in New Mexico;
 - n. Complete review and revision, if necessary, of the Section by-laws previously modified in May 2020;
 - o. 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. 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 look forward to serving as Chair of the Family Law Section for one more year to continue our goals for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Amber R. Macias-Mayo

Family Law Section Chair, 2021



State Bar of New Mexico Health Law Section

HEALTH LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO 2021 SUNSET PETITION

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

FROM: Erica Wells Chavez, Esq. – Chair
Kaitlyn DelBene, Esq. – Chair-Elect

SUBJECT: Health Law Section 2021 Sunset Petition

DATE: September 3, 2021

As the Chair of the Health Law Section, this petition is written on behalf of the Health Law Section, pursuant to Section 9.4 of the State Bar's bylaws, to petition the Board of Bar Commissioners to continue the Health Law Section for an additional five years. The reasons why the Committee should be continued are as follows:

1. 2021 Board Composition.

The Section has a dedicated Board of Directors who attend regular meetings to discuss current Section matters as well as trending health law issues that may be of interest to our larger members.

- a. Erica Wells Chavez – Chair, Director
- b. Kaitlyn DelBene – Chair-Elect, Director
- c. Sun Vega – Budget Officer, Director
- d. Quincy Peralas – Secretary, Director
- e. Anne Eley – Past Chair, Director
- f. Dan Akenhead – Director
- g. Martin Guerrero – Director
- h. Harlena Reed – Director
- i. David Kaufman – Director
- j. Lou Branch – Director
- k. Breanna Gaytan – Director
- l. Erin Marshall – Director
- m. Alison Goodwin – YLD Liaison
- n. Ryan Sanchez – UNM Law Student Representative
- o. Huong Nguyen – UNM Law Student Representative

2. Activities/Action Items Undertaken (Current Year)

- a. **Section Meetings.** The Section holds regular meetings, approximately 11 per year, to discuss ongoing business of the Section. Board members attend the meetings to ensure that Section business is completed while also

offering an opportunity for Board members to discuss health law topics with other health attorneys in New Mexico.

- b. **Networking and Law School Involvement.** The Section partnered with the UNM School of Law for a virtual networking event along with a resume review on March 23, 2021. This event was well attended by both Board members and law students and we received positive feedback from the students on the event. This demonstrates the Section's ongoing commitment to outreach efforts with the UNM School of Law.
- c. **Legislative Roundup CLE Program.** The Section held its annual Legislative Roundup CLE to discuss the 2021 Legislative Session and the bills that impact health law. Speakers included NM Rep. Deborah Armstrong, Brian Brock (General Counsel for the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance) and Sovereign Hager (Legal Director for the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty).

3. Upcoming Activities/Action Items for (Current Year)

- a. **Annual Health Law Symposium.** The Section will hold its annual CLE program (the "Health Law Symposium") on October 1, 2021. This will be a hybrid virtual and in-person event with speakers presenting on a wide variety of health law topics. The CLE caters largely to health law attorneys; however, we have seen an increase in the past several years in non-attorney attendees (e.g. compliance officers, risk management, etc.).
- b. **Law Student Book Scholarship.** The Section will provide two \$500 book scholarships to law students who demonstrate an interest in health law. This is a continuation of our outreach efforts with the UNM Law School and the upcoming health law community.

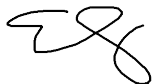
Activities/Action Items from Previous Years

Annual Activities/Action Items

- **CLE Programs.** The Section has annually presented a CLE program, usually in October, at the State Bar Center and via webcast. The symposiums are traditionally well attended, and we have received positive feedback on our speakers (both state and national) from attendees.
- **Law School Outreach efforts.** The Section worked with the UNM School of Law to provide networking events and resume reviews. We have continuously demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting future members of the legal profession.
- **Publications.** The Section has subscribed to the monthly publication Health Affairs to provide discussion on matters of interest to Section members.
- **Board Certification.** The Section has promoted Board Certification to recognize the experience and knowledge of New Mexico's Health Law Attorneys.

For these reasons, the Health Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico respectfully requests that the Board of Bar Commissioners continue the Section for another five years.

Sincerely,



Erica Wells Chavez, Esq.
Chair



Kaitlyn DelBene, Esq.
Chair-Elect



State Bar of New Mexico
Immigration Law Section

**IMMIGRATION SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO
2021 SUNSET PETITION**

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

FROM: James Owens, Chair

SUBJECT: Sunset Petition

DATE: August 15, 2021

As the Chair of the Immigration Section, this petition is written on behalf of the Immigration Section, pursuant to Section 9.4 of the State Bar's bylaws, to petition the Board of Bar Commissioners to continue the Immigration Section for an additional five years. The reasons why the Committee should be continued are as follows:

1. 2021 Board Composition

- Judy Wood
- James Owens
- Gabriela Ibanez-Guzman
- Estrella Cedillo
- Roxie De Santiago
- Zola Alvarez-Hernandez

2. Activities/Action Items Undertaken (Current Year)

- a. Monthly Immigration Section Meetings
- b. Lunch CLE - July 15, 2021
- c. Budget Analysis

3. Upcoming Activities/Action Items for (Current Year)

- a. Scholarships for all classes of students at UNMSOL
- b. Day-long CLE presentation

Pending or Previous Issues Requiring the Board of Bar Commissioners:

Activities/Action Items from Previous Years

Year 2020

- Law Student Scholarship Awards 2 book awards, 1 Bar scholarship
- CLE Presentation
- Added affiliated immigration organization positions to the Board

Year 2019

- Presented an Immigration Track at the State Bar Annual Meeting
- Lunchtime CLEs throughout the year
- Student networking event with the American Immigration Lawyers Association

Year 2018

- Lunchtime CLEs throughout the year
- Annual CLE presentation

Year 2017

- Annual CLE Presentation
- Partnered with New Mexico Immigrant Law Center to host four Free Citizenship Fair
- Awarded one full paid scholarship to the Summer Law Camp by the NMHBA

Year 2016

- Annual CLE Presentation
- Published an issue in the New Mexico Lawyer
- Funding for students to compete in Moot Court Competition

For these reasons, the Immigration Section of the State Bar of New Mexico respectfully requests that the Board of Bar Commissioners continue the Section for another five years.

Very Truly Yours,
James J. Owens
Immigration Chair
2021 Immigration Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Indian Law Section

**INDIAN 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: Alyssa M. Mercado, 2021 Chair of the Indian Law Section

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 20, 2022

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

1. Board of Directors

- a. Alyssa M. Mercado, 2021 Chair and Outreach Committee Chair
- b. Lyman Paul, Secretary and 2022 Chair-Elect
- c. Justin Solimon, Past Chair and Scholarship Committee Chair
- d. Thomas Peckham, Budget Officer and Media Committee Chair
- e. Reed Bienvenu, CLE Committee Chair
- f. Josett Monette, Mentorship Chair
- g. Nadine Padilla
- h. Alan Taradash
- i. Jannette Mondragon
- j. Dominique Oliver, YLD Liaison
- k. Alma Buena, UNM Student Liaison
- l. Samuel Winder, UNM Faculty Liaison

2. Meetings

The ILS Board met six (6) times during 2021 starting in January 2021 and every other month thereafter. Additionally, the ILS Board met on November 4, 2021, coinciding with the Indian Law Section CLE, for its Annual Meeting open to the membership. ILS met quorum for each meeting.

3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)

ILS held its Annual Indian Law Seminar “Continuing to Advance the Profession in Times of Uncertainty” on November 4, 2021. Attendees received four (4) general credits and two (2) ethics credits. Speaker topics included an Indian Law update, Indian Water Law, Tribal Tax Law, Hot Topics in Indian Law, Supreme Court Indian Law Decisions, and Practice in Tribal Court.

4. Section/committee Annual Meeting

On November 4, 2021, ILS held its Annual Meeting with eleven all nine (9) Directors, two (2) Liaisons to the UNM School of Law, and two (2) ILS members present. A sincere thanks from the Board was extended to our outgoing Directors (Jannette Mondragon, Nadine Padilla, Thomas Peckham, Justin Solimon, Alma Buena, and Samuel Winder). Additionally, the Board welcomes four (4) new members (Dianna Kicking Woman, Garret Davey, Jordan Oglesby, and Barbara Ryan). Budget Officer, Thomas Peckham, gave an update on the financials of ILS. Lastly, the 2021 Scholarship recipients were announced.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events

ILS engaged membership in a variety of ways in 2021. Early in the year, ILS held the 1st Annual Photo Contest with the first place winner receiving a \$200 VISA gift card. Additionally, ILS sponsored a NALSA happy hour held at Bow and Arrow Brewing during the Federal Bar Association’s Indian Law Seminar. Lastly, ILS held an in person New Mexico United event. Forty (40) tickets were given out to ILS members and their family members.

6. Scholarships (if applicable)

The Section awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to students in the year 2021. ILS, through the generosity of donors to the Karl E. Johnson Indian Law Scholarship, awarded \$2,500 to four (4) UNM School of Law students interested in practicing in the field of Indian Law. \$10,000 of funds will be carried over into next year. Additionally, ILS awarded \$1,000 to five (5) recent graduates for bar preparation. \$2,000 of the bar preparation fund will be carried over into next year.

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

Media Committee was not able to produce a newsletter for 2021. Plans for next year include releasing articles and updates in increments rather than one annual newsletter. Additionally, Media Committee discussed developing more of a social media presence in the upcoming year.

8. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

Due to complications with holding in person events during the pandemic, ILS has not been able to hold two events in celebration of the 2020 and 2021 Attorney Achievement Award recipients. The ILS Board plans on holding these events in 2022.

Conclusion: ILS has had a very productive and busy year and continues to strive to reach members in new and innovative ways. Some of the goals ILS has set for 2022 include more in person outreach events, State health orders permitting, and creating more of a social media presence.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Mercado

Alyssa M. Mercado

2022 Indian Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico
Intellectual Property
Law Section

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 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: Helen S. Baca, Chair of the Intellectual Property (IP) Law Section

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 19, 2022

The IP Law Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Helen Baca (Chair)
 - b. Svitlana Anderson (Chair-Elect and Immediate Past Chair)
 - c. Ian Bezpalko (Budget Officer)
 - d. Justin Muehlmeier (Secretary)
 - e. Jeff Albright
 - f. Breanna Contreras
 - g. Beate Boudro
 - h. Jose Garcia
 - i. Talia Kosh
 - j. Samantha Wauls (Student Liaison)
2. Meetings
 - a. The IP Law Section has continued to hold monthly meetings on a virtual platform.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. The IP Law Section is planning to hold a virtual CLE in early 2022 regarding the Music Modernization Act (MMA), its sweeping reform, and its relevance in present times. This CLE is titled "What Does The Music Modernization Act Mean For Digitally Streamed Music And Sound Recordings?"
4. Section/committee Annual Meeting
 - a. The Annual Meeting for the IP Law Section was held on Dec. 10, 2021.

5. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events

- a. The IP Law Section held our annual **Fall Pro Bono IP Fair** in a virtual manner for 2021. This Fair included fifteen (15) registered clients, who were served by five (5) attorney volunteers. In some instances, attorney volunteers were accompanied by a law student from the University of New Mexico School of Law (UNM SOL) (in which twelve (12) law students registered to attend an attorney consultation).
- b. The IP Law Section reached out to Studio G at New Mexico State University (NMSU) to potentially expand pro bono IP opportunities outside of Albuquerque and Santa Fe. In particular, this **Spring Pro Bono IP Fair** focused on Studio G members with coordination assistance from NMSU. This Fair included two (2) registered clients and six (6) attorney volunteers.
- c. Four members of the IP Law Section (including Samantha Wauls) led a **career discussion** at UNM SOL's IP Society meeting. The career discussion was attended by over 20 law students, who were interested in various IP fields (from entertainment law to patent law).

6. Ongoing Section/Committee Items

- a. For 2022, the IP Law Section intends to:
 - i. Organize and conduct our annual Fall Pro Bono IP Fair in coordination with UNM SOL and with the student-led IP Society at UNM SOL
 - ii. Reach out to NMSU with a possibility of continuing a Spring Pro Bono IP Fair, thereby serving entrepreneurs outside of Albuquerque and Santa Fe
 - iii. Continue to support UNM SOL students in fostering their interest in IP counseling and in IP careers
 - iv. Organize at least one Continued Legal Education event for the bar membership
 - v. Coordinate and conduct an Annual Meeting of the IP Law Section
 - vi. 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 UNM SOL students, and providing pro bono legal advice for creatives, inventors, and businesses in New Mexico.

Helen S. Baca
2021, Intellectual Property (IP) Law Section Chair



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

**NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL 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: Mark F. Rosebrough
Chair of the Board of Directors

SUBJECT: 2021 Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section Annual Report

DATE: January 6, 2021

The NREEL Section conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Mark Rosebrough, Chair
 - b. Haley Adams, Chair-Elect
 - c. Logan Glasenapp, Budget Officer
 - d. Melanie McNett, Secretary, YLD Liaison
 - e. Christopher Shaw
 - f. Bidtah Becker
 - g. Tom Paterson
 - h. Louis Rose
 - i. Bradford Moody
 - j. Steven Hernandez
 - k. Joe Schremmer, UNM Faculty Liaison
 - l. Cheyenne Trujillo, UNM Student Liaison
2. Meetings
 - a. The Board met monthly, except December 2021.
 - b. The Board held a half-day retreat at the State Bar Center on July 17, 2021.

3. Continuing Education Presentations
 - a. *Texas Grid Failure and New Mexico Utility's Response*: One hour panel discussion about the causes and factors contributing to the Texas ERCOT grid failure and potential implications for New Mexico.
 - b. *NREEL 2021 Legislative Update*: One hour CLE discussing legislation of importance to the natural resources, energy, and natural resources practitioner. Speakers included Speaker of the House Brian Egolf (D) and Representative Greg Nibert (R).
 - c. *2021 NREEL Institute: Climate Change, Drought, and Associated Impacts in New Mexico*: 6 hour CLE discussing climate change in New Mexico, drought implications for New Mexico's state, national, and tribal forests, drought implications for oil and gas development and production in New Mexico, the consideration of drought and climate change in compliance with the endangered species act, the 30x30 campaign to combat climate change, and legal and ethical considerations for coal plant closures and disclosure of oil and gas emissions.
4. Section Annual Meeting
 - a. The Section's annual meeting was held on Friday December 17, 2021 during the lunch break of the Section's Annual Institute. The Section awarded its inaugural Outstanding Career Achievement Awards to two recipients: Steven Hernandez of Las Cruces and A.J. Olsen of Roswell.
5. Section Outreach/Initiatives/Events
 - a. Third Annual University of New Mexico School of Law Mentorship Speed Dating Event, September 10, 2021. The Section once again hosted its third annual mentorship speed dating event at which UNM law students get the chance to meet with a variety of NREEL practitioners and ultimately get paired with one for a year long mentorship relationship.
 - b. Annual NREEL/UNMSOL/Environmental Law Society Mixer. NREEL cosponsored the long-standing mixer held at the University of New Mexico School of Law at which practitioners and students had the chance to socialize in a casual environment.
6. Scholarships
 - a. The Section granted two one-time scholarships to the University of New Mexico School of Law to be used as summer internship stipends. The stipends will allow two law students to finance otherwise unpaid internships with nonprofit entities, local, state, federal, or tribal government, or rural employers located within New Mexico.
7. Media
 - a. The Section's Outstanding Career Achievement Award was reported on by the *Roswell Daily Record* on December 7, 2021.
8. Ongoing Section Items:
 - a. For 2022, the Section intends to continue to provide high quality and timely continuing legal education on a regular basis. The Section further intends to continue its partnership with the University of New Mexico School of law by hosting its annual mentorship speed dating event and mixer. Specific event planning will await direction of the 2022 Board.

Conclusion: 2021 was a productive year for the Section. Bolstered by financial savings held over from the 2020 pandemic year, the Section was able to put on three timely and high quality CLEs totaling 8 hours of CLE credit, grant much 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, gift free scholarship attendance to its Annual Institute to three NREEL members, and significantly increase female representation on the Board. Furthermore, the Section remains in a financially strong position to continue providing the excellent resources and education it has become known for in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark F. Rosebrough

2021 Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Prosecutors Section

SECTION/COMMITTEE NAME 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: Nicholas McDonnell
Prosecutor Section Board Past Chair

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: November 5, 2021

The Prosecutor Section Board conducted and accomplished the following in (year):

1. Board of Directors

	Name	Position
1	Mandana Shoustari	Chair
2	Sarah Ebbers	Treasurer
3	Norah Wilson	Secretary
4	Dev Atma Khalsa	Director
5	Zach Jones	Director
6	Russel Warren	Director
7	Jessica Perez	Director
8	Brianne Bigej	Director
9	Armanda Velez	Director
10	Nicholas McDonnell	Past Chair
11	Joseph Johnson	YLD Liaison

2. Meetings

We meet the second Friday of every month at noon unless a reschedule is needed. The board met on the following dates in 2021:

- a. January 15, 2021
 - b. February 12, 2021
 - c. March 12, 2021
 - d. April 9, 2021
 - e. June 11, 2021
 - f. July 9, 2021
 - g. August 13, 2021
 - h. September 10, 2021
 - i. October 15, 2021 (Annual Meeting)
 - j. November 12, 2021
 - k. December 10, 2021
3. Section/committee Annual Meeting
- a. Our annual meeting was conducted on October 15, 2021.
4. Section/committee Outreach/Initiatives/Events
- a. The Board continued the Prosecutor Annual Awards at the AODA Fall Conference.
 - b. We solicited applications for three board vacancies for the year 2022, and appointed three new members.
 - c. The Board inquired into providing an online trial clinic CLE by Roger Dodd for all the members, but this has been temporarily put on hold for budgetary/scheduling reasons.
 - d. The Board also secured 26 NDAA Trial Advocacy books for the District Attorney Offices of New Mexico.
5. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:
- a. We are welcoming three new members into the board in 2022.
 - b. Increase our CLE involvement for board members particularly remote options
 - c. Increase our outreach to law schools for membership.

/s/ Nicholas McDonnell

Nicholas McDonnell

November 5, 2021

Prosecutor Section Board 2021 Past Chair



**PUBLIC 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: Geraldine Garduno, Chair of the Public Law Section

SUBJECT: Annual Report -2021

DATE: January 21, 2022

The Public Law Section (Section) conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. The roster for the Section Board of Directors is as follows:
 - a. Geraldine Garduno Chair
 - b. Nathan Eckberg Chair-Elect
 - c. Joseph Dworak Past Chair
 - d. Diego Trujillo Budget Officer
 - e. Ramona Martinez Secretary
 - f. Rebecca Mnuk Director
 - g. John Kreienkamp Director
 - h. Felicia Orth Director
 - i. Clifford Rees Director
 - j. Mahlon Wigton Director
 - k. Carson Thornton Gonzalez UNM Student Liaison
 - l. Vacant YLD Liaison
2. Meetings:
 - a. The Board of Directors held a meeting every month, typically on the third Thursday at 12:00 noon unless a conflict in scheduling arose.
3. Continuing Education Presentation:

- a. The Section presents the Procurement Code Institute (Institute) every odd calendar year, which is a half-day CLE. This past year's Institute was held on Friday, October 15, 2021. The following topics and speakers were presented:
 - i. 1 -Emergency Procurement by State Agencies During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Achieving Expediency, Transparency & Accountability – Lessons Learned – Moderator - Clifford M. Rees, JD -Panelists - Mark Melhoff, Deputy Director, Financial Control Division, NM Department of Finance and Administration; Micaela Fischer, Program Evaluator Manager, Legislative Finance Committee.
 - ii. Session 2 – Disruptions in Supply Chains During a Public Health Emergency; Moderator – Ramona Martinez, JD.; Matthew Sanchez, General Counsel Jaynes Corporation
 - iii. Session 3 – Procurement Code Protests – Who Has Standing – Appeals Process to District Court of an Agency Determination -Should There Be a Protest from an Emergency Procurement? Moderator-Clifford M. Rees, JD; Panelists: Mark Hayden, JD, State Purchasing Division Director, NM General Services Department; Sean Olivas, Esq. Keleher & McCleod PA.
 - iv. Session 4- Ethics in Procurement: Advisory Opinions of the New Mexico State Ethics Commission and Proposed Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees -Jeremy Farris, JD, Executive Director, New Mexico State Ethics Commission
 - v. Annual Meeting of the Public Law Section
4. Section Annual Meeting:
 - a. The Board conducted its Annual Meeting after the Institute, there was limited Section member attendance. Next year, the Section will continue to discuss how to increase member participation during its Annual Meeting.
5. Section Outreach/Initiatives/Events:
 - a. This year continued to present challenges to plan and implement activities that we often complete annually. Despite the challenges, and while respecting all applicable COVID guidelines, the Board awarded the Public Lawyer of the Year Award at a well-attended in-person ceremony to two deserving recipients, Sally Malave and Jon Boller. Both Ms. Malave and Mr. Boller have lengthy and distinguished public service careers. I have attached a copy of the program for the ceremony that was put together with the guidance and assistance of Morgan and Addie. The Board held two in person Board social and networking events for Section members. Although not as well attended as expected, the Board again hopes to increase its participation in this type of event in 2022 as appropriate.

The Board organized and moderated a virtual discussion about considerations for conducting virtual or hybrid administrative hearings. The Board also participated in a virtual networking event, hosted by the Association of Public Interest Law (APIL), with law students from UNM School of Law (UNMSOL).

Finally, The Board continued its discussions with the UNMSOL about the creation of a public interest certificate and attended multiple virtual meetings. There are many goals

for these discussions with UNMSOL, (1) introducing law students to various public interest law practice areas, (2) creating networking and mentoring opportunities for law students interested in public interest law careers, (3) assisting law students in obtaining public interest law jobs and internships during and after law school, (4) funding students during or after law school who pursue public interest law careers, (5) developing curricular suggestions to strengthen our focus on public interest law. Ultimately, the Board will continue to participate so that law students interested in the practice of public law will be prepared to enter public practice.

6. Scholarships:

- a. The Board had carry-forward funds from Section dues from the prior year and with those funds awarded nearly \$1000.00 in additional scholarships that were disbursed to UNMSOL students interested in public law. APIL scholarships recipients have used the funding to launch their careers in public interest law and take unpaid public interest positions in 2021.

In addition, 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 Carson Thornton González, a 1L at UNMSOL. She was born and raised in Albuquerque. Carson is passionate about criminal justice reform and worked as a legal intern with the New Mexico Prison & Jail Project (NMPJP). NMPJP is a new criminal justice organization that was founded specifically targeting the criminal justice system in New Mexico, filing civil suits on behalf of incarcerated individuals.

7. Media:

- a. The Section is thankful for the efforts by the State Bar to update the webpages, making them easier to navigate and more useful for members. Of primary importance, the Section's webpage was updated in 2021 with a fillable form for nomination for Public Lawyer of the Year. This made processing applications much easier. The webpage is also periodically updated with this year's Public Lawyer of the Year awardees, ceremony pictures and Othmer scholarship recipient information.

8. Ongoing Section items:

- a. For 2022, the Section intends to:
 - i. Continue discussions with UNMSOL about the creation of a public interest certificate;
 - ii. Continue to hold CLEs and brownbag lunch discussions on topics of importance and interest to its membership;
 - iii. Continue to perform outreach to membership about the benefits of becoming a section member and increasing available opportunities for member benefits; and
 - iv. 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 Board has already begun planning for a brown bag event in early spring and hopes that 2022 will be a busy and successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Garduno

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2021 Public Law Section Chair



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

**REAL PROPERTY, TRUST AND ESTATE 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: Vincent Haslam

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

DATE: January 21, 2022

The Real Property, Trust, and Estate Section ("RPTE Section") conducted and accomplished the following in 2021:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Lisa Millich
 - b. Travis White
 - c. Joshua Dwyer
 - d. Beverly Edelman
 - e. Greg MacKenzie
 - f. Vincent Haslam
 - g. Ron Taylor
 - h. Lalita Devarakonda
 - i. Amber Cash
 - j. Joshua Chappell
2. Meetings
 - a. Section meetings, real property division meetings, and trust/estate division meetings occurred on a quarterly basis, respectively, throughout the year.
3. Continuing Education Presentation(s)
 - a. Probate Institute, November 18, 2021 (during which we held our Section's annual meeting)
 - b. Real Property Institute, December 15, 2021
 - c. Trust and Estate CLE by Lalita Devarakonda, July 15, 2021

4. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

- a. We have been planning a section retreat/CLE at Ghost Ranch now since 2020, but it keeps getting postponed as a result of Covid. We hope to have the retreat take place in the Spring of 2022. We have a rather large carryover budget that we anticipate using to defray many of the costs associated with this retreat.

Conclusion:

Vincent Haslam

Vincent Haslam
RPTE Section Chair
2021



State Bar of New Mexico
Solo and Small Firm
Section

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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

FROM: Deian McBryde, Esq., Chair, Solo and Small Firm Section

SUBJECT: 2021 Section Annual Report

DATE: January 21, 2022

The Solo and Small Firm Section's (SSF) activities and accomplishments for 2021 were:

1. Board of Directors

Deian McBryde, Esq.	Chair and GPSolo Liaison
Lucinda Silva, Esq.	Chair-Elect/Secretary
Ian Bezpalko, Esq.	Budget Officer
Charles Gurd, Esq.	Member and SLD Liaison
Isaac Seth Emmanuel, Esq.	Past Chair and YLD Liaison
Amara Aaron, Esq.	
Brian Gaddy, Esq.	
Marissa Crollett, Esq.	
Rebecca Mulcahy, Esq.	
John Samore, Esq.	
George Weeth, Esq.	

2. **Meetings:** SSF held monthly meetings virtually in 2021. The annual meeting was on December 7, 2021, and was virtual and in-person.

3. **Committees:** SSF had the following committees:

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| • Interaction | Chair, Cindy Silva, Esq. |
| • Education and Development | Chair, Rebecca Mulcahy |
| • Succession Planning | Chair, Deian McBryde |

4. 2020 Section Activities:

- **Solo & Small Firm CLE Institute:** This year's Institute was Thursday, October 21, 2021. Participants were eligible for 4 General CLE credit hours and 2 Ethics CLE credit hours.

- **Solo & Small Firm Roundtables:**
 - 2/12/2021: Over-insured! How to determine the insurance you need (without over-doing it)
 - 3/12/2021: Payroll Basics: Getting paid without getting into trouble
 - 4/12/2021: Budgets Are Fun! Maybe not, but they're necessary. Let's make one together!
 - 5/14/2021: Done for the Day: When is it time to go home? How do you take work home without getting stuck in the grind?
 - 6/11/2021: Business Check-In: How's it going?
 - 8/13/2021: SSF Trust U. How to balance your trust accounts (and sleep better at night)
 - 9/10/2021: SSF Tax Class: Spot those "egregious deductions," work at home write-offs, and a review of tax law changes affecting small business
- **Other CLEs:**
 - December 7, 2021: Practice Management Throughout the Pandemic and Beyond. Participants were eligible for 1 General CLE credit hour.
- **Succession Planning:** SSF partnered with William Slease, Esq. and other legal community members and judges to develop implementation plans for the anticipated 2022 succession planning rule changes.
- **Listserv:** SSF's listserv continued to grow and be vital; however, we look forward to either the State Bar instituting an advanced listserv option for section members in 2022, or we plan to use Section funds to obtain a technology solution that better serves our members.
- **Lunch Series:**
 - SSF hosted a virtual lunch presentation, January 19, 2021, with Dr. Greg Mertz, UNM Hospital, on "Keeping Up with the Pandemic Developments."
 - After this presentation, 2021 marked an end to the popular and long-running SSF lunch speaker series, developed and coordinated by John Samore, Esq. The series concluded due to the imitations of in-person gatherings related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The Board is very grateful to Mr. Samore for his dedication to this program, one that helped increase SSF's visibility throughout the legal community.
- **Scholarships:** The SSF Board approved scholarships for members of the Young Lawyers Division to attend the 2021 SSF CLE institute.

5. Board Composition:

The Solo and Small Firm Section continues to be a leader in diversity with Board members representing the Young Lawyers Division, Senior Lawyers Division, and diverse attorneys from outside the Albuquerque and Santa Fe areas.

6. Plans for 2022:

SSF will continue to focus on member interaction, succession and contingency planning, and education and development in 2022. The Section intends to increase its CLE offerings to add more value to members and reach non-members who would benefit from association with SSF.

7. Acknowledgments:

Special thanks to **Cindy Silva, Esq.** and **Rebecca Mulcahy, Esq.** for their committee work this year. Also, to **Charles Gurd** for his reliable enthusiasm for solo and small firm community and especially for his guidance on succession and contingency planning.

Thank you to the **Hon. Justice Shannon Bacon, Hon. Cristy Carbon-Gaul, Hon. Joshua Sanchez,** attorneys **John Duran, Esq.** and **Brendan McDonald, Esq.,** and the State Bar's **William Slease, Esq.** for their advice and support of the SSF Section's dialog on succession planning.

Gratitude to our Immediate Past Chair, **Isaac Seth Emmanuel, Esq.,** who brought thoughtful and deliberate leadership as SSF Chair in 2020 and during his term as Immediate Past Chair in 2021. Isaac's creative approaches, calm demeanor, and good nature inspired a productive and collegial spirit for the Board, and we will miss him. We wish him the best in his next exciting projects.

Very special thanks to departing Board members **John Samore, Esq.** and **George Weeth, Esq.,** who completed their service to the SSF Board of Directors this year after long and productive tenures in SSF leadership. We are grateful to John and George for providing guidance and institutional memory to the Board. We hope they will remain involved, interested, and connected to the Section going forward.



Deian McBryde, Esq.
Chair, Solo and Small Firm Section



State Bar of New Mexico Taxation Section

TAXATION SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO 2021 SUNSET PETITION

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

FROM: Patricia Tucker, Esq. Chair, Taxation Section

SUBJECT: Request to continue Taxation Section of State Bar

DATE: Sept. 30, 2021

As the Chair of the Taxation Section, this petition is written on behalf of the Taxation Section, pursuant to Section 9.4 of the State Bar's bylaws, to petition the Board of Bar Commissioners to continue the Taxation Section for an additional five years. The reasons why the Committee should be continued are as follows:

1. 2021 Section Composition

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| a. Patricia Tucker, Esq. | Chair |
| b. Michael Thomas, Esq. | |
| c. Mark Chaiken, Esq. | |
| d. Robert Moss, Esq. | |
| e. Mandeep Talwar, Esq. | |
| f. Scott Woody, Esq. | |
| g. Ian Bearden, Esq. | |
| h. Vanessa Kaczmarek, Esq. | |
| i. Robert Johnston, Esq. | |
| j. John Budagher, Esq. | |
| k. UNM law school faculty liaison | Mary Pareja, Esq. |
| l. UNM law school student liaison | Shayla Lopez |
| m. CPA liason | Sara Elliott, CPA |

2. Activities/Action Items Undertaken (Current Year)

- a. Full day continuing education program on federal and state tax matters, substantive and procedural, for members of Taxation Section and other bar members.

- b. UNM Law School Career Day participation at which members of the tax bar discuss the work performed by tax lawyers, recommended education or experience paths, and networking with students (postponed to 2022 due to Covid restrictions).
- c. Sponsored Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.
- d. \$500 donation to Low Income Tax Clinic in memory of John D. Laflin, a long-time member of the Tax Section and a preeminent tax attorney, with letter to the family recognizing his contributions to the tax bar.

3. Upcoming Activities/Action Items for (Current Year)

- a. Full day continuing education program on federal and state tax matters, substantive and procedural, for members of Taxation Section and other bar members.
- b. UNM Law School Career Day participation at which members of the tax bar discuss the work performed by tax lawyers, recommended education or experience paths, and networking with students.
- c. Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

Pending or Previous Issues Requiring the Board of Bar Commissioners: None

Activities/Action Items from Previous Years

Annual Activities/Action Items

- Continuing Education program in state and federal tax updates and topics.
- UNM Law School Career Day participation.
- Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

Year 2020

- Continuing Education program in state and federal tax updates and topics.
- UNM Law School Career Day participation.
- Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

Year 2019

- Continuing Education program in state and federal tax updates and topics.
- UNM Law School Career Day participation.
- Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

Year 2018

- Continuing Education program in state and federal tax updates and topics.
- UNM Law School Career Day participation.

- Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

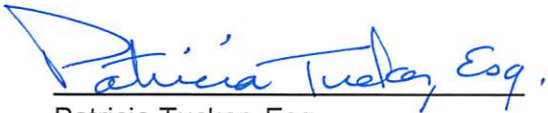
Year 2017

- Continuing Education program in state and federal tax updates and topics.
- UNM Law School Career Day participation.
- Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

Year 2016

- Continuing Education program in state and federal tax updates and topics.
- UNM Law School Career Day participation.
- Sponsor Outstanding Tax Student Award and stipend to graduating student at UNM School of Law.

For these reasons, the Taxation Section of the State Bar of New Mexico respectfully requests that the Board of Bar Commissioners continue the Section for another five years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Tucker, Esq." with a horizontal line underneath.

Patricia Tucker, Esq.
Chair, Taxation Section
2021 Section Chair



State Bar of New Mexico Trial Practice Section

TRIAL PRACTICE 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: Breanna Contreras
Chairperson of the Trial Practice Section

SUBJECT: Trial Practice Section Annual Report

DATE: January 2022

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

1. 2021 Board of Directors

As Chair, I have worked diligently to increase Board engagement and promote greater involvement in the Section by empowering Board members to develop programming of interest to them to allow programs to be brought to Trial Practice Members that live in different parts of the State. In 2021, the Board consisted of the following members, who represented multiple practice areas and live in various areas across the State:

Breanna Contreras, Chairperson
Carter Harrison, Past Chairperson
Gabriel Perez, Secretary
Brock Benjamin, Treasurer
Brendan O'Riley
Randy Taylor
Harrison Carter
Nicholas Hart
Komal Stiver
Kaleb Brooks, YLD Liaison

The Board also worked to identify persons who would be interested in serving as a UNM School of Law Student liaison, since that position had previously been unfilled. Kaleb Brooks identified and obtained letters of interests from UNM School of Law students, and the Board chose among the applicants to

serve in 2022. We are encouraged that this appointment will allow for greater collaboration between the Trial Practice Section Board, the members of the Section, and UNMSOL. The Board has also added new members for the 2022 year to ensure even greater outreach and opportunity for planning events in 2022.

2. Meetings

The last Thursday of every month, the Trial Practice Section met together to discuss plans for programming and the annual CLE.

3. Activities & Action Items Undertaken/Continuing Education Presentation:

- a. The Board spent a substantial amount of time and resources planning for an annual CLE on December 16, 2021, which was held virtually and well attended. The programming allowed attendees to obtain 6 General credits and 1 Ethics/Professionalism Credit. The topics were wide-ranging and included themes and areas of interest to the membership, including in both the civil and criminal context. The final presentation of the day was presented by Justice David Thomson of the New Mexico Supreme Court, Judge Katherine Wray of the New Mexico Court of Appeals, and Judge Gerald Baca of the New Mexico Court of Appeals. Chairperson Breanna Contreras and Board Member Brendan O'Reilly moderated the panel discussion related to trial practice issues, including preserving issues for appeal, discovery challengers, and practicing in COVID times moving forward. A copy of the 2021 Trial Law Institute CLE agenda is attached.
- b. The CLE also presented another opportunity to remind attendees and members of the Trial Practice Section of the unique and comprehensive Trial Database established by last year's Chairperson, Carter Harrison, which provides detailed information concerning over 4,200 jury trials in civil and criminal jury cases in New Mexico's state courts since July 1, 2017, and gives information concerning claims/charges, presiding judge, and case outcomes for the Trial Practice Section's membership to utilize information in their own practices. This Database continues to be easily accessible at the following link:
<https://www.sbnm.org/Leadership/Sections/Trial-Practice-Law/NM-Trial-Database>
- c. In addition to the December 16, 2021 Trial Law Institute, the Board has organized other events throughout the year, including a Lunch with Judges Program in collaboration with the Young Lawyers Division on April 23, 2021.
- d. We've begun interacting with law students at UNMSOL to facilitate smaller CLEs, brown-bag lunches, and social events, with the need to postpone most programming due to various COVID-19 surges during 2021
- e. The Board voted to provide scholarships and sponsorship support with respect to two programs in 2021:
 - i. \$1000 contribution to the Gene Franchini Mock Trial Program
 - ii. \$500 to the Judicial Clerkship Program

- f. The intent of the Board is to save resources from 2021 to allow for more in-person programming in 2022 as COVID restrictions are loosened

4. Ongoing Section/Committee Items:

- a. For 2022, the Trial Practice Section intends to increase programming, diversify the Board including areas of practice, minority membership, and geographic membership to allow for a better representation of the Section's membership, and to increase program offerings in 2022.
- b. The Board expects to begin planning new interesting CLE programming with one or more national speakers and state and federal judges
- c. The Board also expects greater collaboration with UNMSOL now that the Board has a 2022 Liaison from the SOL.

5. Activities/Action Items from Previous Years

Year 2020

- Creation of the Trial Database

Year 2019

- Daylong trial-practice CLE (expert witnesses)
- Brown-bag lunches

Year 2018

- Daylong trial-practice CLE (Gerry Spence's Trial College)
- Evening social events (3-4 in Albuquerque and 1 in Las Cruces)

Year 2017

- Daylong trial-practice CLE
- Supported the N.M. Bar Foundations First Annual Gold Classic Tournament
- Held Open House at the State Bar Center

Year 2016

- Daylong trial-practice CLE
- Organized barbeque at the UNM Law School
- Donated \$1,000 to the Gene Franchini New Mexico High School Mock Trial Program

Year 2015

- Conducted member survey
- Daylong trial-practice CLE
- CLE on "Whistleblower Suits: Theory & Practice" at Bench & Bar Conference in Colorado Springs

Conclusion:

The Trial Practice Section Board appreciates the opportunity to continue to be of service to its membership, including by creating resources such as the Trial Database and interesting programming like the Trial Law Institute in December 2021. The Board looks forward to increasing its outreach and presence during the 2022 year with the support of the Board of Bar Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

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2021 Chairperson, Trial Practice Section



2021 Trial Law Institute

Thursday, December 16, 2021
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



New Mexico State Bar Foundation
Center for Legal Education

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8:30 a.m.	Going Viral: Constitutional Litigation and Public Health Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic	1.0 G
	Nick Sydow, <i>Civil Appellate Chief, Office of the New Mexico Attorney General</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Update on National, 10th Circuit, and New Mexico E-Discovery Practice	1.5 G
	Kaleb Brooks, <i>Civil Litigation Associate, Montgomery & Andrews P.A.</i> Sonali Ray, <i>Privacy & Compliance Officer, Nexpoint</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m.	Are You an Effective Advocate, or Are You Just a Jerk? Lawyer Civility and Professionalism	1.0 EP
	William D. Slease, Esq., <i>Professional Development Program Director, New Mexico State Bar</i>	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:15 p.m.	What Kanye Can Teach Us About Litigation	1.0 G
	Brent Turman <i>Partner, Bell Nunnally LLP</i>	
2:15 p.m.	Use of Digital Presentations – Not Just Great for your Case, but also for Social Distancing & Best Courtroom Practices for use of Demonstrative Evidence During Covid and into the Beyond	1.0 G
	Allegra Carpenter <i>Allegra Carpenter Law</i> Victor Poulos <i>Partner, Poulos & Coates, LLP</i>	
3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break	



2021 Trial Law Institute

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3:30 p.m. **Trial Practice Issues- Preserving Issues for Appeal, Discovery Challenges, Practicing in COVID Moving Forward (Judge's Panel)** 1.5 G

Justice David Thomson, New Mexico Supreme Court
Judge Katherine Wray, New Mexico Court of Appeals
Judge Gerald Baca, New Mexico Court of Appeals

Moderated by Breanna Contreras, *Partner at Bardacke Allison LLP*,
and Breandan O'Reilly, of *The Lawyers O'Reilly PC*